



PTF21 FAQ

This FAQ will be updated weekly prior to the event!

Because of the nature of the changing public health protocols, we will be adding to and updating this FAQ. All participants and volunteers will be receiving an email the week before the event with the latest information - we sincerely appreciate your flexibility and cooperation as we work to produce a FUN and SAFE event!

What is Patapsco Trail Fest?

Patapsco Trail Fest, is a trail event for all ages, abilities, and user groups. PTF21 is a low-key event that celebrates our remarkable trail system and its diverse users. The event includes two nights of camping, hikes, a mountain bike race, rides and enduro, trail running, climbing, paddling, and a disc golf tournament. PTF21 is about collaboration between PVSP's partners and the trail community.

PTF21 will be different than previous years!

We have changed the focus of the event to further emphasize our diverse user groups and other areas of the park. And, we have strictly limited the event capacity and have a 100% no day-of registration format this year - **PTF21 is a preregistration-only event!** Less is more and we are looking forward to a manageable, safe, and fun event!

Who are the organizations behind the Patapsco Trail Fest?

The event is an official Maryland Park Service event is organized by the Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park. It takes a coalition of partners to produce this event: MORE, Mountain Club of Maryland, Bigfoot Endurance, Baltimore Canoe and Kayak Club, Mid Atlantic Climbers, Sportrock Climbing, Team River Runner, Catalyst Sports, Kennedy Krieger, and the Patapsco Valley Disc Golf Club.

What's the schedule?

The preliminary schedule is at the bottom of this document. This schedule may change! We are closely following the public health guidelines and are focused on a safe and fun event.

Can I bring my family?

You bet, this is a family-friendly event. The Pickall Area of the park has steep side slopes, areas of exposure, and fairly easy access to the Patapsco River. Keep a close eye on little ones and if your kids are participating in an event, please register to accompany them (riding or running with your kids does not constitute “volunteering” for the event, thank you in advance)

Can I bring my dog?

Please don't bring your dog! No dogs are permitted in the Pickall Area of the park.

Please, no dogs at PTF21!

How much does it cost?

Activities have varying fees, but PTF is a “break-even” event, we keep all registration costs to an absolute minimum and we pay for the event through donations. All events for U18 participants are free! This event is produced by volunteers and nonprofit staff - PTF participants bring good vibes and respect for the park!

Where can I sign up?

You can sign up by clicking the events on pvsprailfest.com. You will be directed to the individual event sign-up page - **PTF21 is a preregistration-only event!** Please let your people know that if they are not preregistered they will not be able to participate in events - we have a 100% no day-of registration format this year!

Raindate

There is no rain date for Patapsco Trail Fest! Our trail system is our best asset and we will not be holding the event in rain or muddy conditions - we will issue refunds less the cost of the event t-shirt which will be distributed to all registered participants and volunteers in the case of a cancellation. Our fingers are crossed - a rainout is a bummer, it creates a ton of work and costs FPVSP a fair investment.

Pack In Pack Out

PTF21 is a 100% Pack In Pack Out event. There are NO trash cans at Patapsco Trail Fest, please plan ahead and carefully consider what you bring to the event. Please bring a container for beverages!

The Trail System

The Patapsco Valley State Park trail system is a highly technical trail system, with steep grades, stream and river crossings, and plenty of roots and rocks! Casual users are routinely surprised by the difficulty and backcountry feel. Please register for events that will be challenging for you, AND bring you back to event HQ with a smile on your face. *Know your limits and always participate within your abilities!*

Course Marking

The courses will be marked for PTF21 using our newly installed on trail markers (carsonite posts). At areas where courses split, and where participants could be confused we will have course marshals and/or additional signage. It is your responsibility to know the course before you begin your event. Please take the time to check out the courses at <https://pvsprailfest.com/>.

Schedule of Events - Updated 9.29.21

Thursday, October 14, 5pm - 10pm

Pregame and Packet Pickup - Frisco Tap House

Friday, October 15 - Pickall Area

4 pm - 8 pm Packet Pickup

4 pm - Family & Friends Camp Out

Saturday, October 16

Pickall Area

7 am - 9 am Packet Pickup

9:00 am Joe's Bike Shop XC Race

9:30 am The Reckless Enduro

9:40 am The Geoff Calderone 20 Miler

10:00 am The Craig Pool Lucky 16 Miler

1:30 pm Podiums

2:00 pm S'MORE'S Kids Rides!

5:00 pm The Cycle Mill Clunker

6:30 pm REI Campfire Party

6:30 pm Family & Friends Camp Out

McKeldin Area

9:00 am Patapsco Valley Disc Golf Club Tournament

9:00 am MORE/Catalyst Sports Adaptive Mountain Biking

10:00 am Mountain Club of Maryland Family Hike

Alberton Area

10:00 am Mid Atlantic Climbers/Sportrock Climbing at Alberton Rock

Daniels Area

10:00 am Baltimore Canoe and Kayak Club/Team River Runner/Kennedy Krieger
Paddling at Daniels

Sunday, October 17

Pickall Area

7 am - 8 am Packet Pickup
9:00 am Finding Bigfoot Half Marathon
9:00 am Finding Bigfoot 10k
9:00 am Finding Bigfoot 5k
12:30 pm Family Fun Run

1:00 pm Podiums

2:00 pm Schools Out Open House - Begins
5:00 pm Schools Out Open House - Begins

6:00 pm Pickall Gate Closed

McKeldin Area

9:00 am Patapsco Valley Disc Golf Club Tournament
9:00 am MORE/Catalyst Sports Adaptive Mountain Biking