



PTF23 FAQ - UPDATED 4/8/23

This FAQ will be updated monthly, and then weekly prior to the event!

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. PTF23 is a low-key event that celebrates our remarkable trail system and its diverse users. The event includes two nights of camping, hikes, mountain bike rides and an enduro, trail running paddling orienteering, gear donation, and a disc golf tournament.

PTF23 is about collaboration between PVSP's partners and the trail community. We are keeping it simple and looking forward to a grassroots, non-competitive, mellow event.

We have strictly limited the event capacity and have a 100% no-day-of registration format again this year - **PTF23 is a preregistration-only event!** Less is more and we are looking forward to a manageable, safe, and fun event!

! IMPORTANT - PARK ENTRY!

Registered for an event? Great, show your registration at the Pickall contact station and proceed to check in to get your registration materials. Not registered for an event, no problem - pay the typical park entry fee.

Who are the organizations behind the Patapsco Trail Fest?

The event is an official Maryland Park Service event organized by the Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park. It takes a coalition of partners and an army of dedicated volunteers to produce this event! These partners include, the Mountain Club of Maryland, Kennedy Krieger, Patapsco Heritage Greenway, White Oak Running, GRIT Adventures/Orienteering, The Community Gear Closet, REI, Dirt Rooster Bicycles, Lancaster Recumbent, Team River Runner, Baltimore Canoe and Kayak, SportRock Climbing, Mid Atlantic Climbing, the American Alpine Club, CARA, Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company, and more...

What's the schedule?

The preliminary schedule is at the bottom of this document. This schedule may change!

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, you must register for the event)

Registered for an event - great! Show your registration at the ranger station, not registered please pay the typical park entry fee.

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 PTF23!

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. This event is produced by volunteers and nonprofit staff - PTF participants bring good vibes and respect to 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 - **PTF23 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!

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 rainy 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 in resources.

Pack In Pack Out

PTF23 is a 100% Pack In Pack Out event. We will have some on-site [recycling](#) limited to typical cans and bottles provided that they are clean and empty ([look for the BLUE bins](#)) whereas food waste and the plates and utensils will be [composted](#), ([look for the GREEN bins](#)) but there will be **NO TRASH CANS** cans at Patapsco Trail Fest. So please plan ahead, carefully consider what you bring to the event, and work with us to dispose of recyclable and compostable material correctly, taking all trash home with you. And 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 PTF23 using trail markers, there will be limited course marking. In areas where courses are split, and where participants could be confused we will have course marshals and/or additional signage.

If you find yourself crossing railroad tracks outside of either level grade crossing at Hollifield Station (Old Frederick Road) or the Woodstock Inn (Woodstock Road), you are off course - **please return to the designated route.**

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 10.13.22

Friday, October 14 - Pickall Area

6 pm - 8 pm Packet Pickup
4 pm - Family & Friends Camp Out

Saturday, October 15

Pickall Area

8:00 am Venue opens
8:00 -10:00 am Packet pick up (packet pick up continues throughout the day)
10:00 am MTB Rides Depart
12:00 pm MCM Hiking begins - MCM 5k & 10k
12:30 pm Food begins serving
2:00 pm Adaptive Hike
4:00 pm Cycle Mill Clunker Race/Huffy Toss
5:00 pm PVDGA Disc Golf Hole-in-One Tourney
6:00 pm REI Campfire REI sMOREs party
7:30 pm Dirtrooster Night Ride

McKeldin Area

10:30 am Patapsco Valley Disc Golf Club Tournament

Sunday, October 17

Pickall Area

8 am - 10 am Packet pick up (packet pick up continues throughout the day)
10:00 am Bigfoot 10k
10:00 am Bigfoot 5k
12:00 pm Family Fun Run
12:30 pm Food begins serving
1:00 pm Kids Rides
3:00 pm Schools Out Open House - Begins
6:00 pm Schools Out Open House - Ends
6:00 pm Pickall Gate Closed

McKeldin Area

10:30 am Patapsco Valley Disc Golf Club Tournament

