The Annapolis Waterworks Park is a passive recreational facility operated by the Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department. This 40-acre park is situated on Defense Highway (Route 450), one mile west of the Annapolis Mall. The Park is one of the few open-space resources in the area which provides the public with hiking trails, as well as places to picnic and fish. Entrance to the park is by permit only. The park is frequently monitored to ensure all rules and regulations are being followed for everyone's safety and enjoyment.

For more information about the history of the area, please contact the Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department at 410.263.7958 or via e-mail at recpark@annapolis.gov.

Permit Information:

Due to the Park's ecological sensitivity and limited parking, all visitors are required to obtain a permit to use the park. Permits are issued to City of Annapolis or Anne Arundel County residents only. Valid identification must be provided prior to the issuance of any permit. A limited number of quarterly and monthly permits are issued beginning the 15th of each month (or the next business day) preceding the month the permit is valid.

Permit Fees:

City of Annapolis Resident Permits
Monthly $10 Quarterly $30 Annual $100

Anne Arundel County Resident Permits
Monthly $15 Quarterly $45 Annual $125

Permits consist of a hang tag, which should be displayed in your vehicle, and a paper permit containing the four digit code to the gate lock. The paper permit should be kept on your person while at the park. The combination to the lock is changed at 6:00 a.m. the first day of every month.

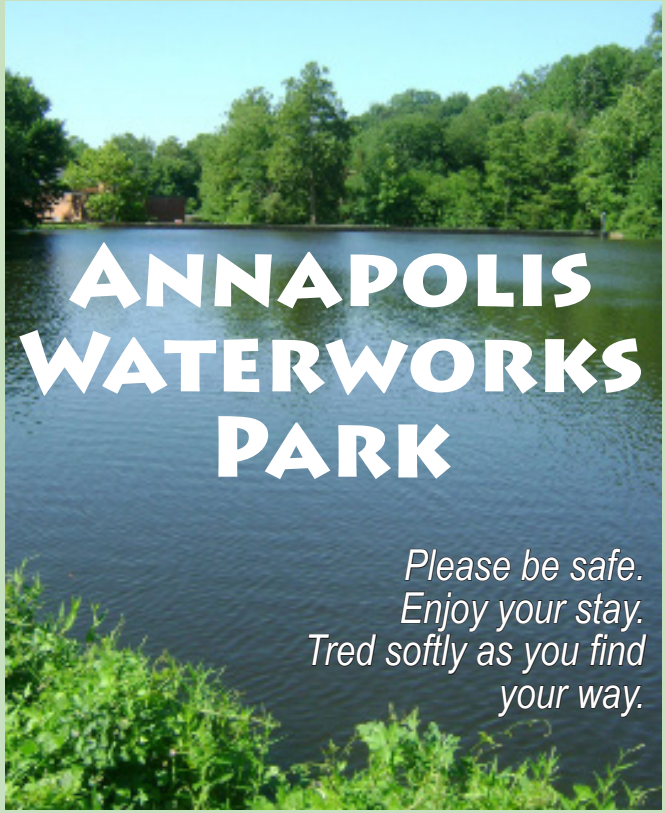
Seasonal hours are posted at the park and on the Annapolis Recreation and Parks Web site: **www.annapolis.gov/recreation**.

Rules and Regulations

We hope you will enjoy your visit to the Annapolis Waterworks Park. This park is home to a wide variety of wildlife and we ask that you treat the natural surroundings with respect. For everyone's safety and enjoyment, the following rules and regulations must be followed or your permit will be revoked.

1. Entrance to the park is by permit only.
2. Open daily from dawn until dusk.
3. STAY OFF THE DAM.
4. NO FIRES OF ANY KIND.
5. Please do not enter any of the buildings or small pump houses.There is very dangerous high-voltage electric equipment in these structures.
6. Do not go beyond the designated trails. We ask that you respect all private property. The white farm house and the large brick pump house near the entrance to the park are not part of the park operations. Please refrain from approaching either building.
7. Strollers, wheelchairs and other mobility vehicles for the handicapped are permitted. Bikes are allowed but only on designated trails.
8. The person whose name appears on the permit is responsible for the conduct of the group.
9. Children must always be supervised by an adult.
10. You are expected to help maintain the park's natural beauty. Do not cut or dig up trees or plants. Please do not harm or harass wildlife.
11. No swimming, wading, or bathing allowed.
12. No ice skating or boating is allowed.
13. The possession of firearms, fireworks or weapons of any kind is strictly prohibited. NO HUNTING.
14. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are allowed in the park.
15. Pets are prohibited.
16. Please use trash receptacles located adjacent to the entrance gate. If the cans are full, we ask that you please take your trash with you.
17. Report any accident or injury to the Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department at 410.263.7958.

Please lock the gate behind you when you enter and exit. There are no phones provided at this facility. Cell phones are encouraged. The street address of the park is: 260 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401.



Permits can be obtained in person from:

"Pip" Moyer Recreation Center
273 Hilltop Lane
Annapolis, MD 21403
410.263.7958

Open daily from dawn until dusk.

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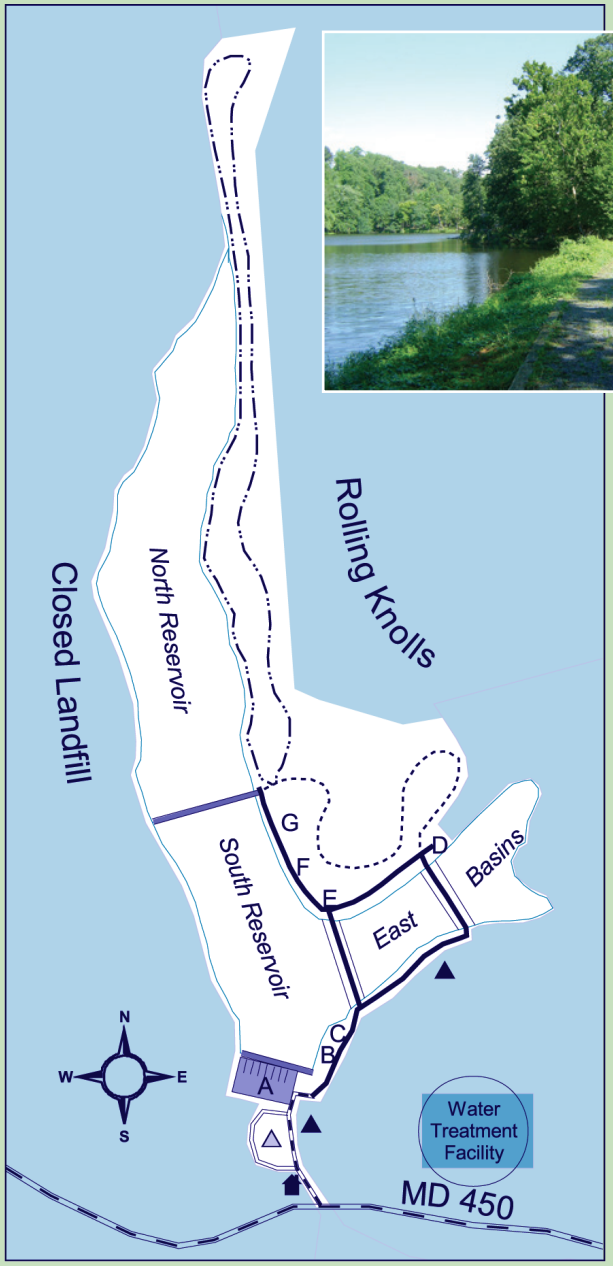

Roads & Trails

- Entrance Road
- Closed Road - Do Not Enter
- Reservoir Trail (.5mi. - Handicapped Accessible)
- Woodland Trail Loop (1 mi.)
- OverlookTrail Loop (.6 mi.)
- Dam - No Access

Park Facilities

- A Parking
- B Handicapped Parking
- C Restrooms (Handicapped Accessible)
- D TKF Sacred Places Bench
- E Gazebo (with picnic tables)
- F Handicapped Accessible Fishing Platform
- G Picnic Area
- Farm House (Private Residence)
- ▲ Small Pumphouse
- △ Historic Pumphouse

Note: Shaded areas are not open to the public. Please stay in non-shaded areas.

Park Finder Web Application:
Locate parks and recreation facilities with included lists of amenities

Fishing

Annapolis Waterworks Park is an ideal location for freshwater fishing. Fishing is catch and release only and you must possess a state freshwater fishing license from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Fishing permits are not sold as part of the entrance permit. The park is regularly patrolled by DNR. All questions regarding fishing at the park should be directed to DNR at 410.260.8888.

Catch and release fishing only.

- Please retrieve all fishing lines and fish lures.
- All state freshwater fishing regulations apply.
- The park is regularly patrolled by DNR.
- State freshwater fishing license is required.
- Any person caught disobeying fishing regulations will automatically lose their park permit for the year.
- Violations should be reported to 1.800.635.6124.

Hiking

The Annapolis Waterworks Park trail system allows people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the natural beauty of the park. Trail improvements have been minimized to reduce the damage to the fragile environment. Trees have been marked with colored blazes to indicate the trail routes. We ask that you please stay in the area of the park open to the public and DO NOT TRESPASS.

The Reservoir Trail is a flat, hard-surfaced, handicap accessible trail which runs along the eastern edge of the main reservoir and the two small impoundment ponds.

The Overlook Loop Trail (Blue Blazes) is a little over a half mile long beginning at the northern edge of the earthen dam which separates the two small ponds to the east. It is not handicap accessible and covers some hilly and rough terrain overlooking the reservoirs, ending near the Reservoir Trail picnic area.

The Woodland Loop Trail (White Blazes) is a mile long continuation of the Overlook Loop Trail. It is not handicap accessible and traverses some hilly and rough terrain through a deep forest before returning along the edge of the north basin and ending near the Reservoir Trail picnic area.