

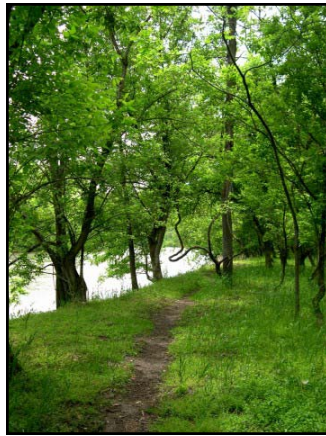


Hiking with Zoey

Daniels

Not too far from us, there is a wonderful section of the Patapsco Valley Park called the Daniels area.

We love taking this hike year round because even in the dead of Summer, the trees shelter us from the strong sun's rays AND – really, more importantly – there is water to be had! We had the area to ourselves today and started with the “mountain” climb. This trail – the “Camel’s Back” - takes us on a narrow, extremely winding path, up one side of the hills and down



the other. A small creek follows along side, crossing our path every once in a while. The climb is steep but manageable.

At the top, we survey our progress and admire the view: gradually descending hills, amass with trees and rocks. Very quiet...unless of course, there is a train running! Down below and across the river from us is an active railroad track. Today, as we make our way down, one is running and the little hillside rocks with the noise. At the bottom, we turn for home, walking a wide, flat former railroad bed. Very easy walk, but the best part is that the river is right there and boy do I take advantage. Unfortunately for my human, the water level is low and I have to wade through a thick sludge to get in and to get out...I enter

as a yellow Lab and exit as a two-toned brown/yellow Lab! No problem for me, but my human ponders how to get this stuff off me before we get back into the cars. Such worries...But, since we stick to a little side path that hugs the river, the tall grasses do a good



job of wiping me free of mud. Ducks and birds accompany us as we make our tired way back to the car. Good day done.

Information for Humans

Location

Rte.29 North until it ends at Old Frederick Rd. Go a little over 1 mile, and take left onto Daniels Road. Follow to park area. (before the dam)

Trails

Unmarked trails. One takes you climbing, the other follows the flat railbed along the river.

Parking

Off Daniels Road

Zoey's Ratings

