



Hiking with Zoey

Howard County Conservancy

A few weeks ago, we drove to a new spot, the Howard County Conservancy that is only about 15 minutes away from Columbia. It was a cool day, one of those beautiful early Spring ones, the air was still and gray and J was so ready to rock!

Sitting on 232 acres, is Mt. Pleasant, a 300 yr-old farmhouse, The Howard County Conservancy operates as a nature reserve and educational facility. And it generously offers us – and you guys - many trails of easy walking!

The Conservancy is a wide-open area, unlike most of the wooded trails we find. You really get the feeling of walking on a farm... safe, quiet, open and although the trails are unmarked and not measured, the Gudelsky Environmental Educational Center located just off the parking area, has maps which are a easy to follow. You really can't get lost! Our choice of trails took us across a stream three times, each time over a different, rustic bridge. Though kind of shallow for my swimming fix, J was able to go for a splash while my human hiking buddy sits on the nearby picnic tables to watch.



We covered a lot of ground, but because the walking is so easy, we weren't exhausted by the end. Come summer, J look forward to returning for a picnic and a serious splash or two. Wonder how bad the ticks will be with all that tall grass and brush...hmm.



Information for Humans

Location

Located on Rte. 99 (Old Frederick Rd) between Bethany Lane & Woodstock Road

Trails

Maps at Education Center

Zoey's Ratings

