

WELCOME TO THE BEDFORD RESERVATION AND HAVE A GREAT RIDE!!!!

HORSE TRAILER PARKING AREAS = HTPA

1 - SAGAMORE HTPA – ON SAGAMORE RD. NEAR CANAL RD. ACCESSES THE CANAL TRAIL UP TO BEDFORD OR THE TOW PATH TRAIL TOWARDS STATION ROAD BRIDGE AND THE BRECKSVILLE RESERVATION. These trails take about 1 hour up and one hour back.

2 - JACK'S PLACE HTPA –NEXT TO THE BEDFORD RES. MAINTENANCE BLDGS. ON BUTTON RD. NEAR DUNHAM AND TINKERS CREEK RDS. ACCESSES THE LOOP TRAIL 2 hours and 15 minutes at a relaxed ground covering walk. Or the trail to Sagamore Creek and THE CANAL.

3 - JOEY'S PLACE HTPA –ON OLD BROADWAY NEAR BROADWAY AND HAWTHORNE PARKWAY. For old Broadway look for some red bricks in road. ACCESSES BROADWAY TO RICHMOND ROAD. TRAIL GOES OUT THE BACK OF THE HORSE TRAILER PARKING AREA ON PRIMITIVE TRAIL, FOLLOWS THE CLIFF UNTIL IT COMES DOWN TO THE PARK ROAD. CROSSES THE ROAD AND FOLLOWS THE RIVER WITH OUTSTANDING SCENERY. GOES UP AND AGAIN CROSSES THE ROAD BY SOME WOODEN FENCE (MORE GREAT SCENERY UP THE RIVER) AND CONTINUES INSIDE THE TREE LINE FOLLOWING THE PARK ROAD TO THE RT. 271 BRIDGES. AS YOU GO UNDER THE BRIDGES WHISTLE OR SINGING HELPS TO DROWNED OUT THE SOUND OF THE TRUCKS OVER HEAD. AFTER THE BRIDGES THE TRAIL FOLLOWS ALONG BETWEEN “THE RIVER” AND THE PARK ROAD ALL THE WAY TO RICHMOND ROAD..

THERE ARE THREE MAIN TRIALS IN THE BEDFORD RESERVATION.

THE LOOP OF THE RIVER TRAIL RIDING TIME AT A PROMPT WALK = 2 ¼ HOURS

STARTS AT JACK'S PLACE, CROSSES HEMLOCK CREEK (NOT TINKERS CREEK) AND FOLLOWS THE BOULDER TRAIL BETWEEN THE PICNIC AREA AND THE RIVER GOING UP STREAM. (THE LOOP WILL BE A CLOCKWISE LOOP OF THE RIVER.) AFTER A PLEASANT RIDE ALONG THE RIVER THE TRAIL COMES TO A Y. THE TRAIL GOES TO THE LEFT CLIMBING THE “WAGON TRAIL” TWO HUNDRED FEET UP OUT OF THE VALLEY. THIS TRAIL HAS BEEN IN USE BY HORSES SINCE 1811. ONCE UP THE HILL TAKE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO TURN TO THE RIGHT. FOR THE NEXT THIRTY MINUTES OR SO IT FOLLOWS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE CLIFF ON YOUR RIGHT. YOU WILL NOT GO DOWN TO THE RIVER AGAIN FOR AT LEAST THIRTY MINUTES (I'M GUESSING) AT A PROMPT WALK. ANY TRAILS GOING OFF TO THE LEFT USUALLY LEAD BACK TO BUTTON ROAD AND PRIVATE PROPERTY. WHEN YOU COME TO A SHALE TRAIL TURN RIGHT. THERE ARE NATURAL STEPS HERE. (A LEFT TURN WOULD TAKE YOU TO POWERS RD AND OUT OF THE RESERVATION INTO RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.)

AS YOU ARE APPROACHING THE VALLEY FLOOR THERE IS A NICE WATERFALL IF YOU FOLLOW AROUND THE CLIFF TO THE RIGHT TO SEE A DELIGHTFUL WATER FALL. RETURN TO THE TRAIL AND FOLLOW IT UP STREAM

TO WHERE YOU WILL FIND END OF A STONE WALL BUILT BY THE WPA IN THE 1930S. CROSS THE RIVER...BEST CROSSED WHEN THE WATER ISN'T DEEP FROM RECENT RAINS AND WHEN THE SUN IS OUT SO YOU CAN SEE THE BOULDERS.

YOU WILL NOW BEGIN SEVERAL LONG CLIMBS, PASSING BEAUTIFUL OUTCROPPINGS OF FERNS, TO WHERE THE TRAIL PASSES EGBERT ROAD PICNIC AREA OFF TO YOUR LEFT. THERE ARE RESTROOM FACILITIES . IF YOUR HORSE MANURES YOU MUST CLEAN IT UP AND PUT IT IN THE WOODS AWAY FROM PARK VISITORS.

NOW THE TRAIL BEGINS THE DOWNSTREAM LOOP. YOU HAVE FINISHED THE "WESTERN" SIDE AND NOW ARE ON THE "ENGLISH" SIDE WHERE THE TRAIL IS QUITE OBVIOUS AND CROSSES THE PARK ROAD OFTEN. YOU WILL REALIZE WHEN YOU COME TO THE WOODEN STEPS ALONG SIDE THE TRAIL THAT YOU ARE ARRIVING AT BRIDLE VEIL FALLS. AFTER LEAVING BRIDLE VEIL FALLS YOUR NEXT LANDMARK WILL BE A WOODEN BRIDGE. THE GORGE WILL BE YOUR NEXT LANDMARK. IT WILL BE OFF TO YOUR RIGHT BEFORE YOU CROSS THE ROAD. THERE IS A VIEWING PLATFORM.

WHEN YOU CROSS THE ROAD, LOOK TO THE RIGHT AND YOU WILL SEE THE VIEWING PLATFORM. A COMFORT STATION IS ALSO ON YOUR RIGHT NEAR THE ALL PURPOSE TRAIL. CONTINUE ALONG THE STRAIGHT TRAIL UNTIL YOU CROSS THE PARK ROAD AGAIN

IT IS BEST TO HAVE A GUIDE SHOW YOU THE FOLLOWING: (IF YOU WISH TO SEE THE GORGE, WATCH FOR THREE STONES OR THREE CUT LOGS ALONG THE TRAIL AFTER YOU SEE THE VIEWING PLATFORM. THIS PRIMITIVE TRAIL WILL TAKE YOU ACROSS TO THE GORGE NATIONAL LANDMARK OVERLOOK. AS YOU APPROACH THE GORGE NOTICE THE TRAIL ALONG THE WOODLINE TO THE LEFT. YOU WILL TAKE THIS TRAIL AFTER YOU HAVE VIEWED THE GORGE.. AFTER VIEWING THE GORGE YOU WILL TAKE THE TRAIL OFF TO YOUR LEFT. FOLLOW ALONG ABOUT A ¼ MILE AND YOU COME TO A SLIGHT DOWNWARD GRADE WATCH FOR SOME STONES PLACED BESIDE THE TRAIL ON THE RIGHT LEADING TOWARDS A DOWNWARD TRAIL. HERE IS ANOTHER FASCINATING PLACE WITH BOTH A NATURAL STONE WALL STANDING NEXT TO A MAN MADE WALL. A SHORT CLIMB UP OUT OF THERE ON A HOGS BACK AND THE TRAIL SOON COMES OUT TO THE ROAD WHERE IT WILL FOLLOW ALONG THE ROAD TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT CROSSES THE ROAD (HEAD TOWARDS THE UPROOTED TREE IN THE WOODS) AND GO THROUGH A SHORT PIECE OF WOODED AREA BACK TO THE MAIN TRAIL.

CONTINUE ALONG THE MAIN TRAIL TO GO TOWARDS JACK'S PLACE. FOLLOW ALONG UNTIL YOU COME TO A CHOICE OF GOING STRAIGHT OR TURNING RIGHT. A TURN TO THE RIGHT WILL TAKE YOU TOWARDS JACK'S PLACE. IN THE SUMMER TIME YOU WILL KNOW YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE CORRECT TRAIL WHEN YOU HEAR THE CHILDREN'S SQUEALS FROM THE WADING POOL FAR BELOW. SOON YOU WILL START THE CLIMB DOWN TO THE ROAD.

FOLLOW ALONG THE WALL AT THE ROADWAY UNTIL YOU HAVE A VEIW OF THE ONCOMING TRAFFIC FACING YOU AND CAREFULLY CROSS THE ROAD. A

SHORT SWING AROUND A GRASSY AREA BRINGS YOU TO THE TINKERS CREEK CROSSING AND BACK TO JACK'S PLACE.

A SHORT WALK BEHIND THE CORRAL WILL TAKE YOU TO HEMLOCK CREEK WHERE YOUR HORSES CAN DRINK AND COOL OFF. IF NEED BE, YOU CAN USE THE BRIDGE OVER HEMLOCK CREEK.

SAGAMORE CREEK TO THE CANAL TRAIL

CROSS THE RIVER FROM JACK'S PLACE, FOLLOW AROUND THE GRASSY AREA TO THE LEFT AND CROSS THE ROAD CAREFULLY. AFTER CLIMBING UP THE LONG TRESTLE HILL BEGIN TO WATCH FOR A TRAIL OFF TO THE RIGHT. IF YOU MISS THE FIRST TURN TO THE RIGHT (NOT TO WORRY) YOU WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO TURN RIGHT WHEN YOU COME TO THE MAIN TRAIL. THIS AREA IS IN THE SHAPE OF A TRIANGLE SO ANY TURN RIGHT WILL TAKE YOU IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CANAL. THIS TRAIL WILL TAKE YOU TO THE CANAL WHICH IS ABOUT AN HOURS RIDE FROM JACK'S PLACE. YOU WILL TAKE THE SAME TRAIL BACK UP FROM THE CANAL AS YOU TAKE GOING DOWN TO THE CANAL.

YOU WILL CROSS EGBERT ROAD (CULVERTS ON BOTH SIDE OF ROAD). AFTER A PLEASANT RIDE DOWN HILL, WATCH FOR A RIGHT TURN OFF THE TRAIL AND TRAFFIC AHEAD. VERY SOON A PRIMITIVE TRAIL WILL TURN LEFT INTO THE WOODS AT THIS POINT. GO THROUGH THE PINE TREES AND YOU ACROSS THE ALL PURPOSE TRAIL AND DOWN A STEEP GRADE AND LEAD TO WHERE THE TRAIL CROSSES DUNHAM ROAD. BE CAREFUL AT THIS CROSSING.

THE NEXT PIECE OF TRAIL FOLLOWS THROUGH A REAL NICE PINE FOREST. YOU AGAIN WILL CROSS A ROAD (ALEXANDER) AND FOLLOW ALONG UNTIL YOU EMERGE AT THE HIKE AND BIKE. GO DOWN THE STEEP GRADE AND THROUGH THE PICNIC AREA ALONG THE CHAIN LINK FENCE TO THE TRAIL. OFF TO YOUR LEFT YOU WILL SOON HEAR THE WATER FALLING FROM A HUGE CULVERT. TO VIEW THE WATER FOLLOW THE PRIMITIVE TRAIL ALONG THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF FIFTEEN FEET OR SO FROM THE BRIDLE TRAIL..

ENJOY THE FLAT TRAIL UNTIL YOU COME TO A SWITCHBACK. FOLLOW DOWN THE SWITCHBACK THE TRAIL WILL SWING TO THE LEFT WHERE IT WILL CROSS SAGAMORE CREEK FOR THE FIRST TIME. DO NOT GO UP THE HILL AS THIS IS ACTUALLY THE GAS LINE. STAY IN THE VALLEY AND YOU WILL CROSS THE CREEK AGAIN.

AFTER A NICE RIDE DOWN SAGAMORE CREEK TRAIL WATCH FOR THE TRAIL TO SWING TO THE LEFT WHICH WILL HAVE YOU CROSS THE CREEK AGAIN AND TAKE YOU TO SAGAMORE CREEK HORSE TRAILER PARKING. OR TO CONTINUE ON TO THE TOW PATH DON'T MAKE THE TURN TO THE HTPA BUT CONTINUE ON TO CANAL RD. AND THE TOW PATH TRAIL UP THE CANAL TO BRECKSVILLE RESERVATION AN HOURS RIDE AWAY.

TOW PATH TRAIL TO STATION ROAD BRIDGE AND BRECKSVILLE RESERVATION

CROSS THE WOODEN BRIDGE AND DROP DOWN INTO THE FIELD WHERE YOU WILL SEE THE BRIDLE TRAIL SIGNS. THIS TRAIL FOLLOWS UP THE VALLEY, SOMETIMES SHARING THE TRAIL WITH BIKES, SO IT IS WISE TO USE THE TRAIL DURING THE WEEK AND NOT ON WEEKENDS.

BROADWAY TO RICHMOND - B.T.R.

THE HORSE TRAILER PARKING AREA IS ON OLD BROADWAY NEAR BROADWAY AND THE PARKWAY. THE TRAIL GOES OUT THE BACK OF JOEY'S PLACE HTPA AND CROSSES THE PARKWAY TWICE BEFORE REACHING THE Rt. 271 BRIDGE. AFTER PASSING UNDER THE BRIDGE A BLUE MARK ON THE LEFT MARKS THE TRAIL ENTRANCE INTO THE WOODS.

THIS TRAIL IS PRIMITIVE AND AN OCCASIONAL ORANGE MARK HELPS TO CONFIRM THE HORSE TRAIL WHICH MEANDERS TO RICHMOND ROAD BY KEEPING THE RIVER ON YOUR LEFT AND THE PARK ROAD ON YOUR RIGHT.

THE TRAIL CONNECTS TO THE SOUTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION AT RICHMOND. BROADWAY TO RICHMOND IS SOME OF THE FINEST SCENIC RIDING IN THE CLEVELAND METROPARK'S. IT IS BEST TO RIDE THIS AREA WITH A GUIDE FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT CONNECTS TO SOUTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION (AND SHADOW LAKE AREA.)

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