

Route

- Leave Lake Elkhorn on path, follow under Broken Land Pkwy and onto Patuxent Trail. Follow the path to first right marked to South Carlinda Ave. Cross South Carlinda at Shaker Dr. (Macgill's Common Pool is on the left).

- **.8 miles - Pick up path and bear left. Follow main path passing a bamboo stand and TL KC24 to King's Contrivance Restaurant Stop.**

Continue on path, pass TL KC21. Turn left on path and left again to Shaker Dr. Turn left onto sidewalk to crosswalk and cross Shaker to path (TL KC22). Follow path (pass TL KC23) to Macgill's Common Pool Stop.

- **1.98 miles - Cross Shaker at crosswalk. Cross South Carlinda and pick up path. Cross bridge and turn right toward Pratt RR Bridge. Continue on path going under Route 32.**

- Turn right onto path marked to Blue Sea. Pass TL KC29 and turn left. Bear right up the hill continue to Blue Sea. Turn left onto Blue Sea street to Guilford Rd. Cross Guilford Rd at Hammond High. Ride on sidewalk, cross entrance to Kings Contrivance VC, and then cross Eden Brook.

- **2.7 miles - Turn left on Eden Brook using sidewalk to first pathway on right. Follow path to Wild Wood Stop and then turn left.**

Continue straight on path (pass TL KC19). Sharp left after bridge and then quick right and right again at top of hill to Farthest Thunder. Use street to Kindler Rd and turn left onto street or sidewalk. Then turn right onto path at mailbox. Bear left (TL KC18) and then bear right pass TL KC17.

- **4.7 miles - Continue on path and turn right at picket fence and then another right at next picket fence continuing up to Sandalfoot. Use street, make right onto First League and then turn left onto Eden Brook and then right onto Weatherworn using street or sidewalk.**

Port-a-Pot Stop at Dickinson Pool Lot

- 5.1 miles - Turn right onto Broadcloth. Iris Hill and Cemetery Stop. Pick up path on the right and follow to fork and turn left. (Pass TL KC 16). Follow on path, pass pond on left, pass TL KC15 then turn right. Ride along river. Middle Patuxent River Vista Stop. Turn right and then right again up hill. Follow path, turn right, turn right, turn right follow under power lines and make another right and then another quick right to TL KC2.

- **7.0 miles - Continue to Murray Hill Rd. Turn left onto sidewalk and continue to Clocktower. Granite Park Stop. Cross Murray Hill onto Clocktower. Follow Clocktower to sign for Huntington Park and turn right onto path and follow to first left. Follow that path, turn right and right again over bridge and then left at TL KC13. Follow path to Sea Shadow. Make left on Sea Shadow and ride on street to cul de sac picking up path on right.**

- Follow path, turn left at TL KC6 and then left onto Patuxent Trail. Follow Patuxent Trail, which bears right to Guilford Pratt Truss Bridge Stop.

- **8.1 miles - Cross bridge, turn left and follow the main trail back to Lake Elkhorn about 2 miles.**



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Lake Elkhorn – Columbia's third man-made lake was dedicated on June 22, 1974. At 37 acres, it is Columbia's largest lake. It is named for the Elkhorn Branch of the Little Patuxent River which feeds it. The cherry trees are part of the Howard County Blossoms of Hope project.

King's Contrivance Restaurant – There's much history here. The building is the boyhood home of Howard County Circuit Court Judge, James Macgill, a descendant of Reverend James Macgill. The building was converted to a restaurant and named by former American Ambassador Kingdon Gould who subsequently sold the restaurant and surrounding land to The Rouse Company during the land acquisition for Columbia.

Macgill Family Connections – Macgill's Common is named for Reverend James Macgill who was sent here to minister to Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish in 1730. The first Macgill residence was Athol located on Martin Road. Macgill descendants built the home that eventually became the restaurant.

Wild Wood – The 19th century home built by Achsah Ann Worthington and her husband Rinaldo Dorsey is on a tract of land that at one time consisted of almost 800 acres. Achsah and her brother Dr. William Henry Worthington inherited land from their uncle in 1826. Henry made his home at Whitehall (now Iris Hill) and Achsah built this home when she married Rinaldo Dorsey. The current owner purchased it in the 1960s.

Dickinson Street Naming – Emily Dickinson is the source of inspiration for the streets in this neighborhood. The Kings Contrivance Community Association Center is called Amherst House after Dickinson's home town. The life of the American poet who lived from 1830 to 1886 has been dramatized in *The Belle of Amherst* that starred Julie Harris on Broadway and is available on DVD. It has also been performed locally by Columbia actor Prudence Barry.

Iris Hill and the Dorsey – Worthington – Kindler Cemetery – Iris Hill is the newest name of this home possibly built as long ago as the early 1700s by Thomas Worthington. It has also been known as Whitehall, Glenburnie and Worthington's Quarter. In 1936 the property was purchased by National Symphony Orchestra founder Hans Kindler and his wife Alice. Alice planted extensive gardens of Dutch irises and renamed the property.

Middle Patuxent River Vista – The Middle Patuxent, along with the Little Patuxent and the main stem of the Patuxent River, form the largest watershed completely within the state of Maryland flowing to the Chesapeake Bay. The watershed for the Middle Patuxent alone covers more than 37,000 acres just in Howard County. Did you know the Maryland Department of Natural Resources stocks trout in the Middle Patuxent River?

Granite Park – Built with granite quarried on the property, this house dating to the early 1800's, is on the Maryland Historical Sites Inventory and representative of some of the grander homes built in Howard County at that time. It is a private residence.

Guilford Pratt Truss Bridge – The bridge was built in 1902 to carry the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad over the Little Patuxent River. The train carried heavy loads of granite from the Guilford quarries until 1925. In 2002 Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks celebrated the opening of the restored bridge which now carries walkers and bike riders across the river. Extensive signage at the site tells the story of the bridge, the quarries, the railroad and the town of Guilford.

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