

# Route

- Leave Symphony Woods and turn right traveling on the sidewalk along Little Patuxent Pkwy. Pass Howard County Library and pick up path to Lake Kittamaquidi. At lake make left, follow path to Town Center.
- **Walk your bike through the plaza, turn left onto path next to Tomato Palace. Turn right onto street or sidewalk and right again past Exhibit Center. Turn right behind Exhibit Center, down the ramp and turn left onto path. Follow path to Vantage Point Rd.**
- Cross Little Patuxent Pkwy at Vantage Point Rd. Follow path to entrance of Wilde Lake Park and turn left onto path. Take second right and follow path up hill and proceed to boat dock.
- **Continue on path, cross bridge and take first left up hill to Catterskill. Cross cul de sac, continue on path to Waterfowl. Turn left on Waterfowl. Cross Green Mountain Circle and then left onto street or sidewalk and follow to path on right across from Windstream Dr. Follow path to Bryant Woods Elementary School and beyond through Bryant Gardens and through the underpass. Make left onto the sidewalk at Twin Rivers Rd.**
- Turn left onto Trumpeter Rd sidewalk and right after Interfaith Center following street to path on the right which brings you behind the Swim Center and into Wilde Lake Village Center.
- **Leave Village Center via path, through underpass to Green Mountain Circle. Cross Green Mountain to Evening Wind. Turn left onto path and left onto Morning Wind then left onto Green Mountain Circle and right onto path just after Rivulet Row.**
- Turn left at first intersection and follow path along stream bed. At the second path intersection make a left. Take second path on right, then take the first right and follow path to Eliot's Oak Rd. Turn right onto sidewalk.
- **Cross Eliot's Oak at Hesperus and pick up path. Pass Chadwick Townhouses, Athletic Club, Harper's Choice Middle School and Skate Park. Follow path to Rivendell stay on Rivendell to Harper's Farm Rd. and turn left onto sidewalk at Harper's Farm Rd.**
- Cross Harper's Farm Road at Willowbottom. Use street or sidewalk and turn left on Ivy Bush and right onto path. Follow path to Yellow Bell. Make right on Yellow Bell. Left onto White Cord. Left onto Little Patuxent Pkwy and left onto Gray Star to path on right.
- **Follow path on left and make first right up to LPP. Turn left onto sidewalk across from Barnside. Cross Billingsgate. Cross Cedar Lane. Cross Little Patuxent Parkway into College. Follow path next to the main road through the college to Hickory Ridge Road. Turn left onto sidewalk and follow to Broken Land Parkway. Cross Broken Land to Parking Lot.**

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**Symphony Woods** – Town Center’s 40-acre park surrounds Merriweather Post Pavilion and gets its name from the National Symphony Orchestra for which the music pavilion was built. The permanent open space is an important part of Town Center. As planning proceeds for Town Center the presence of a “central park” will be even more important and appreciated. Are you a Columbia Know-It-All? Test your wits with 40 trivia questions in honor of Columbia’s 40th Birthday.

**The Rouse Company** – opened its headquarters in the heart of downtown in 1974. Designed by a young Frank O. Gehry, it won an award from the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Gehry is now known world-wide for his innovative design including the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, and the Music Experience in Seattle. Gehry also has current furniture and jewelry designs.

**The Downtown Lakefront Area** – has been through a few changes since the rolling farm land was transformed into a lake and the heart of Town Center in 1967. The People Tree remains a focal point enhanced by the brick pavers that began to replace the concrete in 1991. About 200 new personalized bricks will be added this year as part of the 40th birthday celebration continuing the tradition of surrounding the People Tree with the people of Columbia.

**The Exhibit Center** – was the first stop for most visitors and new residents from 1967 until it closed in 1989. It was an exhibit of Columbia’s dreams, ideals, promises and goals. Thousands of people visited the Exhibit Center to see what “The Next America” would be. Pulitzer Prize winning author Michael Chabon visited the Exhibit Center as a young boy when his family moved to Columbia in 1970. He recounted his experience in a 2001 *Architectural Digest* article.

**A large rock near Wilde Lake** – has two embedded plaques honoring Frazar Wilde, for whom the lake is named, and James Rouse. Rouse didn’t put his name on any place in the city he created but Columbia Archives believes he needs to be remembered by all Columbians.

**The Wilde Lake Barn and the homes on Hyla Brook** – give historical roots to Columbia. All were once part of Oakland Manor. A plaque on the barn denotes its designation as an historic landmark of agricultural engineering. It reads, “At Oakland Manor in 1876 Francis Morris built brick silos in his barn and introduced the practice of making corn silage in the United States.”

**The Cove** – was built as Columbia’s first luxury apartments. One unit was used by The Rouse Company as a guest house for visiting business executives and Merriweather Post performers before a hotel was built. Tidesfall townhouses were designed by highly acclaimed architect Hugh Newell Jacobsen.

**It all began in Wilde Lake.** – Columbia’s first village center opened in July 1967 as the first residents were moving in to nearby apartments. In 1968, Walter Cronkite and his CBS crew used the center as a backdrop as they filmed a show on the future of cities. The Swim Center and the underpass are remaining examples of early innovative designs. Slayton House was the site of many firsts including religious events before Wilde Lake Interfaith Center was built.

**Howard Community College** – opened in 1969 with one building. With the recent flurry of building it now has a campus that serves more than 21,000 students and signature buildings including the Peter and Elizabeth Horowitz Visual & Performing Arts Center that opened in 2006.

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