

Lovettsville Rural Run (LRR)

(Revised 110711 JSchatz)



This course is meant to be a rural alternative to the “Lovettsville Community Center” run and avoids much of the busy hardtop roads of the classic Lovettsville course. The running routes in this document are all on mostly flat scenic public gravel roads. There are three lengths available. 5.3 miles, 6.2 miles (good 10K training course) and a 3.0 mile out and back that can be easily added to either or both loops. Running all three rewards you with a half marathon+ length (14.7 miles). Most of the roads are groomed gravel surfaces. (Note: With land owner permission in advance of the run date we can add the scenic River Road Spur Trail which adds one very beautiful 1-1.5 mile spur to the 6.4 mile loop. Check with Jim on this before this scheduled run date to make sure owner permission has been granted and for the presence of turn signs – white arrows with orange “LRR” lettering.) This run is best conducted early on a Sunday to take advantage of less traffic and for access to the River Road Spur Trail. Jim Schatz is the POC for more information on this run. He can be reached at schtred@aol.com or (571) 276-7042.

●The Area in General

This area at the eastern base of the Short Hill is rich in local history and includes many excellent views of the Short Hill and surrounding countryside. The optional groomed trail along the Potomac River (River Road Spur Trail) takes the runner past historic Grist Mill and Kiln ruins and passage through scenic farm fields on the 250+ year old Georges Mill Road and rewards you with the only hilly section of this run. Please carry out litter.

●Getting There

Coming from Leesburg, take Rt. 15 north. Just before the Potomac River bridge at Point of Rocks take the left onto Lovettsville Road (Rt. 672) at the sign to “Lovettsville”. Stay on Lovettsville Road until you enter town. Pass the Lovettsville Community Center on your right. A 7/11 store will be at the first stop sign. Go straight through that stop sign to the next one at Berlin Turnpike (Rt. 287). Set your odometer. Go straight across Rt. 287 traveling west on Broad Street West which soon becomes Irish Corner Road (Rt. 673). Stay on Irish Corner Road. At 1.6 miles make a left onto George Farm Drive (NOT the first left on George Farm Drive @ 1.0 mile and NOT the right on Georges Mill Road which comes in at 1.75 miles!) to the start and park along the shoulder of George Farm Drive there.

See Run Loop directions next page.

Georges Mill Road Loop (6.4 miles from George Farm Drive)

- From the start at George Farm Dr and Irish Corner Rd, make a left onto Irish Corner Rd.
- Make the first right onto Georges Mill Rd (gravel).
- Follow Georges Mill Rd for 1.2 miles.
- Bear right on Georges Mill Rd where Steven Rd goes straight. **WATER STOP.**
- Stay on Georges Mill Rd.

(OPTIONAL River Road Spur Trail: At 1.7 miles the optional River Road Spur Trail turn is found at the Jehovah Jireh Farm sign/gate on the right. See directions below).

- If you've opted not to take the River Road Spur Trail stay on Georges Mill Rd.
- At 2.1 miles Stevens Rd will come in from the left. Stay on Georges Mill Rd.
- At 2.7 miles Georges Mill Rd will end at the "End of State Maintenance" sign.
- Retrace your route back to Stevens Rd at 3.4 miles.
- Make a right onto Stevens Rd.
- At 5.0 miles Stevens Road will intersect with Georges Mill Rd. **WATER STOP** (again).
- Follow Georges Mill Rd back out to Irish Corner Rd.

Axline Road Loop (5.3 miles)

This loop can be run from the start or added before or after the Georges Mill Rd loop and/or Long Lane Out and Back. This has the longest paved sections. Watch for the bike riders here as this is a popular biking route on weekends.

- From the start, make a left onto Irish Corner Rd.
- Follow Irish Corner Rd for .8 miles.
- Make a left onto Elvan Rd (gravel). **WATER STOP.**
- At 2.0 miles make a right onto Axline Rd.
- At 2.5 miles make a second right staying on Axline Rd.
- At 3.5 miles make a right onto Mountain Rd (paved).
- At 4.5 miles pass by Elvan Rd on the right. **WATER STOP** (again).
- At 4.9 miles pass Long Lane on the left.
- Stay on Irish Corner Rd to the finish at George Farm Dr at 5.3 miles.

Long Lane Out and Back (3.0 miles)

Add 3 miles to either loop and get great views of the Short Hill with this out and back.

- Turn on to Long Lane from Irish Corner.
- Follow Long Lane 1.5 miles to the dead end at the "End State Maintenance" sign.
- Retrace your steps back to Irish Corner Rd to the 3.0 mile mark.

OPTIONAL River Road Spur Trail (1-1.5 miles) Access only with land owner permission. Check with Jim before the run and for the presence of "LRR" arrows.

- Turn right off of Georges Mill Rd at the 1.7 mile marker at the Jehovah Jireh Farm gate.
(Go around the left side of the closed gate).
 - Follow the farm road down the hill between the barn and 19th century era log home.
 - Stay on the farm road which turns the right and up a hill. At the top of that hill turn left at the white "Trail" sign (before passing through the hedgerow).
 - Follow the trail down the hill to the Potomac River.
 - Make a left at the river on the River Road Spur Trail.
 - Follow the trail to the 3-story 1824-1860 era Peacher's Mill Ruins on your right.
 - Make a left at Peacher's Mill Ruins heading up the hill trail past the 1870-1890 era Lime Kiln to the junction at the end of Georges Mill Rd.
- Follow the Georges Mill Rd directions above from the 2.7 mile marker.

● **Combo Options**

8.3 miles

Combine the **Axline Loop** with the **Long Lane Out and Back**.

11.7 miles

Combine the **Georges Mill Rd** and **Axline Loops**.

14.7 Miles

Combine all three legs for half marathon plus distance.

@ 16.2 miles

To add some history, trails, great river views and a good hill climb add the **River Road Spur Trail** to the **Georges Mill Rd Loop**, **Axline Loop** and **Long Lane Out and Back**.

Make it a local running weekend away from home! Call Mrs. Fran Wire and book a room at the historic Georges Mill B&B (located at the intersection of Irish Corner and Georges Mill Roads). <http://www.georgesmill.com> Phone: (540) 822-5224

Attachment:

-Map, "Lovettsville Rural Run"

