

Blue Ridge Center (BRC) (for Environmental Stewardship)

@ 10 miles of Assorted Trails, Gravels Roads, with access to the A.T.

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The Blue Ridge Center (BRC) is a nonprofit educational organization that stewards an 893-acre historic landscape off Harpers Ferry Road “Between the Hills” (Blue Ridge and Short Hill). The BRC was founded as a project of the Robert and Dee Leggett Foundation and became an independent nonprofit organization in 2004. The Leggett Foundation purchased Mountain View Farm in 1999 to serve as a home for the Blue Ridge Center and to preserve the land's history, allow people to experience its natural beauty, and protect the Appalachian Trail view shed. The Blue Ridge Center provides @ 10 miles of well marked and groomed trails (14 connecting trails) that connect with some quiet gravel lanes (Sawmill and Arnold). As a quiet and scenic running location it can hardly be matched. Combined with the monthly Neersville Fire and Rescue community breakfast (8am-11am on scheduled Saturdays) it is beyond comparison to most LRR functions. The trail distances are noted on the attached map. It is a great place just to run and wander without distance goals. There is excellent signage on the trails but if you get “disoriented” for a bit drive on until you find the next trail sign – there are many. Those desiring some hill climbing beyond the gradual rolling landscape of the BRC (hill rating 2 out of 4) the trail under the power line takes you up to the A.T. north of the Rt. 9 crossing. Park at the lot in front of the restored Demory-Wortman House located along the short gravel driveway after entering the center at the Main Entrance off Harpers Ferry Road (Rt. 671). Don’t miss quiet Gordon Pond and look for the historic cabins that dot the property and the ancient dry lake bed. Carry your own water and wear trail shoes – there are some stream crossings and some sections can be muddy at times. Bring a dry pair of shoes and some cash if you plan to enjoy the Neersville breakfast.

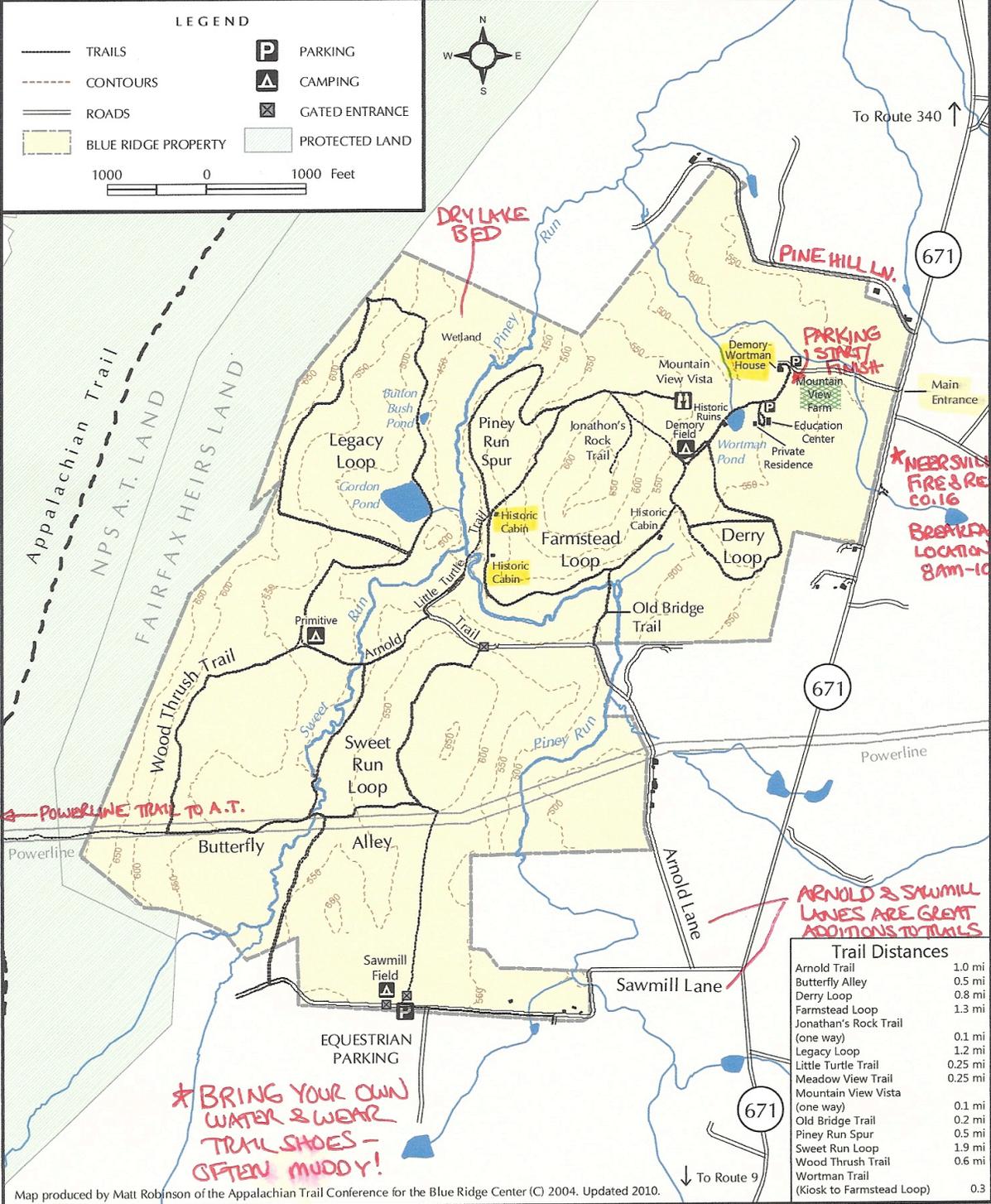
□ Getting There

- Head west on Leesburg Pike (Rt. 7).
- Take the Charles Town Pike (Rt. 9) west ramp towards Hillsboro & Charles Town, WV.
- Pass Berlin Turnpike (Rt. 287) and through the town of Hillsboro.
- Bear right at a traffic light onto Harpers Ferry Road (Rt. 671).
- Pass Sawmill Lane on your left.
- Look for the Neersville Fire and Rescue location on the right side (breakfast site).
- Turn left into the Blue Ridge Center at their sign (small sign) just past the Neersville Fire and Rescue building. (If you see Pine Hill Lane on the left you have gone past the BRC entrance.)
- Drive to the parking lot at the Demory-Wortman House to the start/finish.

LEGEND

- TRAILS
- - - CONTOURS
- == ROADS
- BLUE RIDGE PROPERTY
- PROTECTED LAND
- P** PARKING
- A** CAMPING
- X** GATED ENTRANCE

1000 0 1000 Feet



Trail Distances

Arnold Trail	1.0 mi
Butterfly Alley	0.5 mi
Derry Loop	0.8 mi
Farmstead Loop	1.3 mi
Jonathan's Rock Trail (one way)	0.1 mi
Legacy Loop	1.2 mi
Little Turtle Trail	0.25 mi
Meadow View Trail	0.25 mi
Mountain View Vista (one way)	0.1 mi
Old Bridge Trail	0.2 mi
Piney Run Spur	0.5 mi
Sweet Run Loop	1.9 mi
Wood Thrush Trail	0.6 mi
Wortman Trail (Kiosk to Farmstead Loop)	0.3

Map produced by Matt Robinson of the Appalachian Trail Conference for the Blue Ridge Center (C) 2004. Updated 2010.