

Dutchman's Creek

Dutchman's Creek Run (092616 JSchatz, updated 101117 DHaber)



This course is a more laid back (meaning fewer speeding cars!) rural alternative to the "Lovettsville Community Center" run and avoids almost all (99%) of the busy hardtop roads of the classic Lovettsville course. The running routes in this document are all on rolling scenic public gravel roads and some community trails with a steep hill climb thrown in there for the quads and lungs. There are three available. A **Short Course** at 7.8 miles (highlighted in yellow on the map), a **Long Course** at 10.5 miles (highlighted in Blue) with your brave commitment to the Dutchman's Creek Road 2.7 mile out-and-back (which is added to the Short Course to make it the Long Course). The true long haulers can get to 12.1 miles by including the hilly 4.3 mile Quarter Branch Road to Lovettsville Road out-and-back option (highlighted in Pink) with the Short Course or 15 miles by also adding the 2.7 mile Dutchman's Creek out-and-back. The hill rating for this run is 3.5 out of 4.

Getting There

Coming from Leesburg, take Rt. 15 north. Just before crossing the Potomac River bridge to 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. At the first stop sign the 7/11 store will be on your right. Across Broad Way from the 7/11 is the new town square. Park in the lot next to or behind those buildings. The course starts and ends on the black top trail to the left of the 7/11 (Don't you know EVERYTHING in Lovettsville revolves around the 7/11!)

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

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Short Course (7.9 Miles)

Set your GPS Watch to 0.0

0.0-Depart on the black top community trail to the left of the 7/11.

.45 -The trail makes a 90 degree turn to the left .

.56-The trail makes another 90 degree turn to the left .

.64-The trail ends at Houser Road across from the park. Make a right on Houser Road .

.73-At the T make a right onto Porterfield Drive .

.81 -At the T make a left (at the blue water tower) onto Lange Drive .

.91 -At the T make a right onto Quarter Branch Road (Rt. 855).

1.64-At the T make a left on Wenner Road (Rt. 663).

1.98 -Make a right on Rivers Edge Lane.

2.84-At the T make a right on Catocin View Lane (street sign may be missing).

Run this to the end at 3.06 miles. **WATER STOP**

Retrace your steps back to Rivers Edge Lane at 3.29 miles.

Stay straight on Catocin View Lane.

4.17-At the T make a right on Wenner Road.

4.43-Follow Wenner Road out to Berlin Turnpike (Rt. 287). Cross Berlin Turnpike CAREFUL! onto Tollhouse Road.

5.23-Follow Tollhouse Road to Dutchman's Creek Road. **WATER STOP**

TURN LEFT on Dutchman's Creek Road (Rt. 674). (or right for the **Long Course** option below)

5.63 -Turn left on Purcell Road (Rt. 854).

6.35 -Turn right on Berlin Turnpike (Rt. 287). Run along the southbound shoulder. **(CAREFUL! – BUSY TRAFFIC)**

6.60 -Turn left onto Quarter Branch Road (Rt. 855).

6.82 -Turn right onto Lange Drive Gust before Quarter Branch Park).

6.87 – Turn Right onto Potterfield Rd

6.92 -Turn left on Houser Road.

7.11 -Across from the playground, turn left at the three wooden posts onto the black topped community trail. Follow the black-topped trail back around to the 7/11 and the start/finish.

For the **Long Course** (10.50 miles)

Follow the short course until the second water stop at Dutchman's Creek Road, but instead of left

TURN RIGHT on Dutchman's Creek Road at 5.23 miles onto the 2.70 mile out-and/back. 1.38 -Follow Dutchman's Creek Road over Dutchman's Creek and to the end. 2.70 -Retrace your steps back to Tollhouse Road and the **WATER STOP**, but DO NOT TURN there. Instead GO STRAIGHT on Dutchman's Creek Road.

- Follow the directions above for the Short Course back to the start/finish

For the **"Long Hauler's Course"** (15 miles) add the 4.3 mile out-and-back by turning right onto Quarter Brach Road at the 1.64 mile marker on the Short Course and following that out to Lovettsville Road and back.

Attachment: -Map, "Dutchman's Creek"

