About the Trail

The Maurice K. Goddard Trail is a walking, hiking and biking trail that meanders through the Borough of Camp Hill, providing opportunity for recreation, relaxation and exercise for the residents and guests of our community. For the users convenience, there are mile marker signs along all segments of the completed trail.

A note on safety: people of all ages use the Goddard Trail. They may be walking, biking, rollerblading, or pushing a baby carriage. Following the rules of the road and common courtesy will make and keep the Goddard Trail a treasured resource for our town.

The Maurice K. Goddard Trail was first created and dedicated on June 6,1998 and it has been in use since then. In 2009, the trail was re-aligned to its present location. The mile marker signs for the 2.3 miles (green) were installed by Lou Thieblemont and Clyde McGeary. A bulletin board was constructed in Willow Park at the 0 point of the trail by Clyde McGeary.

Plans are to extend the trail to the West Shore Cleve J. Fredricksen Library from Willow Park. This would be a trail extension of 0.3 of a mile.

Thanks to the Camp Hill Recreation Commission and all of those who volunteered to make the trail possible.

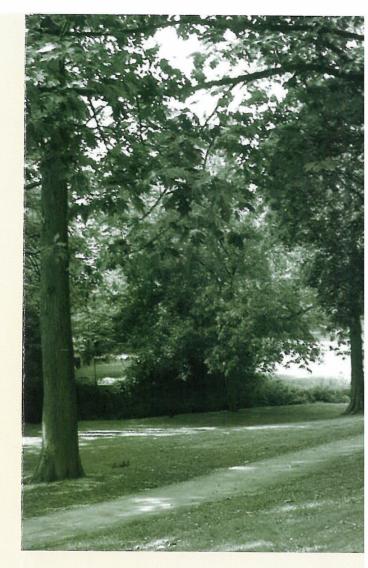


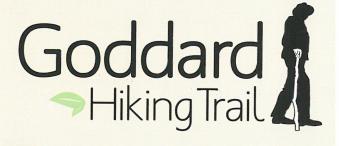
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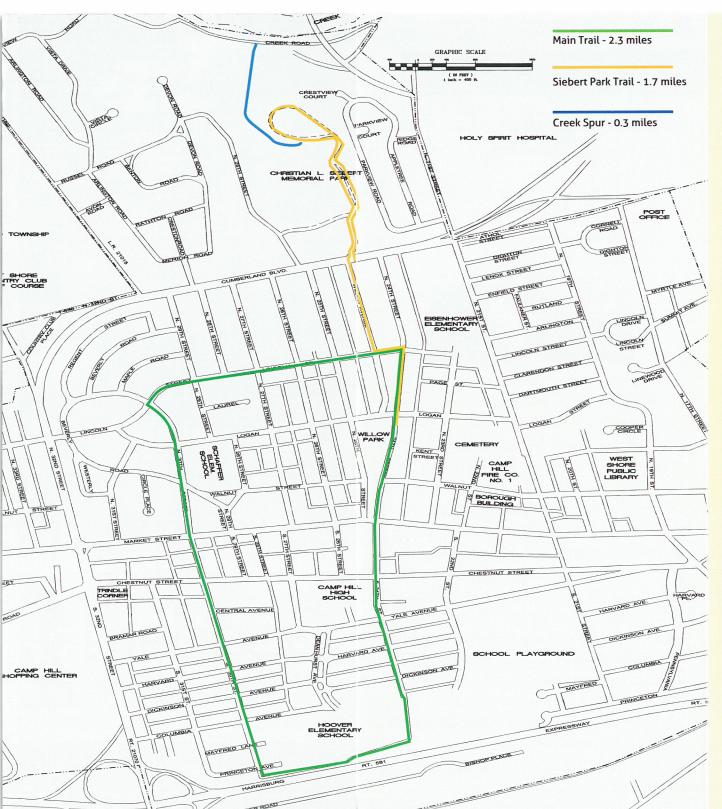


Maurice K. Goddard (1912-1995) is known as the Father of the Pennsylvania State Park System. His vision, now a reality, was to establish a state park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvania resident. "Doc" Goddard served as Secretary of Forests and Waters from 1955 to 1971 and as Secretary of Environmental Resources from 1971 to 1979. Goddard and his family were long time residents of Camp Hill Borough. In his 24 years as Secretary, he doubled the size of the State Park System from 45 state parks to 90 state parks. In doing that, he promoted the Project 70 bond issue which was used to acquire new state parks and forest land. He then supported the Project 500 bond issue which was used to develop the state parks that were purchased with Project 70 funds. He was a tireless supporter of parks and forests in Pennsylvania. He devoted his life to the establishment and development of Pennsylvania's state parks and forest systems.





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Trail Details

The trail, shown in green, starts at Willow Park and goes north on 24th Street to Lincoln Street. It then moves along Lincoln Street to 30th Street where it turns left and heads south on 30th Street to the Fiala tract along Route 581. At the Fiala tract it turns left on the road through the Camp Hill family vegetable gardens, alongside the recycling operation to South 24th Street. The trail then turns left and heads north on 24th Street back to Willow Park. This segment of the trail covers 2.3 miles.

Another leg of the trail, shown in yellow on the map, starts at Willow Park (24th Street and Walnut Street) and proceeds north on 24th Street to Lincoln Street. It turns left on Lincoln Street to Willow Avenue. At Willow Avenue it turns right and heads north on Willow Avenue to the Routes 11 and 15 highway. At that point, the trail proceeds in the tunnel under the highway to Siebert Park. In Siebert Park the trail moves past the tennis courts and above the football stadium toward the back of the park. The trail goes along the park road past the log cabin and makes the turn along the road. As the road goes downhill it veers to the right. This section of the trail is 1.7 miles long.

At that point it is shown on the map blue. The trail continues down the hill and ends at the Conodoguinet Creek. This section of the trail is 0.3 of a mile.

The trail shown in yellow (1.3 miles) and the trail shown in blue (0.3 of a mile) were an Eagle Scout project completed by Jim Keiser. He installed all of the mile marker signs on the yellow and blue sections of the trail.