

HIKING TRAIL MAP

WELCOME!

The hiking trails at Fort Necessity traverse a wide spectrum of the natural and historical settings. We ask you follow some simple procedures to help make your visit safe and enjoyable.



The Braddock Road Trace

PLEASE:

1. Stop and pay the entrance fee at visitor center. The fee is \$2.00 per person for those over 16 and under 62, \$4.00 maximum per family.
2. All trails start from the visitor center. The trail distances are marked on the map.
3. Some areas of the park are closed to the public.
4. Watch for trail markers at intersections. Some of the trails are steep and can be slippery, please use care.

This is a natural and historical area, set aside for ours and future generations to enjoy. Respect the environment and leave the area the same for others.

HISTORICAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

The Great Meadows was where George Washington and his troops fought a large French and Indian force on July 3, 1754, forever immortalizing the ground. The point where the trail leaves the meadow is believed to be where the French and

Indians used the forest for cover while directing their most effective fire on Washington's forces.

The Braddock Road Trace is the remanent of the road built by Washington's troops in 1754 and improved by General Braddock's on their way to Fort Duquesne the next year. This road became one of the major routes of transportation from the east before the completion of the National Road in 1818.

The trail winds through the mixed deciduous forest. When Washington and his men passed through this area they found the forest in a virgin state. Most likely the trees were large, and well spaced with the absence of undergrowth due to the shade of the trees.

In places the trail passes stands of pines. These were planted by men from the CCC camp at Fort Necessity in the mid 1930's.

