

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.

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.



The Braddock Road Trace

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 remnant 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.

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TRAILS

The **Loop Trail** leads through the Great Meadows cutting into the woods just before the second bridge to the fort. The trail follows Indian Run to the Braddock Road Trace. Follow the Braddock Road to the left 200 ft. to the intersection of the **French Camp Trail**. This trail cuts back to Great Meadows making a small loop.

Continue along the Braddock Road another 650 ft. and the **Loop Trail** turns to the right. In a short

distance the **Short Cut Spur** bears right and returns to the Braddock Road. The **Loop Trail** continues on to the traffic circle at the top of the hill. At this point the **Picnic Area Spur** connects to the **Picnic Area Loop** down over the hill.

The **Loop Trail** continues through open meadows passes a peaceful spot where you can stop and enjoy the surrounding landscape with Chestnut Ridge to the west. Just beyond this point The **Loop Trail**

splits to become the **Outer Loop** and the **Inner Loop Trails**. The **Inner Loop** leads to the hill above Fort Necessity where you can pause to gaze at the setting through the perspective of a youthful commander on his first military campaign on the edge of the wilderness before returning to the fort area. The **Outer Loop** passes through open fields along the park boundary and returns to the fort area.