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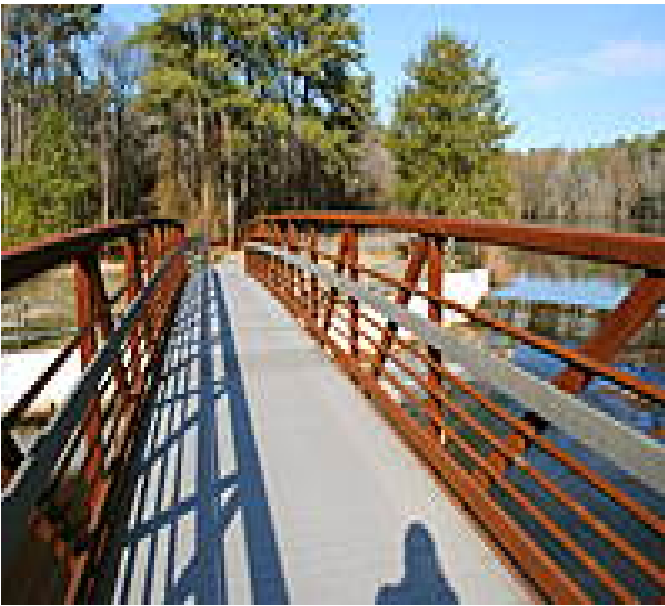
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Road; exploring the century-old headstones easily merits a stop. The trail then continues back into the forest and eventually leads to the Trap Pond camping area. From the campground, the trail proceeds around the western edge of the pond to another larger dam and then turns back toward the picnic area and the Baldcypress Nature Center where the loop began. The shorter, wooded [American Holly Trail](#) picks up from the nature center as well, for those looking for an extra spur for their hike or ride.

While the full Bob Trail permits hiking and bicycling, equestrian use is restricted to the southwestern portion of the trail. Trail use markers will guide you.

The trail was formerly known as the Loblolly Trail but was renamed in honor of Bob Venables, a local champion for trails and the outdoors.

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The park is home to Cypress Point, offering views of extensive stands of bald cypress trees—the northernmost in the eastern United States. The area can be reached via hiking trails from The Bob. Birdwatchers may be able to spot the elusive pileated woodpeckers that inhabit these freshwater cypress marshes.

At the park's southeastern end, the trail passes by Bethesda Church's historic cemetery along Wootten



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States: Delaware

Counties: Sussex

Length: 4.6 miles

Trail end points: Trap Pond State Park at Trap Pond Rd. to Trap Pond State Park at Wooten Rd.

Trail surfaces: Boardwalk, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Wheelchair Accessible, Horseback Riding, Walking

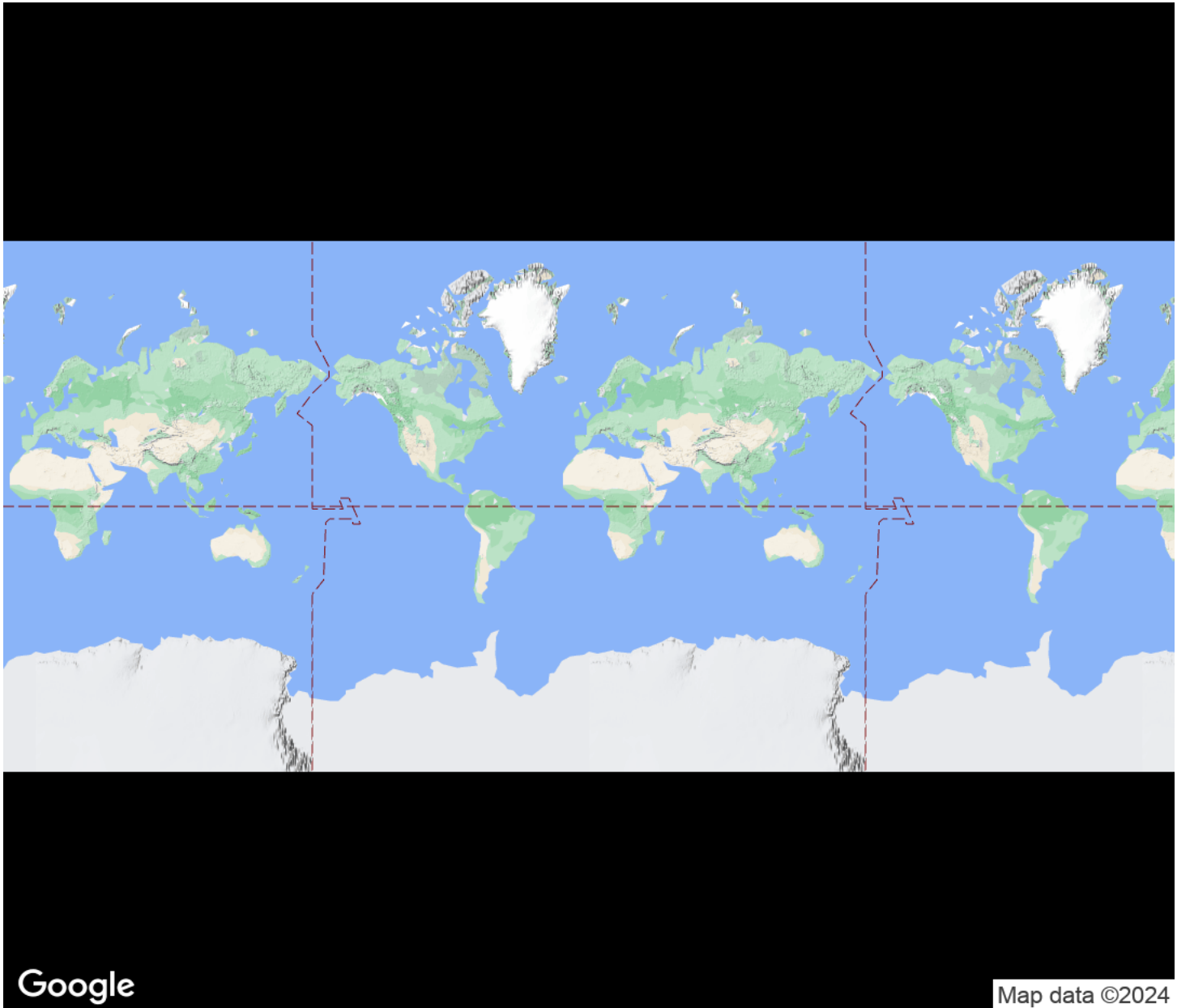
Parking & Trail Access

To access Trap Pond State Park from Laurel, Delaware, take State Route 24/Laurel Road east. At Trap Pond Road, turn right and proceed approximately 1 mile. The park will be on the left. The trail is accessible from the Baldcypress Nature Center, which offers convenient parking and restrooms adjacent to the trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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