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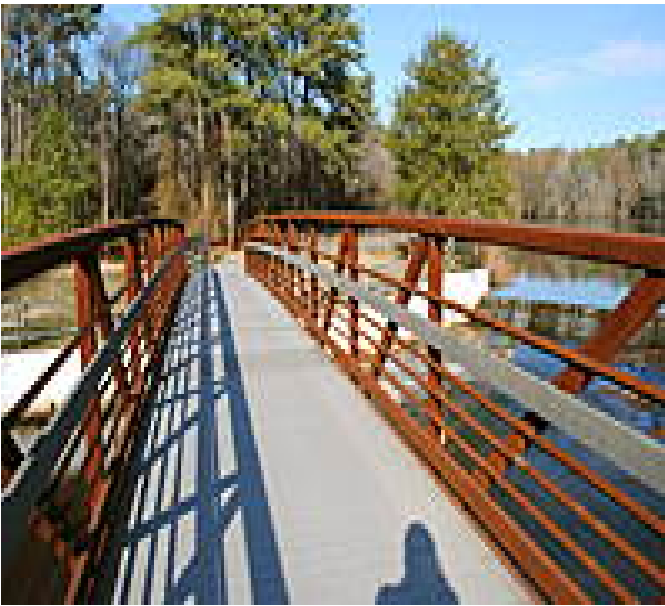
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The park is home to Cypress Point, offering views of extensive stands of bald cypress trees—the northernmost in the eastern United States. The area can be reached via hiking trails from The Bob. Birdwatchers may be able to spot the elusive pileated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

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.

About the Route

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

Connections

Trail users can pick up the [American Holly Trail](#) at the Baldcypress Nature Center.



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States: Delaware

Counties: Sussex

Length: 4.5miles

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

Trail surfaces: Boardwalk, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

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

Parking & Trail Access

The Bob Trail runs in a complete circle around Trap Pond, located in Trap Pond State Park.

Parking is available at:

- 33587 Bald Cypress Ln (Laurel)
- Trap Pond Camp Store, 15702 Jason Bch Rd (Laurel)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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