



Welcome to the  
2009 Annual  
Appalachian Search  
and Rescue  
Conference (ASRC)  
Annual General  
Membership Meeting  
(GMM)

## **MEETING AGENDA AND ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

**Hosted by TSAR**





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Agenda



**Saturday – April 18, 2009**

All Day	Geocaching - Maps available Saturday morning at the Newport News City Park (NNCP) Activities Building
0900 – 1200	Alzheimer's and First Responders Presentation given by Robert B. Schaefer (Alzheimer's Association Greater Richmond Chapter) at the ICG Building.
1200 – 1300	Lunch at ICG Building provided by PSAR, \$3.00 per person (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs)
1300 – 1600	<i>Seeing What Doesn't Belong</i> presentation at the NNCP Activities Building given by Mark Gleason (SARTI) The Activities Bldg is across from the camp store.  <b>or</b> ASRC Dispatcher Training at the ICG Building given by Steve Weiss (SMRG)
1800 – 2000	Dinner and GMM at the ICG Building – Dinner will be Boston Butts (pulled pork), Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Saw and Rolls
2100	ASRC Skills Competition beginning at the NNCP Activities Building

**Sunday – April 19, 2009**

0930	ASRC Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
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2009 ASRC Annual GMM Hosted by TSAR  
April 17, 18, & 19  
Newport News, VA



# **Agenda**

ASRC AGM Meeting, 18 April 2009  
1800 – 2000  
ICG Building  
230 Pickett Line, Newport News, VA

## **Chair's Opening**

- *Welcome to Members & Special Guests*

## **Routine AGM Business**

- *Acknowledgement of Member Service*
  - 5, 10, 15, 20, 25-Year Service Awards
- *Special Awards*
- *Acknowledgement of Officer Service*
- *Chair's Report*

## **ASRC Policy, Procedures, and Standards**

- *Admin – Conference and Common Group Business Practices*
- *OPS – Standard Operating Procedures*
- *Training – Common ASRC Training Elements*

## **Any Other Business**

- *BOD moving toward BLS licensure*
- *Virginia SAR Conference*
- *Evening's ASRC Challenge*

## **Questions from the Membership**

**Close / Thanks / Continue the meeting informally**

## Directions from Newport News Park to the ICG Building on Pickett's Line

1. From the Park go left onto Jefferson Ave/VA-143 0.3 miles.
2. Turn right at the light onto Fort Eustis Blvd/VA-105 - 440 feet.
3. Take the ramp onto US-60/Warwick Blvd - 0.5 miles.
5. Turn left at onto Picketts Line (across from the 7 Eleven).
6. The ICG Building will be on the left in about a half mile. Come through the gate and park. Enter through the double doors.

## **FOR THOSE OF YOU CAMPING AT NEWPORT NEWS CITY PARK:**

Please remember that you must stop and sign in at the camp store. That is where you will be assigned your campsite and pay for it. This is the second entrance to the park off of Jefferson Avenue, the first entrance is for the park headquarters/visitor information.

Also, the park allows two tents per campsite, so you can double up and save some money that way.

# Newport News Park Picnic Areas Map

## KEY

-  Buildings
-  Bridge
-  Restrooms
-  Hot Showers
-  Sani Station
-  Campstore
-  Laundry
-  Phone
-  Playground
-  Stage
-  Boat Ramp
-  Boat Rental
-  Fishing Area
-  Visitor Information

## Picnic Areas:

-  Shelters: 1, 2, 3, 4A/B, 5A/B, 6, 7A/B, 8, 9
-  Shelters: 10A/B, 11, 12
-  Shelters: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
-  Shelters: 19, 20

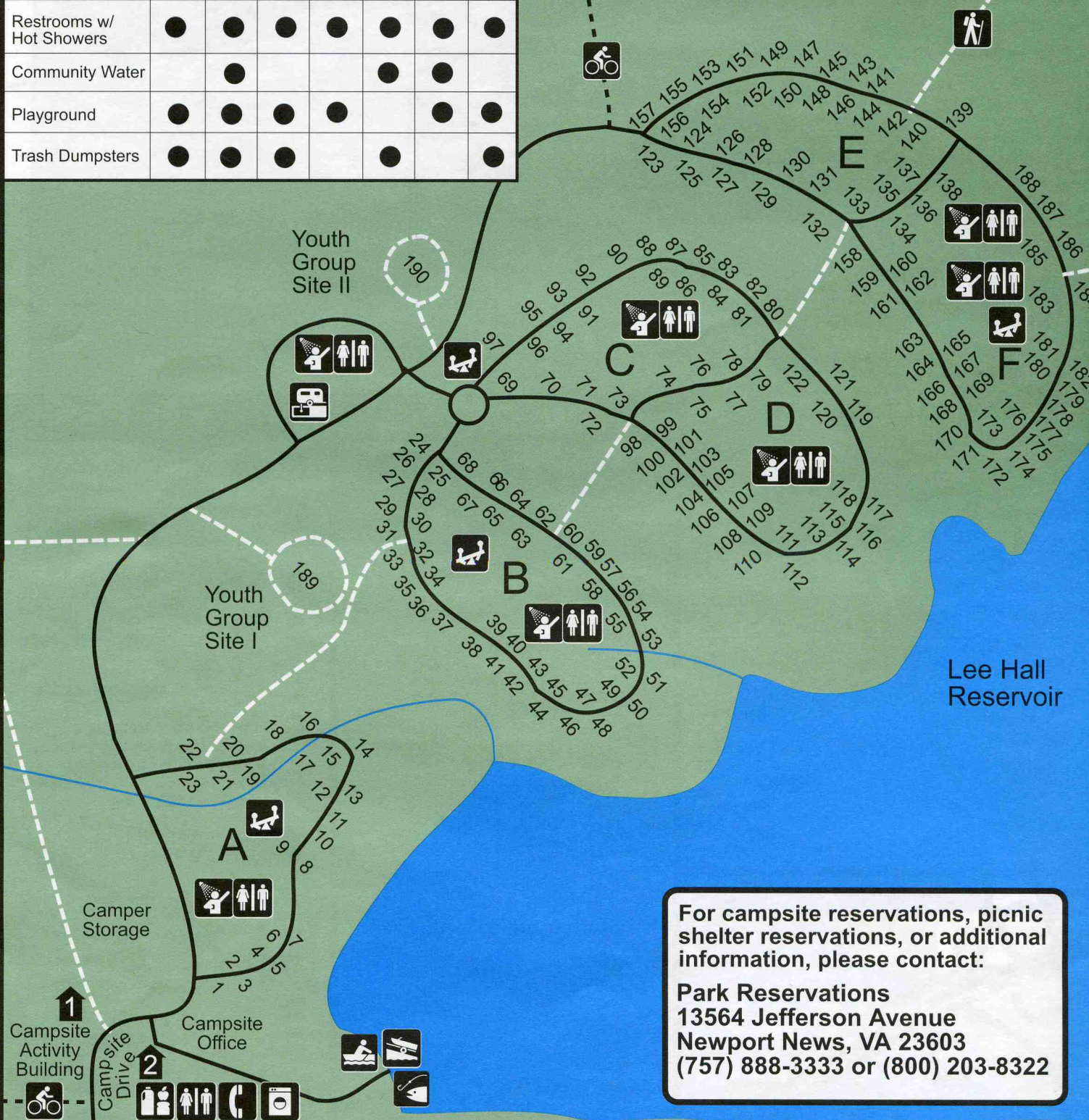




# Campsite Facilities:

	A-Loop	B-Loop	C-Loop	D-Loop	E-Loop	F-Loop	Sani Station
Electricity/Water	●	●	●	●			●
Electricity Only					133-143	●	
No Utilities					123-132 144-157		
Restrooms w/ Hot Showers	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Community Water		●			●	●	
Playground	●	●	●	●		●	●
Trash Dumpsters	●	●	●		●		●

## Newport News Park Campground Site Map

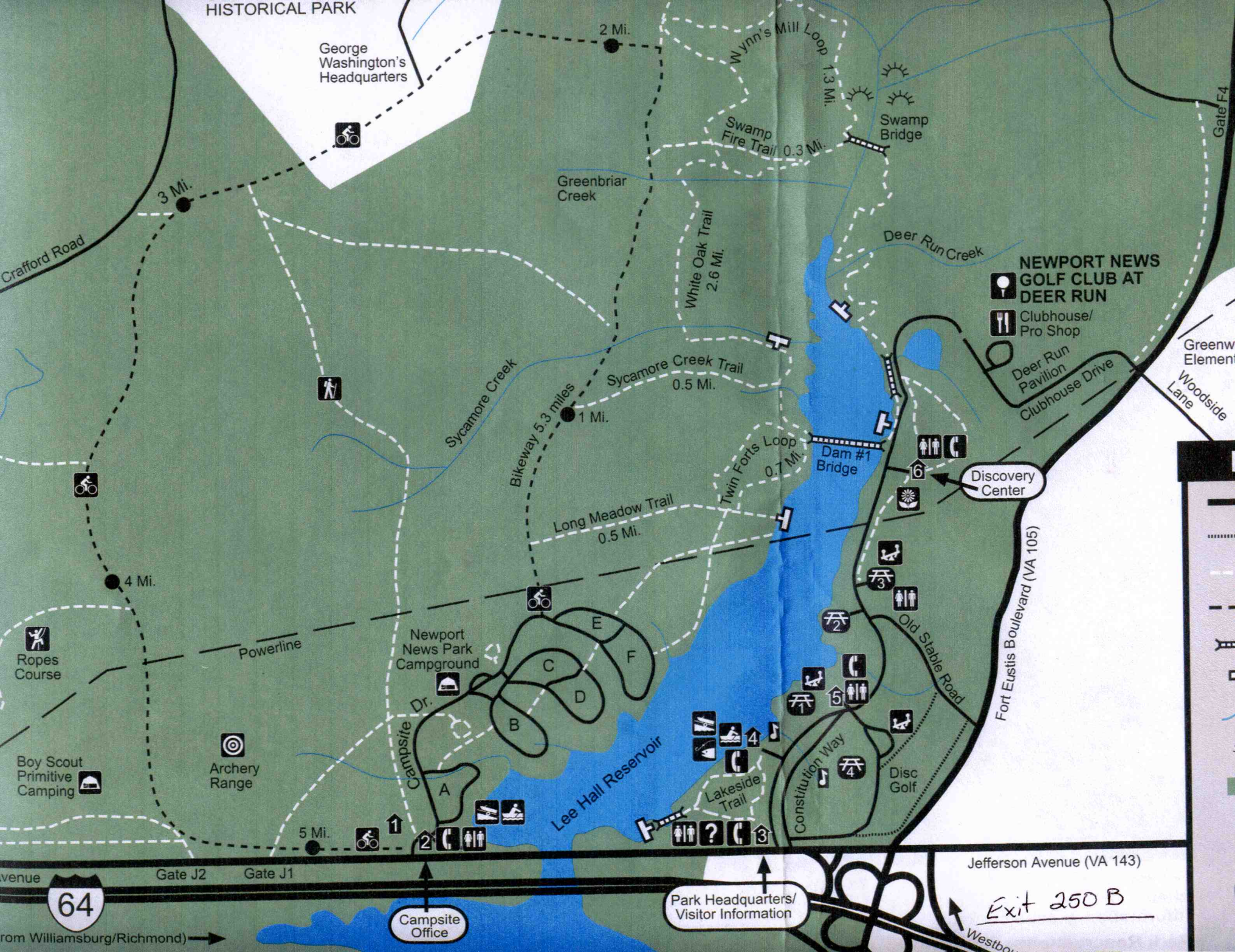


For campsite reservations, picnic shelter reservations, or additional information, please contact:

**Park Reservations**  
**13564 Jefferson Avenue**  
**Newport News, VA 23603**  
**(757) 888-3333 or (800) 203-8322**

Jefferson Avenue (VA 143)







# Plan A

## Guidance for the use Newport News City Park

Newport News City Park (NNCiP) is one of the largest city park on the east coast, 8,000 acres. It has two reservoirs: Lee Hall and Harwood Mills. It is bordered by: Colonial National Historical Park, Endview Plantation Historical Site and Lee Hall Mansion Historical Site. This area has some of the most interesting history, scenery and wildlife to see, as you journey through it.

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**13. 37° 10.967' N 076° 32.193' W**

**It is a Riddle Ditti!** (Multi)

Difficulty: 3 out of 5. Terrain: 3 out of 5

Come one, come all! Big person or small. Ready to hike? We have got something you will like. In a park where there is many. It is a site that's got plenty! Ready for some clues? We are sure they have something you will use.

Our first little site is the start to our stash. (it is on a ridge, close to a bridge. The cache contains coordinates for micro #2, and a hint to help you find it. There is three in a row, as closer you go. Caches contain coordinates to the treasure, and a clue to help you find it. Now there is three bitti ditti's, in a great big city, who will help you search out our treasure. Enjoy! It is out pleasure!

**Hint:** 'Gernfher' vf va na nzzb pna. Tbbq yhpx, naq uncc!  
pnpuvat!

**16. 37° 10.697' N 076° 32.514' W**

**One in the hand** (Regular)

Difficulty: 1 out of 5. Terrain: 2 out of 5

Located in NNCiP, please park either near the equestrian area or in the parking lot at Picnic Area 3. The site is not far from the road, about one-half way between these two parking area. Please do not park along the road. Cache container is an item seen in many locations of this park, just adapted for caching. Please remember to return it upright as you found it. Hope you enjoy the find.

**Hint:** Vf vg ernnyl jbegu gjb va gur ohfu

**17. 37° 10.605' N 076° 32.494' W**

**Birds & Bees TS** (Small)

Difficulty: 1 out of 5. Terrain: 1 out of 5

Look in an out-of-the-way corner of NNCiP. Park in the equestrian area on the north side of Ft. Eustis Boulevard. It may be crowded on some weekends. Stay INSIDE the of the park's chain-link fence, do not become boulevard-kill!!!

**Hint:** Purpx bire gur jvyq-ybbxvat bqqsrbybj sbe gur cvyy  
Pbagnvare

**36. 37° 10.724' N 076° 32.616' W**

**You found it where?** (Regular)

Difficulty: 1.5 out of 5. Terrain: 1.5 out of 5

This is placed in a well known cache-rich park amongst the holly trees. The mystery lies in how the cache is hidden! Read the description 'Carefully'. This is uniquely, hidden, one might say it is just 'hanging' around the park! To get to this easily, park by the equestrian area of the park (near the dumpster), it is a short walk from there. Please return the cache exactly as you found it, so others can enjoy this hide. 1<sup>st</sup> loop holds the cache, 2<sup>nd</sup> loop acts like anchor to sign the log.

**Hint:** None

**42. 37° 11.462' N 076° 31.741' W**

**VA CHB 3rd<sup>t</sup>** (Multi)

Difficulty: 4 out of 5. Terrain: 2 out of 5

Another fun and challenging multi! Have fun!

**Hint:** None

**44. 37° 10.733' N 076° 32.747' W**

**Shelf life of a cache** (Micro)

Difficulty: 1.5 out of 5. Terrain: 1.5 out of 5

This is a camouflaged micro that was placed for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual geocaching Hampton Roads Event. There is no room for trade items & BYOP.

**Hint:** ovfba ghor

**50. 37° 10.862' N 076° 32.282' W**

**Par Frustration** (Micro)

Difficulty: X out of 5 Terrain: 1 out of 5

**Hint:** None

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**06. 37° 11.056' N      076° 33.308' W**

**Trails End** (Small)

Difficulty: 1.5 out of 5.      Terrain: 1.5 out of 5

This is a small site off a trail behind the NNCiP Information Center. For your safety DO NOT PARK on the side of Jefferson Avenue (VA-143). Please park at the Information Center. The park is open from sunrise to sunset. The cache is a small Lock-N-Lock box. Remember to always look before you reach. If you knock this cache loose while retrieving it, there may be a splash. Be sure to stop by the Information Center for more information about geocaching in NNCiP and remember that vehicles are NOT allowed on the bikeways. Reg #0001

**Hint:** None

**15. 37° 10.624' N      076° 32.810' W**

**Pie Pan Playground** (Small)

Difficulty: 1 out of 5.      Terrain: 1 out of 5

This site has room for only SMALL trade items. This vertically challenged site may require some stretching to reach it. Be sure to stop by the park information center or campsite office for more information about geocaching in the park

**Hint:** None

**20. 37° 10.841' N      076° 33.118' W**

**Operation: School Supplies** (Regular)

Difficulty: 1.5 out of 5.      Terrain: 1.5 out of 5

The first day of school has already passed, but for people like Gecko757, PenguinCacher and CraZyCache, who love their school supplies, THIS CACHE IS FOR YOU! But, it is also for the kids. If you forgot anything from your list this year or just need to pick up a set of colored pencils, stop by and look through the cache. Please only trade school supplies!

**Hint:** None

**21. 37° 10.892' N      076° 33.003' W**

**Land Shark** (Micro)

Difficulty: 2 out of 5.      Terrain: 2.5 out of 5

Quick micro along one of the lesser used trails.

**Hint:** Avpur va gur orrpu onfr.

**43. 37° 10.733' N      076° 33.925' W**

**Welcome to NNCiP** (Small)

Difficulty: X out of 5.      Terrain: 1 out of 5

**Hint:** None

**46. 37° 10.914' N      076° 33.216' W**

**Rattle fish** (Small)

Difficulty: 1.5 out of 5.      Terrain: 1.5 out of 5

This is a small site located off a trail behind NNCiP's Information Centers. For your safety, DO NOT PARK on the side of Jefferson Avenue (VA-143). Please park at the Information Center. Park is open from sunrise to sunset. Bring your own geocaching fishing gear (three feet of string with a loop tied on one end.) because the rattle fish are in season. Be sure to use the catch and release method as we want to make sure that there will be fish for others to catch. Please release it back where you caught it. Also make sure you stop by the information center for more information about geocaching in NNCiP and remember that vehicles are not allowed on the bike ways. This site has been approved by and registered with Newport News Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Registration #0002.

**Hint:** None

**49. 37° 10.914' N      076° 33.216' W**

**VA CHB #5** (Multi)

Difficulty: X out of 5.      Terrain: 1 out of 5

**Hint:** None