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Compass Trail 1: Camp Bethel Fun Facts

Color Code: **Purple** (small metal plates on stakes are bordered in purple)

Estimated time to complete: 1 - 1 ¼ hours

Description: Enjoy a stroll along main camp to some of the places that are important to our history and camp life, while learning some fun facts about camp. Most of the terrain is flat, with the exception of a 15-minute hike up a small hill that is one of our favorite mini adventures.

Special Equipment: You will need a compass, a copy of the clues, and a [Camp Bethel Site map](#) for this adventure.

1. When Camp is in session, we gather inside for 3 meals a day, but your fact is outside. (Northwest corner)
2. A cool place to picnic, near water springs and playgrounds, a hard look to the Southwest is where this fact can be found.
3. There are no cows here, but you will want to know why, so look for the fact along the South side.
4. 20 paces East of the Shelter by the Spring, you will find a stone structure dedicated to this peaceful friend.
5. Go up the trail to our most beloved tree, then look all around it for a new fact to see.
6. An indoor place to play sports when given the all clear, but your next fact can be found on the Northwest sign to the rear.
7. Skit night fun happens on this stage under roof. The last bench to the Southeast is where to look for the truth.
8. An older relative of our favorite tree; a no longer standing oak. A fun fact is waiting in one of its nooks.
9. Campers gather by the waters coming up from the ground. Another fact on the North bench is waiting to be found.
10. Staff work here daily to create safe play. Look to the Northeast corner for the end of your adventure day.

Self-Guided Adventures: Information

Welcome to Camp Bethel's self-guided adventures! We are glad to offer you this opportunity to get outside and explore God's creation. Each adventure has a theme, a color code (so you don't get mixed up in your wanderings), an estimated time to complete, and a brief description of activity level. Here is what you will need to know and bring so you are prepared for an excellent adventure on your own here at Camp Bethel:

What to wear

- Comfortable, close-toed shoes for walking
- Comfortable clothing that provides protection from the sun/rain

What to bring

- Plenty of water and snacks
- Sunscreen
- Bug/Tick Spray
- A compass (only for the compass adventures) – your smart phone has a compass already installed!
- A map of Camp Bethel. Downloadable [here](#). There are also a limited number of maps on the porch of the camp office. We recommend a printed version of the map for your adventure.
- A GPS unit or smart phone with google maps (only for the GPS adventures)
- Hand sanitizer (these adventures are designed to be no touch adventures, but we recommend that you use hand sanitizer frequently)

Rules to follow while adventuring at Camp Bethel

- All clues or challenges are outdoors, there is no need to enter any facilities.
- You are looking for small metal plates on stakes that have different colored borders.
- Leave all clues where you find them so others can enjoy
- Be mindful of the color code for YOUR adventure. There are many adventures at Camp and we want to keep you on track!
- Look before reaching into dark places. Camp Bethel is home to many wild creatures.
- Avoid going off trail. Most clues or challenges are on trails or common spaces. Help fight erosion by sticking to the paths.
- All of God's creatures are special and important. Enjoy their habitat as an uninvited guest.
- Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Keep Camp Bethel special for the next person or group.
- Leave living things alone. Use only dead and downed items for challenges. (dead standing trees are important to our ecosystem)
- If you encounter another adventurer, be polite but give them space – we have a lot of acres to adventure in!
- Share your successes and adventures on social media and tag Camp Bethel! (#CampBethelVirginia)
- Consider making a donation so we can continue to offer self-guided activities for all.

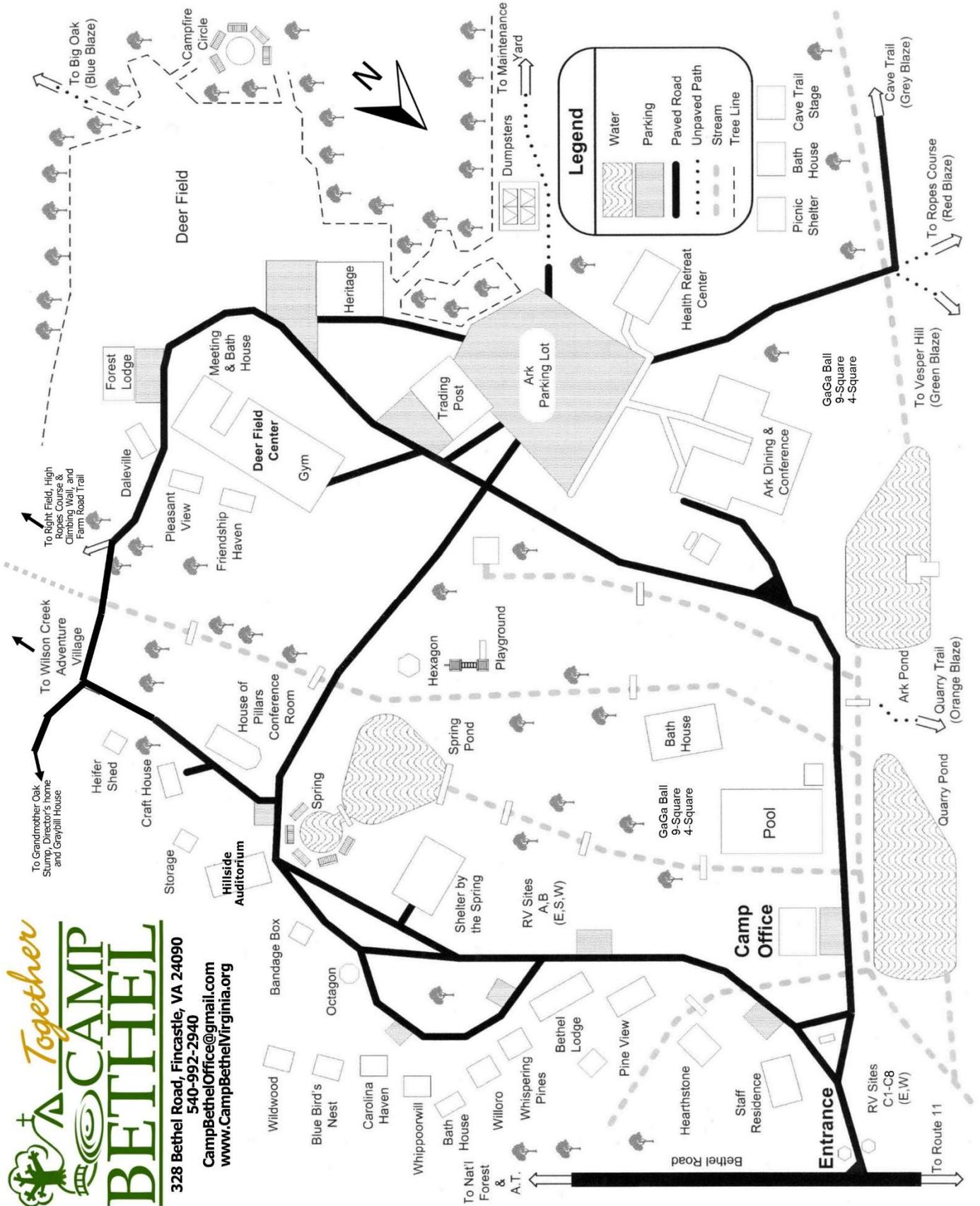


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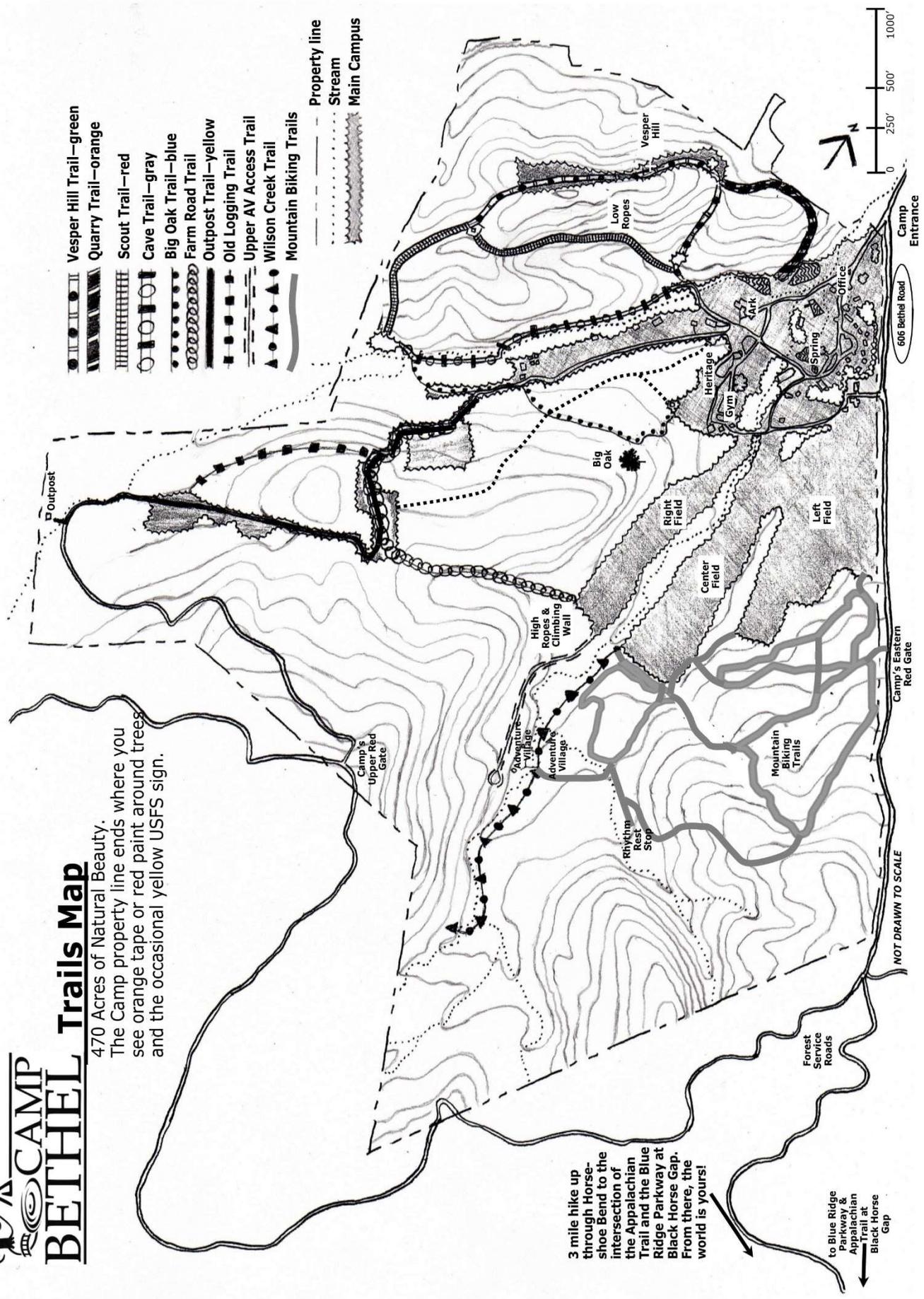




Trails Map

470 Acres of Natural Beauty.
 The Camp property line ends where you see orange tape or red paint around trees and the occasional yellow USFS sign.

- Vesper Hill Trail—green
- Quarry Trail—orange
- Scout Trail—red
- Cave Trail—gray
- Big Oak Trail—blue
- Farm Road Trail
- Outpost Trail—yellow
- Old Logging Trail
- Upper AV Access Trail
- Wilson Creek Trail
- Mountain Biking Trails
- Property line
- Stream
- Main Campus



3 mile hike up through Horse-shoe Bend to the intersection of the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway at Black Horse Gap. From there, the world is yours!

to Blue Ridge Parkway & Appalachian Trail at Black Horse Gap

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