

MULTIUSE NATURAL TRAILS

What is it about nature that draws people to venture on a hike or a short walk through the woods to enjoy the sounds of a babbling stream, or the roar of a river, or to see wild flowers in different seasons, or just escape the everyday hustle and bustle of life. As stated by noted author Bill Bryson, the best way to escape into nature is “A Walk in the Woods”. Many residents of Glenmore are looking for the opportunity to stroll, hike, horseback ride or walk their dogs in the gorgeous natural surroundings in Glenmore. We have 8 miles of trails around Glenmore for that purpose. Below is a description of these trails, and attached is a map showing where the trails are and access points to the trails.

Camp Branch Creek Trail

This trail is perhaps the most beautiful of all the trails, but a challenging hike. It starts at the Glenmore Farm Equestrian Center and passes by the fence at the side of the Manor House. It then drops down the ridge, which is quite steep, to Camp Branch Creek. At the bottom of the ridge it is necessary to cross the creek then continue through the woods by the lovely Camp Branch Creek. The trail crosses the creek several times and ends up at the beginning of the Rivanna Trail. Most of the year the creek crossings can be done without getting your feet wet.

Rivanna Trail

The trail follows the picturesque Rivanna River, with a few signs near the Carroll Creek end to provide some history of the area. It leaves the end of the Camp Branch Creek trail and passes through the woods to the golf course at the 17th green. It follows the golf course until it meets Carroll Creek Road. This trail is well maintained and can be accessed from Queenscroft by way of the Queenscroft Spur Trail or from Carroll Creek Road on the right just before the bridge. It is a delightfully easy walk being relatively flat with no creek crossings to traverse

Carroll Creek Trail. The trail head is at Carroll Creek Road just after the bridge on the left, and passes by a field of wild flowers and through the woods along the creek. During the spring and after prolonged wet weather, hikers

may want to wear waterproof shoes as there can be standing water on the trail at the end near Carroll Creek Road. It crosses the creek once (an easy crossing), crosses the 5th and 6th golf fairways and Newbridge Road. The trail ends at the Pendower Trail. It can be accessed at Carroll Creek Rd, Newbridge Road or at Ferndown Lane by using the Ferndown Spur Trail across from the pond.

Pendower Trail

This is the newest of our trails. Starting at the end of Carroll Creek Trail (at the bottom of Pendower Lane) and goes behind the new houses on Lockerbie Lane. It then comes behind the upper end of Pendower, and behind the Scottish Homes, ending at a gate at Ashton Road (there is a pass-through around this gate). Continue on Ashton Road to Glenmore Way across from the Equestrian Center. The trail is well maintained and a short easy walk. It can be access at Ferndown Lane by way of Ferndown Spur Trail, the cul-de-sac end of Ferndown or at the Scottish Homes end at Ashton Road.

Bluebird Trail

The trail head is on Farrington Road. It goes down the ridge (quite steep) to the open area near Carroll Creek and the 6th tee box. At present the trail is not well marked but is very usable as it requires little maintenance to keep it clear. It stops at the bottom of the ridge and there is no safe creek crossing to meet the Carroll Creek Trail.