

North Creek Walk:

Start Location:

North Creek

Community Center

20125 Arrowhead Rd.

Route details for red route:

Distance: 1.13 miles

Estimated steps:
4773

Estimated calories
burned: 125

Terrain: asphalt



Points of Interest:

- Route allows views of MVF Recreation facilities: North Creek Community Center, tot lot, tennis courts, North Creek Lake and the Nature Center.
 - North Creek Community Center features a 50-meter swimming pool and North Creek Board Room, where many meetings are held (including MVF Board of Directors).
- Walk through one of 12 tunnels that run under streets to make crossing street safer for pedestrians.
 - All 12 were originally owned by Montgomery Village Foundation; five are now owned and maintained by Montgomery County and two are owned and maintained by the owner of the golf course property.
- Before serving as the Nature Center, the building was located at the Village Center and was used as a bus stop for residents to catch a charter bus to Washington DC. The building was moved to its current location in 1977 when the Village Center was fully developed and has been used as nature center for programs and camps ever since.
- North Creek Lake is home to some diverse wildlife in the Village, including the Great Blue Heron; turtles; Canadian Geese; and ducks (such as the Hooded Merganser), among other species. The lake side was the chosen spot for new trees to be planted in honor of Arbor Day 2010, to continue Montgomery Village's Tree City designation.
- The path borders The Points neighborhood, along Aspenwood Drive. Homes here feature unique California Contemporary styling and the entrance to the neighborhood is flanked with cherry blossom trees (beautiful in season when blooming). Path also borders the Dorsey's Regard neighborhood along Shadow Oak Drive. Also a contemporary styled home (townhouses)—both neighborhoods feature rough-sawn wood accents as an architectural detail.
- To extend the trail even more, walkers can take the “secret entrance” to the Seneca Creek Park trail at the North end of the lake.

Edward A DeSimon Walk

Start Location:
Edward A DeSimon Park,
8000 East Village Ave.



Route details:

Distance: 1.50 miles

Estimated steps: 6300

Estimated calories burned:
165

Terrain: asphalt

Points of Interest:

- This recreation area is named for Edward DeSimon, a Kettler Brothers employee who was initially responsible for community site grading and utility construction, later becoming manager of land development and retiring as senior vice president of Kettler Brothers Inc.
 - The park features include a new, handicapped accessible tot lot, tennis courts, paved paths throughout the park and a storm water management pond.
- Ed DeSimon is pictured with Clarence Kettler on the cover of the pictorial history book.
- Bordering neighborhoods include:
Ashford: single family traditional design, 2-story, some with cupolas
Estates: single family traditional design, 2-story, traditional features. The Estates reflects building styles of three developers, a rarity in Montgomery Village.
- Ed DeSimon Recreation Area borders the Webb Tract (currently being developed) and the former Nike Missile property (currently being developed)

Route details:

Distance: 1.58 miles

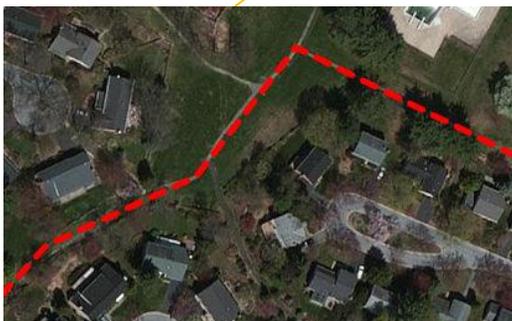
Estimated steps: 6340

Estimated calories burned:
168

Terrain: asphalt/gravel

Whetstone Walk:

Start Location:
Whetstone Community
Center, 19140 Brooke
Grove Ct.



Points of Interest:

- Whetstone Community Center was the first amenity built in Montgomery Village.
 - Community center features tennis courts, a basketball court, a tot lot and a newly renovated pool.
- The Courts are California Contemporary styled single family detached houses with unique zero-lot-line plots. These walled garden homes have private front court yards and brick-walled rear yards.
- Streets in Whetstone are alphabetical
 - Digging Way has unique history for the legendary (and fictitious) General Digging, a Confederate Civil War private was captured by Union troops, escaped and rode out the war wearing the uniform a Union Army General.
- Lake Whetstone is actually a man-made lake and serves as a 27-acre stormwater management facility, fed by streams and overflow from in and around Montgomery Village.
 - Clarence Kettler had the lake drained several times during construction to make sure depth was just right.
 - The portions of the lake that were dug up were turned into the island at the Northern end.
 - The shoreline was created with gentle slope to prevent people (especially children) from falling in.
 - The lake is currently being dredged by Montgomery County to remove sediment buildup.
- North Dock is owned by the Whetstone Homes Corporation and mimics the larger South Dock (owned by MVF) on the opposite side.
 - The island, now a Heron Rookery, used to be the site of July 4th fireworks.
- Tour through Whetstone neighborhoods, the first community built in Montgomery Village.
 - Single family homes with traditional designs and features.
- Wildlife around the lake includes: White and Great Blue herons; Canadian Geese; ducks and other waterfowl; and fish