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• Provide quality trail information to the public to promote trail use

• Create a powerful source for generating new RTC members, donors and activists
TrailLink - Capital Crescent Trail

**Capital Crescent Trail**

District of Columbia, Maryland

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**Description**

The 11-mile Capital Crescent Trail follows the route of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's Georgetown Branch rail line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. It begins in Silver Spring, Maryland, east of the Rock Creek Trestle and curves westward and south through Maryland into Washington, D.C., to end in the heart of historic Georgetown.

For the 7 miles between Georgetown and Bethesda, the Capital Crescent Trail is paved, and much of it includes an adjacent gravel trail for joggers. Between Bethesda and Lyttonsville (3 miles), the trail is surfaced with crushed stone; this segment is called the Georgetown Branch. From Lyttonsville the Georgetown Branch Trail continues for 2 miles as an on-road bike route into downtown Silver Spring. Future plans call for creating a hard surface alongside the proposed Purple Line light rail between Bethesda and downtown Silver Spring, where the Capital Crescent will connect to the Metropolitan Branch Trail.

The asphalt section of the trail connects Georgetown to Bethesda. In Georgetown, the trail travels with the Potomac River on one side and the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park towpath on the other side. From the trail, you can watch the rowing crews of Georgetown University at practice or possibly jog past a senator. Deer, foxes, rabbits, many species of birds and the three different color phases of ubiquitous local squirrels—white, grey and black—also share the trail.

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States: District of Columbia, Maryland
Counties: Montgomery, Washington
Length: 11 miles
Trail endpoints: Laniar Dr. at Talbot Ave. (Silver Spring, MD) to 30th St. NW at Whitehurst Freeway (Georgetown, Washington, D.C.)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone, Gravel
Trail category: Rail Trail
TrailLink ID: 5016038
Trail Activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair Accessible, Mountain Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

**NEARBY TRAILS**

- Rock Creek Trail (MD)
  - State: Maryland
  - Length: 14 miles
  - Surface: Asphalt

- Sligo Creek Trail
  - State: Maryland
  - Distance: 3 miles
  - Surface: Pavement

**Reviews**

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- osborn2ride
  - Rating: 5 stars
  - Date: 2020-01-01
  - Review: "Great trail for a quick run or a leisurely bike ride. Beautiful scenery and easy to follow."

- caledon729
  - Rating: 5 stars
  - Date: 2019-12-31
  - Review: "Love this trail! Perfect for morning runs and bike rides. Easy to follow and beautiful views."

- georgewilliams
  - Rating: 5 stars
  - Date: 2019-12-30
  - Review: "This trail is one of my favorite places to run. It's well-maintained and beautiful."

- johndoe
  - Rating: 5 stars
  - Date: 2019-12-29
  - Review: "Easy to follow and perfect for families. Love the views of the Potomac River."

- jane
  - Rating: 5 stars
  - Date: 2019-12-28
  - Review: "The Capital Crescent Trail is a gem. Perfect for my daily commute."

- bob
  - Rating: 5 stars
  - Date: 2019-12-27
  - Review: "This trail is a must for any cyclist or runner visiting the DC area. Beautiful views and well-maintained."

- alison
  - Rating: 5 stars
  - Date: 2019-12-26
  - Review: "The Capital Crescent Trail is a great place to unwind and enjoy nature. Amazing views!"
Capital Crescent Trail Map
Capital Crescent Trail with Nearby Trails & Google Bike Map Layer
National Map – Washington, DC Metro Area Trail Markers & Polylines
RTC Mapping Initiative Overview 2007-2013

• 2,595 individual trails mapped
• 23,864 miles of trail mapped
• Google Maps & Biking Directions
• Garmin
• Rand McNally
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