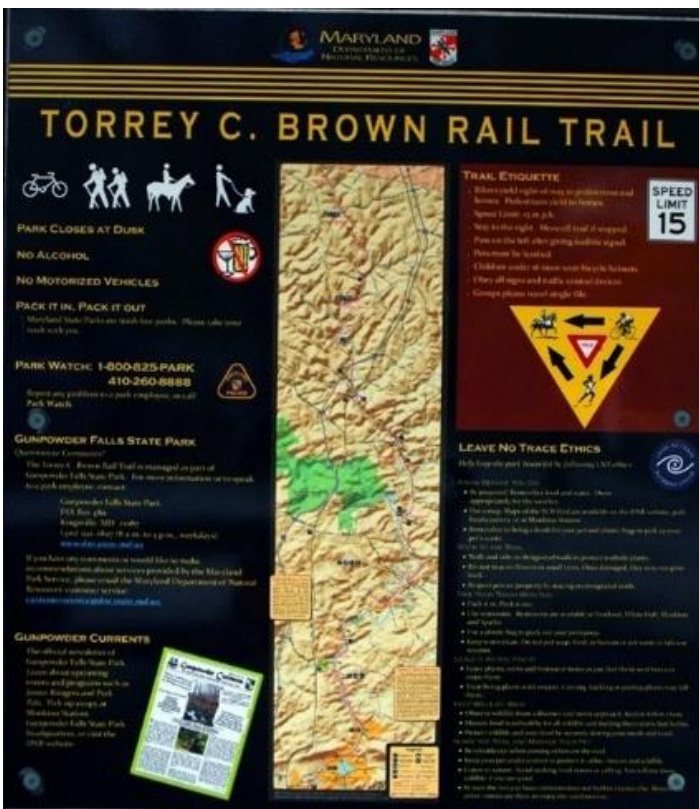
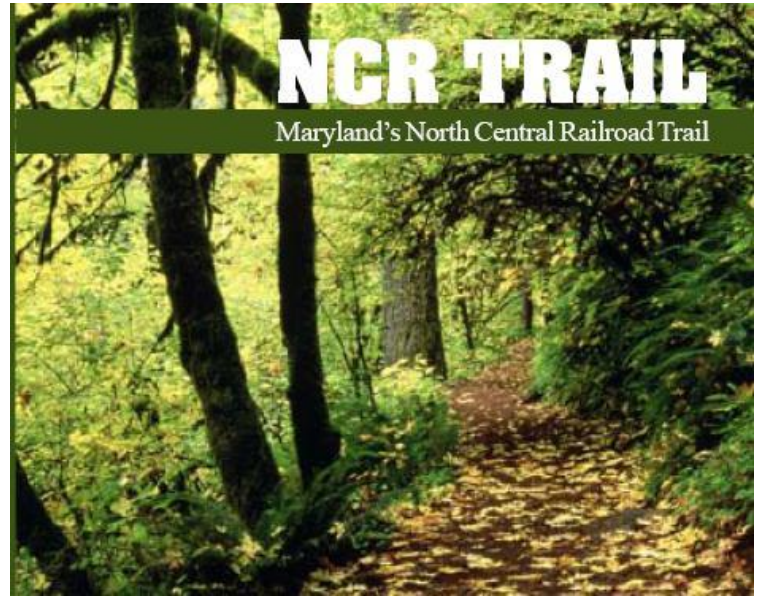


The Northern Central Railroad Trail

The 41 mile NCR trail, built on the **Northern Central Railroad's** bed, opened to the public in 1984 and is a treasured resource of community members.

Ashland is proud to sit at the very start of Northern Central Railroad Trail. Access to the trail is a wonderful benefit that Ashland residents enjoy and share with our neighbors.



The Northern Central Railroad Trail, officially known as the [Torrey C. Brown Trail](#), covers nearly 20 miles in Maryland, stretching from Ashland Road in Hunt Valley to the Mason-Dixon Line and another 21 miles in Pennsylvania. The trail is about 10 feet wide with a stone dust surface; it features mile markers along the whole length. The most popular activities on the trail are hiking, running, bike riding and horseback riding. The trail also provides access for fishing and tubing along the Gunpowder.

The NCR trail continues into Pennsylvania as the [York County Heritage Trail](#), ending in the city of York, PA. The surface changes somewhat in Pennsylvania. The rails are still in place and the trail occasionally crosses from one side of the tracks to the other. The trail in PA features a tunnel and historic Hanover Junction. (NCR Trail Snails)

Bike riders, hikers, runners and horseback riders explore the NCR Trail, a fabulous recreational resource that runs through some of Baltimore County's prettiest areas. The trail runs along the Gunpowder River and state park land. It is well shaded, so it is nice even on the hottest summer days. Parking is available at eight locations including a small lot right here in Ashland and a larger lot a short way up Papermill Road. (Baltimore County)

