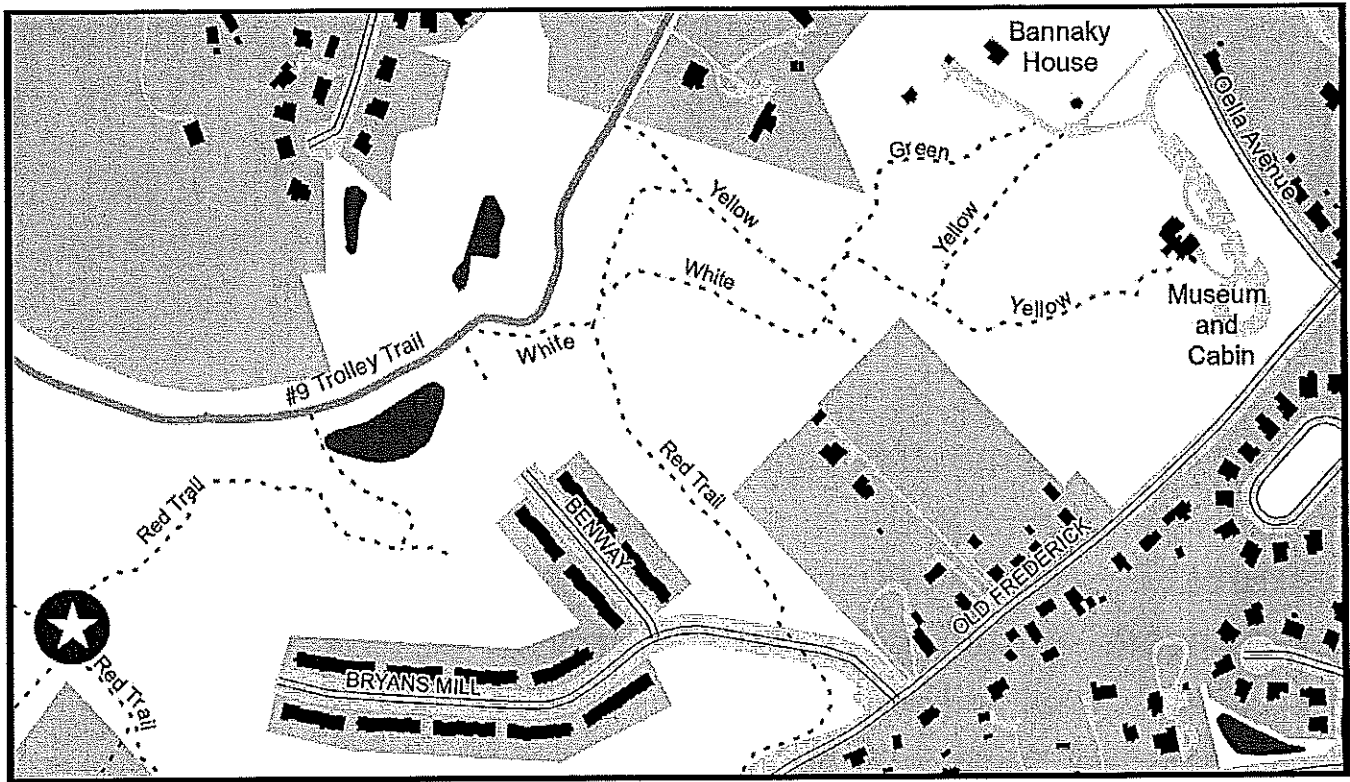


Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum

Red Trail



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER

MAKE TRAIL MARKER RUBBING HERE

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Directions: Take the Yellow Trail, which begins behind the museum, to the historic # 9 Trolley Trail (paved path). At the Trolley Trail turn left. Just past the storm water pond take the Red Trail on the left. Proceed uphill on the wooded Red Trail, continuing over two logs and turning right to follow the red trail markers. Follow the ridge through the beech/hickory forest. The marker is located at the top of the ridge where the red trail meets the blue trail. You can turn around and head back the way you came, or for a longer trek, continue along the red trail back to the Museum.

GPS Coordinates: N 39.26676, W -76.86205

Length: 1 mile from museum to trail marker

Hiking Time: 35 minutes to marker **Difficulty:** Moderate

Features: This is one of the most scenic hikes in Banneker Park with delightful views of the Trolley Trail and Cooper's Branch below. The trail winds through stands of mountain laurel, American beech, and pignut hickory. The property once belonged to Benjamin Banneker and later his friend, George Ellicott, who loaned him astronomy books and a telescope and started him on his brilliant studies of the heavens. Banneker undoubtedly traveled these trails in the late 1700s as he visited and shopped at the Ellicott Company store in what was then Ellicott's Lower Mills.