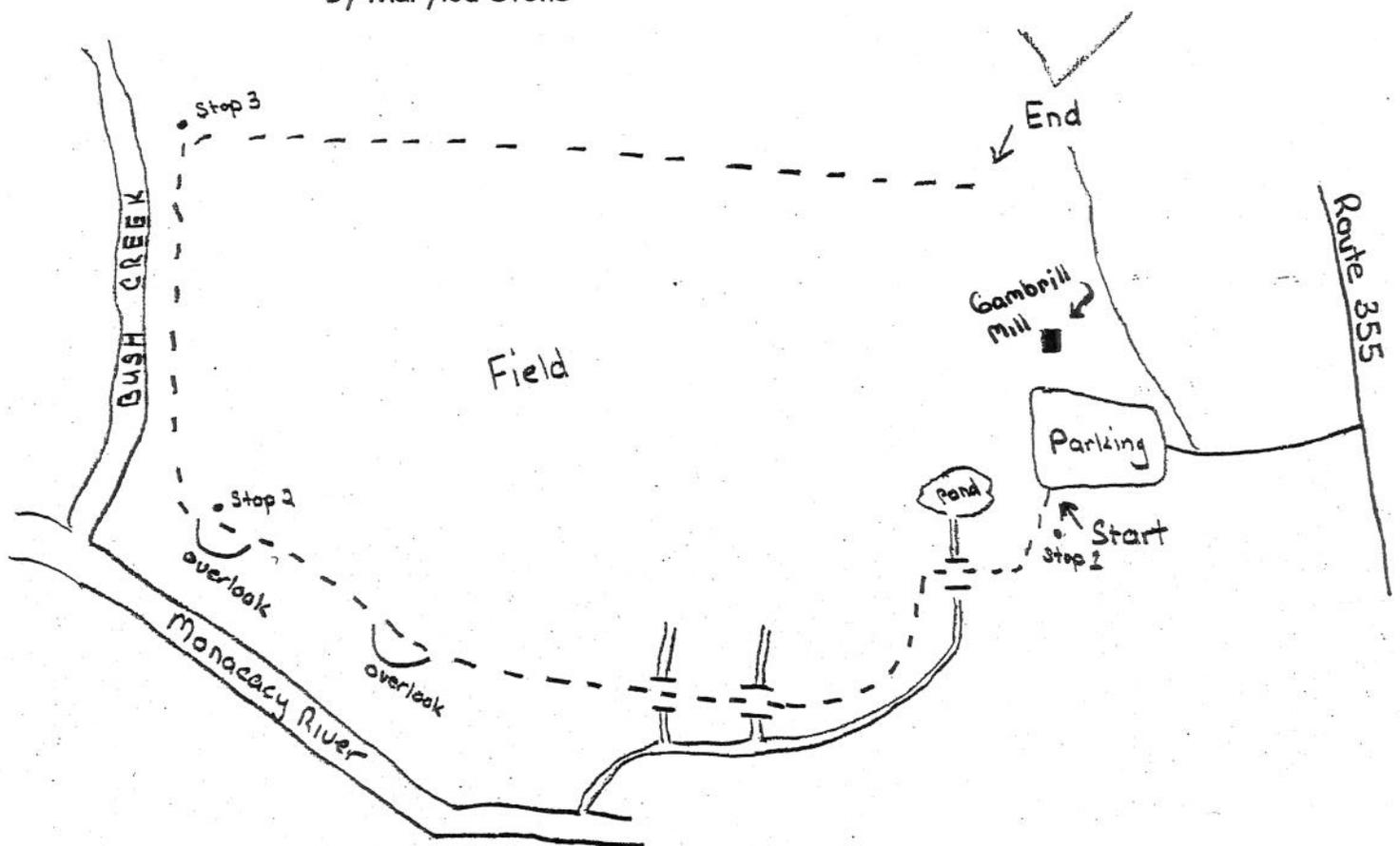


GAMBRILL MILL TRAIL MONOCACY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

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This pleasant and easy $\frac{1}{2}$ mile trail starts at the Gambrill Mill which at one time was called the Araby Mill. The first part of the trail is a boardwalk that crosses streams fed by springs and leads to an overlook of the Monocacy River. The overlook gives views of both bridges that were critical to the battle. The trail then meanders beside Bush Creek and circles back to the Mill.

While walking this trail be on the look out for many birds and wildlife. I spotted the following: American Goldfinch, Eastern Bluebird, Song Sparrow, Mallard Duck, Red-winged Blackbird, Cardinal, Blue Jay, Rabbit, and one Ground Hog. I also spotted 4 different kinds of butterflies.

The National Park has written a wonderful booklet describing the trail and the battle that took place there. It can be purchased at the visitor's center.