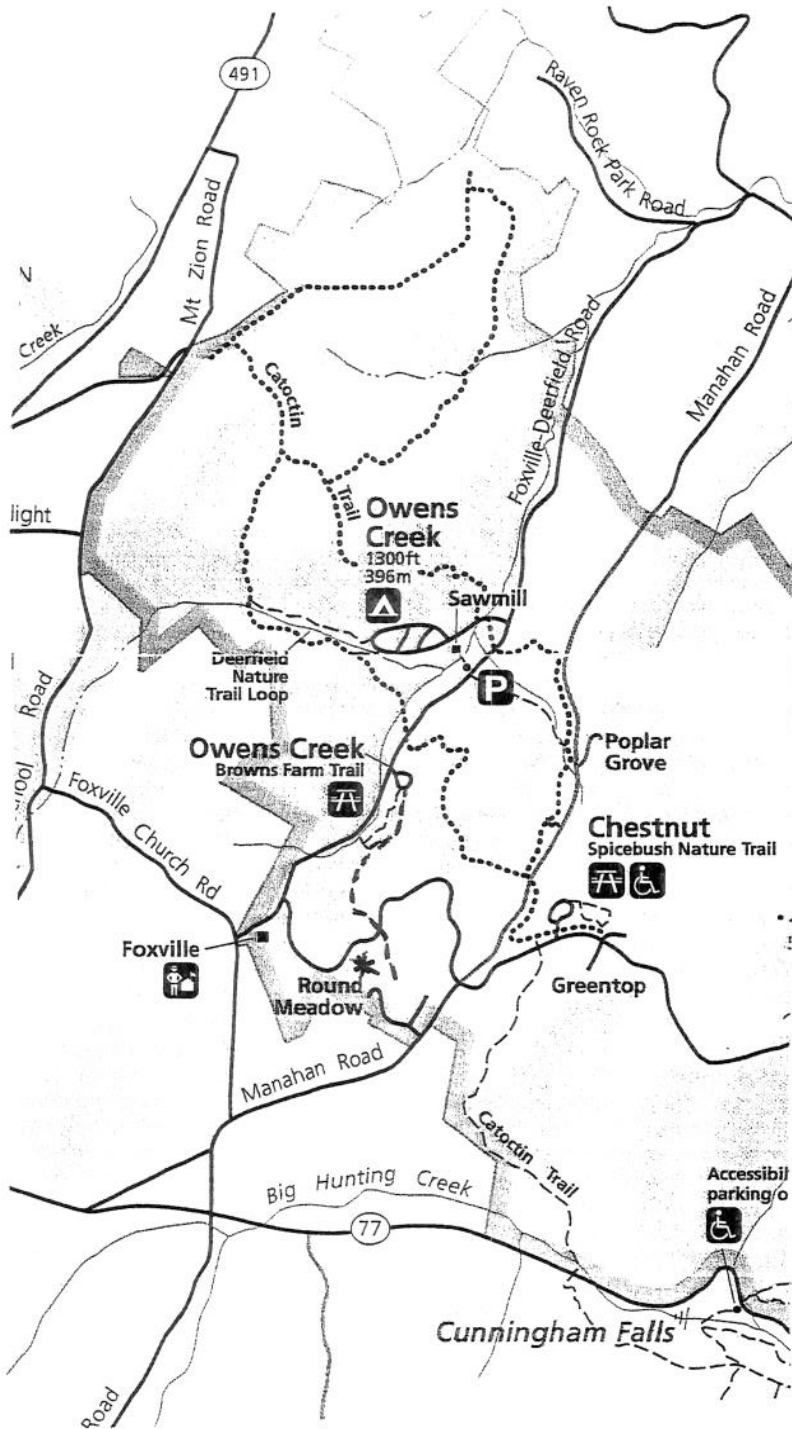


# CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK - ROUND MEADOW TRAIL

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This trail connects the Owens Creek Picnic Area with the Round Meadow Conference Area and uses part of the Brown Farm Trail.

The trail starts just inside the Owens Creek Picnic Area on the right as the Brown Farm Trail. Be aware that the Owens Creek Picnic Area is only open mid-April through the third weekend in November.

The trail to Round Meadow leaves the Brown Farm Trail at the site where the farmhouse stood. It gently climbs up to the Round Meadow Conference Area.

Round trip the trail is approximately 1.2 miles long and is very easy. Caution needs to be taken when the trail crosses Park Central Road.

I hiked this trail on a fall afternoon when the leaves were a golden color. I spotted three deer who just stood and stared at me. I finally got tired of looking at them and moved on. Next four squirrels decided to entertain me with their high speed chases going up and down one particular tree. A chickadee decided that he wanted to join in and let all of us know that he was in charge.