

HILLCREST PARK TRAIL

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This is a very easy trail. It is paved and would be easy to walk while pushing a stroller. This trail is approximately a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile long. I walked this trail four times to make an easy mile. The trail starts at the sidewalk on McCain Drive, loops around the back of the park and joins the sidewalk again. To make the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile loop, follow the sidewalk back to where you started.

The park is located on the corner of Butterfly Lane and McCain Drive. Parking is on the street. The park does have a small play area and baseball diamond as well as a park pavilion.

My favorite area is towards the back of the park where there are tall trees and it invites one to enjoy the shade and the cool breeze.

I walked this park on a hot summer morning. The rabbits were out early as was a large shiny black beetle crossing the path looking for breakfast. I later identified the beetle as a Common Black Ground Beetle. I also spotted a northern cardinal, a catbird, and a family of robins who looked like they were taking flying lessons.