

Utica District Park Walking Trails

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Have you been looking for a trail that you can start just about anywhere on the trail, and still know how far you have walked? If the answer to that question is yes, then Utica Park's walking trails are for you. Every one-tenth of a mile is a stake that has written on it "1/10". If you want to know how far you have walked, just find a one-tenth post and start walking.

Both trails are very easy and both are paved. This means these trails are perfect to walk while pushing a baby stroller. They are also easy to walk no matter what type of shoes you are wearing. Trail 1 is four tenths of a mile long and Trail 2 is nine tenths of a mile long.

I walked both of these trails on a clear, crisp afternoon. I counted 16 different Woolly Worms crossing the path. I spotted two Red Tailed Hawks, 4 Blue Jays, 6 Robins, 8 White Throated Sparrows, and one Killdeer.

To find Utica District Park take 15N to Old Frederick Road. Turn right on Old Frederick Road. After the blinking light, the park will be on the right. The park is open April 1 to March 31 from 8am to 10pm and from November 1 to March 31 from 8am to sunset.

