

WORTHINGTON-MCKINNEY FORD LOOP MONOCACY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

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This trail system encompasses two loops that take you on a self-guided tour through some of the most important and scenic areas of the battlefield. You can park at two different locations. The first parking area will add 1.6 miles to the round trip distance walked. This 0.8 mile trail follows the gravel road back to the Worthington House where the two loops start and finish. The second parking area is at the Worthington House.

I hiked the Worthington-McKinney Ford Loop which is 1.6 miles long and takes you down to and along the Monocacy River then back to the house. The round trip mileage total to the first parking lot is 3.2 miles and to the second parking lot is 1.6 miles. This is a very easy trail with no hills to climb.

I hiked this trail in early September and spotted a great blue heron, many squirrels and groundhogs, and a host of yellow and orange blooming jewel weed.

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.

