

Route

- Follow path from Lakefront Plaza crossing the pedestrian bridge and emerging from the path at Stevens Forest Road. Cross to continue on path to stop at **Cooke Family Cemetery** (1.2 miles).
- Continue on path to sidewalk at White Acre Road at Thunder Hill Road. Cross Thunder Hill Road and pick up path that runs behind Oakland Mills High School, passing Blandair construction.
- Cross Old Montgomery Road and continue on path, cross Tamar Drive to stop at Tot Lot LR 14 to learn about **Jeffers Hill street names** (2.0 miles). Continue on Old Montgomery Road to path on right.
- Follow path to Prophecy Place. Turn right onto Majors Lane. Turn left onto Tamar Drive and pick up path.
- Follow path to Cloudleap Court to **Long Reach Village Center** (3.5 miles) and then proceed along pilot bike lane.
- Cross Snowden River Parkway and turn right onto the path.
- Turn left on April Brook Circle and then pick up the path on right continuing across April Brook Circle and Summer Cloud to Tot Lot LR 21 to learn about **Kendall Ridge** (5.7 miles). Continue on path to Tamar Drive. Cross Snowden River Parkway. Turn right on Snowden River Parkway sidewalk and pick up path.
- Emerge from path and turn right on Stonecutter Road.
- Turn left on Hayshed and left to pick up path to **Jackson Pond** (8.1 miles). Continue on path, Cross Blade Green Lane, and continue to Phelps Luck Drive.
- Turn left on Phelps Luck Drive, cross Phelps Luck Drive. Turn right on Billow Row. Turn right on Summer Hollow Lane. Turn left on Broken Timber and pick up path on left to Tot Lot OM 6 to learn about **Thunder Hill street names** (9.5 miles).
- Emerge from path at White Acre Road. Turn right to Stevens Forest Road. Cross Stevens Forest and pick up path back to Lakefront.
- Return to Lakefront Plaza or take path around Lake Kittamaqundi to **Kennedy Gardens** (12 miles) and follow path to return to the starting point.

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- **Cooke Family Cemetery** The grave markers of George Cooke and family members tie Columbia to its agrarian past. Cooke, a local farmer in the mid-19th century, recorded the details of his daily life in a diary. The diary has been preserved and is housed at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville. It is perhaps the best surviving description of life in Howard County from 1826 to 1849.
- **Jeffers Hill Street Names** Robinson Jeffers is the inspiration for most of the street names in the village of Long Reach. The 20th century poet made his home in Carmel, California. The beauty of the coastal location figured strongly in his poetry. Jeffers was a favorite of Columbia's first "street namer" Evelyn Menzies. Old Montgomery Road, of course, is an exception to the street naming pattern as it pre-dated Columbia. It is named for the Revolutionary War general Richard Montgomery.
- **Long Reach Village Center** Columbia's fourth village center opened April 3, 1974. Similar to the other existing centers it housed a supermarket and a variety of small stores, offices and services as well as the Columbia Art Center and Stonehouse which are important amenities and contribute to the unique history of the center. Renovation is a part of growth and Long Reach is currently undergoing study by Howard County, Columbia Association and the people of Columbia to help guide the future of Long Reach Village Center.
- **Kendall Ridge** Long Reach is the only village in Columbia with four neighborhoods. Kendall Ridge, the "new" neighborhood in Long Reach began in 1988. Because of its proximity to I-95 it was advertised as convenient commuting to Baltimore or Washington as well as Gateway and the other employment centers along Snowden River Parkway. Controversy over the density resulted in additional open space and the path this ride utilizes. Like the names in the other Long Reach neighborhoods the street names are drawn from the works of Robinson Jeffers.
- **Jackson Pond** Hittman Associates developed this pond from an existing farm pond in the early 1970s during the development of Phelps Luck. It was part of a study of the effect of urbanization and storm water pollution control measures on water quality and stream ecology. Originally known as Hittman Pond it was renamed for Howard Jackson in 1978. As part of Columbia's open space, Columbia Association continues to maintain it and improve ways to capture the sediment. A forebay, constructed in 2007, was recently dredged revealing the retaining dam at the top of the pond. CA is also working on a design to fix the weir upstream.
- **Thunder Hill Street Names** Most street names in Columbia are derived from the works of poets, authors and artists. The idea sprung from the need to find names for over one thousand streets. The theme seemed just about perfect — the best art and literature reflected in the city being built to be the best in the country. In Thunder Hill the names are drawn from the works of American artist Andrew Wyeth.
- **Kennedy Gardens** A serene public space on the undeveloped side of Lake Kittamaqundi was dedicated as Kennedy Gardens in honor of Pat Kennedy upon his retirement as the president of the Columbia Association. He had served the organization from 1972 to 1998 overseeing the implementation of the many facilities, programs and events that met the needs of Columbia and enhanced the quality of life for its citizens as it grew from a small town of 19,000 to a city of close to 100,000.

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