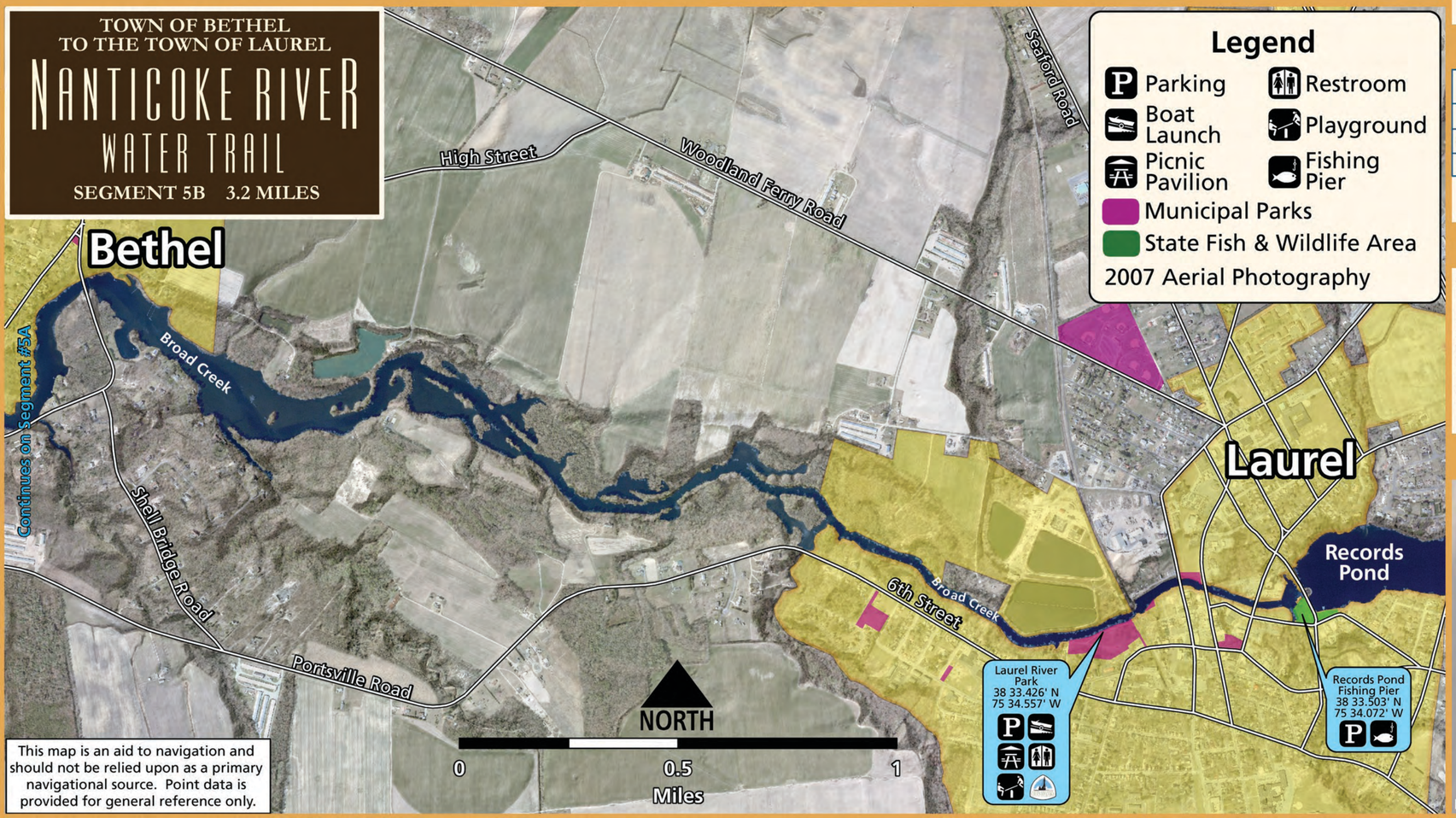
MOUTH OF BROAD CREEK TO THE TOWN OF BETHEL
NANTICOKE RIVER WATER TRAIL
SEGMENT 5A 4.7 MILES

TOWN OF BETHEL TO THE TOWN OF LAUREL
NANTICOKE RIVER WATER TRAIL
SEGMENT 5B 3.2 MILES



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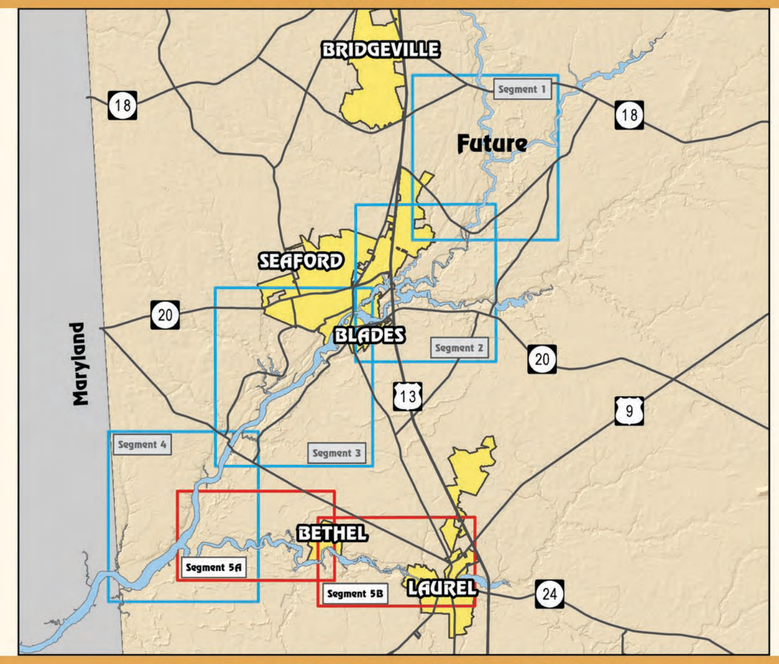
OVERVIEW MAP



PADDLING CHECKLIST

- File a Float Plan with a Friend
- Life Jacket
- Whistle
- Map and Compass
- GPS (recommended)
- Bailer or Bilge Pump
- Emergency Contacts
- Extra Paddle
- First Aid Kit
- Dry Bag with Extra Clothing
- Sunscreen and Bug Repellent
- Cell Phone
- Drinking Water (one gallon/person/day)

WATER ACCESS AREAS

WATER ACCESS AREA	PARKING	HAND CARRY LAUNCH ONLY	BOAT RAMP	PIER OR TIE-OFF	RESTROOMS
Phillips Landing	Yes	No	3	Yes	Seasonal
Ed Koch Fishing Area	Limited	Yes	No	No	No
Laurel River Park	Yes	No	2	Yes	Seasonal

Public access areas are designated with the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail Logo

PADDLING THE RIVER

Segments 5A and 5B take paddlers up the scenic Broad Creek to the towns of Bethel and Laurel. Paddlers are urged to remain close to the shoreline and out of the channel on the lower reaches of Broad Creek. During peak summer weekend periods, paddlers are likely to encounter recreational power boaters, fishermen and jet skis. Please respect private property. Remember that State Wildlife Areas and other marked rest areas are the only lands open to public access. During the fall months, the Nanticoke Wildlife Area and the River are open to a variety of hunting activities. Be courteous and respectful of others enjoying the magnificent Nanticoke River Watershed. For additional information about the Nanticoke River Water Trail including regional information, visit www.paddlethenanticoke.com.

LEAVE NO TRACE OUTDOOR ETHICS

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO
Be prepared! Don't forget clothing to protect you from heat, cold, and rain. Remember to bring a map that covers the area you will be exploring. Read books and talk to people before you go.

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND
Leave plants, rocks, and historical items as you find them so the next person can enjoy them.

RESPECT WILDLIFE
Observe animals from a distance and never approach, feed, or follow them.

TRASH YOUR TRASH
Pack it in, pack it out. Put litter, even crumbs in trash cans or carry it home. KEEP WATER CLEAN. Do not put soap, food, or waste in lakes, streams, or rivers.

BE KIND TO OTHER VISITORS
Make sure the fun you have in the outdoors does not bother anyone else. Remember that other visitors are there to enjoy the outdoors. Listen to nature. Avoid making loud noises or yelling. You will see more animals if you are quiet.

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