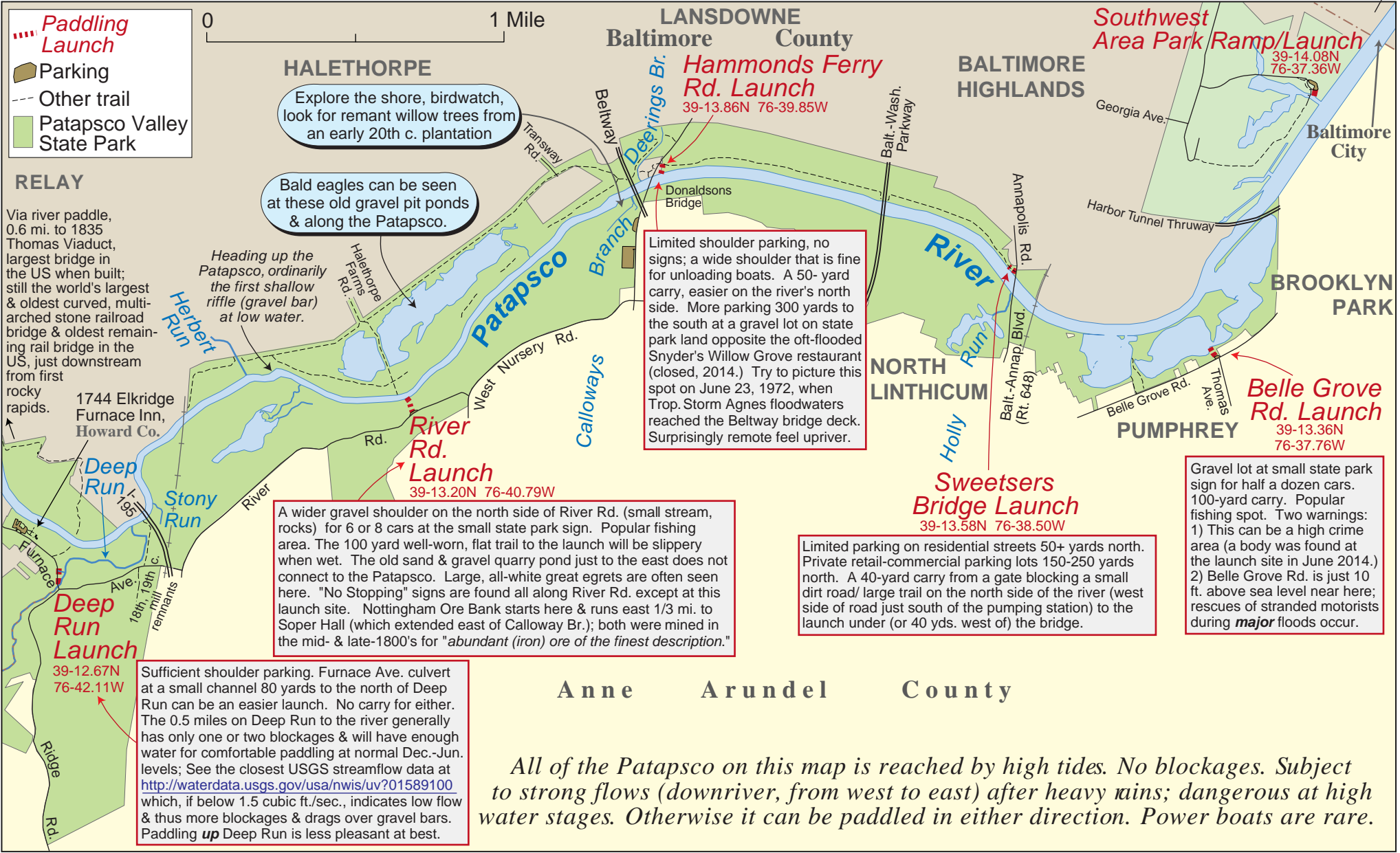


Anne Arundel County Water Trail(AACWT.org): MAP 1: NW Section

0.6 mi. to Gwynns Falls Trail terminus at Cherry Hill Park & 1.9 mi. to Masonville Cove Environ. Educ. Ctr.



Legend

- Paddling Launch
- Parking
- Other trail
- Patapsco Valley State Park

RELAY
Via river paddle, 0.6 mi. to 1835 Thomas Viaduct, largest bridge in the US when built; still the world's largest & oldest curved, multi-arched stone railroad bridge & oldest remaining rail bridge in the US, just downstream from first rocky rapids.

Explore the shore, birdwatch, look for remnant willow trees from an early 20th c. plantation

Bald eagles can be seen at these old gravel pit ponds & along the Patapsco.

Heading up the Patapsco, ordinarily the first shallow riffle (gravel bar) at low water.

Limited shoulder parking, no signs; a wide shoulder that is fine for unloading boats. A 50-yard carry, easier on the river's north side. More parking 300 yards to the south at a gravel lot on state park land opposite the oft-flooded Snyder's Willow Grove restaurant (closed, 2014.) Try to picture this spot on June 23, 1972, when Trop. Storm Agnes floodwaters reached the Beltway bridge deck. Surprisingly remote feel upriver.

A wider gravel shoulder on the north side of River Rd. (small stream, rocks) for 6 or 8 cars at the small state park sign. Popular fishing area. The 100 yard well-worn, flat trail to the launch will be slippery when wet. The old sand & gravel quarry pond just to the east does not connect to the Patapsco. Large, all-white great egrets are often seen here. "No Stopping" signs are found all along River Rd. except at this launch site. Nottingham Ore Bank starts here & runs east 1/3 mi. to Soper Hall (which extended east of Calloway Br.); both were mined in the mid- & late-1800's for "abundant (iron) ore of the finest description."

Sufficient shoulder parking. Furnace Ave. culvert at a small channel 80 yards to the north of Deep Run can be an easier launch. No carry for either. The 0.5 miles on Deep Run to the river generally has only one or two blockages & will have enough water for comfortable paddling at normal Dec.-Jun. levels; See the closest USGS streamflow data at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?01589100> which, if below 1.5 cubic ft./sec., indicates low flow & thus more blockages & drags over gravel bars. Paddling up Deep Run is less pleasant at best.

Limited parking on residential streets 50+ yards north. Private retail-commercial parking lots 150-250 yards north. A 40-yard carry from a gate blocking a small dirt road/ large trail on the north side of the river (west side of road just south of the pumping station) to the launch under (or 40 yds. west of) the bridge.

Gravel lot at small state park sign for half a dozen cars. 100-yard carry. Popular fishing spot. Two warnings: 1) This can be a high crime area (a body was found at the launch site in June 2014.) 2) Belle Grove Rd. is just 10 ft. above sea level near here; rescues of stranded motorists during **major** floods occur.

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All of the Patapsco on this map is reached by high tides. No blockages. Subject to strong flows (downriver, from west to east) after heavy rains; dangerous at high water stages. Otherwise it can be paddled in either direction. Power boats are rare.