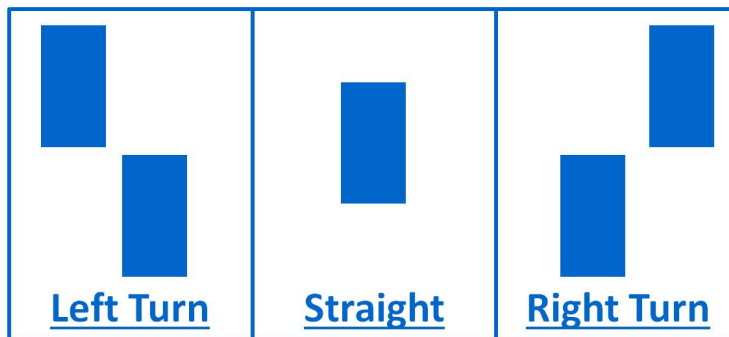


# M-DT CHALLENGE



## Follow the Blue Blazes

**Event:** The M-DT Challenge (7-mile Challenge on the Mason-Dixon Trail)

**Date:** 0800 hrs, November 10, 2018 (An early start is authorized but not required for anyone hiking the course. Just message the RD at [rdbart64@msn.com](mailto:rdbart64@msn.com))

**Location:** Glen Cove Marina 3801 Berkley Rd, Darlington, MD (39.671804, -76.203290)

**Course:** Out-and-back, unmarked (aside from the blue blazes that mark the trail), from Glen Cove Marina (39.671804, -76.203290) to Broad Creek Boat Launch (39.694977, -76.241065) and back.

**Cost:** Free, for a donation of \$3 you will receive a draw string bag with the event logo printed on it. Donations will cover the cost of the bag and supplies. All extra donations will go to the Mason-Dixon Trail System.

**Registration:** Event day starting at 0730 hrs.

**Bathrooms:** On site, heated and air conditioned with running hot water.

**Notes:** The Mason-Dixon Trail is marked as a typical hiking trail. Blue blazes on trees, telephone poles, fence posts, guard rails, and so on indicate the path. The trail will be cleared and well blazed prior to the challenge.

This "Challenge" includes the task of following the course blazes and remaining on the Mason-Dixon Trail. This feature makes it mentally demanding. You must always be watching for the blazes in order to stay on course. If you have not seen a blaze for a few minutes, you may be off course and should backtrack to the last blaze and determine where you went wrong. Several participants will go off-course during the challenge. If you expect - and accept - that you will, too, it won't be quite as frustrating. The key to a successful challenge is to realize it quickly. Obviously, those who have been on the trail before will have some advantage. If you are unsure of yourself, link up with someone who knows the course.

**The standard Fat-Ass disclaimer applies: No Fee, No Frills, No Wimps, No Whining!**

### M-DT Challenge Turn-by-Turn Instructions

- Start/Finish - Glen Cove Marina (*store with outdoor supplies, vending machines, snacks, restrooms, water, and picnic tables*). Go right, crossing Peddlers Run (foot-bridge). To left: ample parking.
- 0.2 M - Pass a ruin, follow shoreline. *Near the ruin there is a small campsite which may be used by small youth groups only (call Butch Young, operator of Glen Cove marina, at 410-836-3761 for camping permission.)*
- 0.7 M - Stay to right at forks, skirting Indian Lake Christian Camp.
- 0.9 M - Turn left, uphill, on pipeline clearing, then right, downhill, on dirt road (River Rd)
- 1.3 M - Large cliff on left; veer left (uphill) at junction.
- 1.4 M - River Road begins to follow power line.
- 1.9 M - Lafayette Cove and Creek, momentarily in woods, not under power line. *The General forded the river near here in 1781 with his men enroute to Yorktown.*
- 2.2 M - Leave power line, descend to cross small stream, climb up steep hillside, turn right on road and in 100 feet turn left on trail across rocky area above cottages.
- 2.4 M - Follow dug-in trail that gradually ascends across slope above the river.
- 2.6 M - Turn right on woods road.
- 2.7 M - Bald Hill, at 440 feet above sea level and 330 feet almost directly above the Susquehanna River is the high point of this section. The woods are rather stunted here due to this fairly rare serpentine "bald" geology. This is the only spot along the M-DT that this geology can be found.
- 2.8 M - A 100 yard long orange-blazed trail leads off to the right for the best 4-county, 2-state view on the M-DT.
- 2.9 M - Turn right on gravel road.
- 3.1 M - Turn left on trail.
- 3.3 M - Veer right on an old road bed (old Flintville Rd).
- 3.5 M - Cross over old wooden plank bridge to Broad Creek public boat (Turn Around) launch paved road (Broad Creek Park Road).