



**Gilbert Run Park**

**Directions from Beltway**

Take Exit 7A (Branch Ave/ Route 5) South to Waldorf  
 Route 5 will merge with Route 301 in Waldorf  
 Stay on Route 301 to LaPlata \*\*Do not make any turns\*\*  
 6<sup>th</sup> Light in LaPlata is Route 6 (Charles St.)  
 Turn left (East on Route 6)  
 The Park is 12 miles down Route 6 on the left  
 (Look for brown ‘Gilbert Run Park’ sign)

**Mission Statement**

The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long and short term planning, and have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility.

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1. Park Entrance
2. Brookside Pavilion
3. Amphitheater Pavilion and Restrooms
4. Parking Lot
5. South Bridge Pavilion
6. Playground
7. Playground Pavilion
8. Hilltop Pavilion and Restrooms
9. Parking Lot
10. Park Office,  
Boating & Fishing Pavilion,  
Restrooms, Boat Rentals and Concessions
11. Dockside Pavilion
12. Volleyball Courts and Horseshoe Pits
13. Nature Trail (approx. 2 miles)
14. Bridge
15. Fishing Pier
16. Fishing Pavilion

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**Charles County**  
 Department of  
 Public Works  
 Parks and Grounds  
 Division

**301-932-1083**

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## Welcome

Charles County Department of Public Facilities welcomes you to Gilbert Run Park. Within the 180 acres of wooded parkland, 60 acres comprise Wheatley Lake. This man-made lake offers an extensive opportunity for outdoor recreational activities.

Throughout this brochure, you will find helpful information regarding the park. If you have any questions, please call the park directly and our staff will be happy to assist you.

### Available Facilities and Activities

- Boat rentals (Pedal boats, canoes, & rowboats)
- Boat launching ramp
- Fishing
- Playground
- Picnic areas with charcoal grills
- Group picnic pavilions
- Nature trails
- Horseshoes
- Volleyball
- Hiking trails
- Live bait and fishing tackle
- Restrooms

AND MORE!!

### Rules and Regulations

Rules and regulations are posted throughout the park. Please familiarize yourself with the “Do’s and Don’ts” of the park.

**ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED**

## Fishing

Charles County Public Facilities and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources are coordinating efforts in improving Gilbert Run Park. This includes annual trout stockings, establishing man-made underwater structures for added habitat and implementing a year-round closed season on largemouth bass (catch and release only)

Maryland DNR Regulations apply and are enforced by Wildlife Officers.

The 60 acre freshwater lake offers fishing opportunities for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, catfish and stocked trout. Fishing licenses are required (16 years and older) **and are not sold at the park.** A trout stamp is required to keep any trout (five per day limit). There are five fishing piers available in various locations around the lake. A free boat launch is available to the public (ONLY electric motors are allowed). Rules and regulations governing boat use are enforced by DNR.

### School Field Trips

On weekdays, all of Gilbert Run Park’s facilities are available to school groups through a reservation system. Groups must contact the park office a minimum of two weeks in advance to secure a permit. Weekday school groups will be charged a reservation fee for the use of the facilities.

### For Further Information Please Contact:

**Gilbert Run Park  
1001 Radio Station Rd.  
La Plata, Md. 20646  
(301) 932-1083**

## Picnic Areas

There are numerous picnic tables available to the public. Picnic pavilions are also available for rental - these are ideal for group and most company picnics. Reservations are required for pavilions; if interested, please call the park office. Also, visit our website for photos and description of picnic areas.

### Hours of Operation

March - Weekends only  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

April 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday  
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

May 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday  
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

September 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>  
Monday - Sunday  
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

October 1<sup>st</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Monday - Sunday  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

November - Saturdays & Sundays  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Park closes for season after the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in November. (Walk-in use only)

### Entry Fees

**A \$5.00 per vehicle entry fee is charged (weekends & holidays)**  
April 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>.