

## **Upper Patapsco Access points (listed moving upstream). 1 pager**

**Avalon Area.** Park entrance fee booth off Route 1, large parking lots. Well stocked, with a 5 trout limit. Many of the deeper holes filled with silt/gravel since removal of 2 in-stream dams. Area near the swinging bridge holds trout and white perch seasonally, smallmouth and sunfish year-around. Steep banks on right (parking lot side). Swinging bridge area is good fishing.

**Green Bridge at Old Frederick Road.** Parking for maybe 10 vehicles. Howard County side take railroad track trail upstream or downstream. River stocked to Route 70 bridge pilings / abutments. Heavily fished, heavily stocked. Two-trout limit keeps some trout around.

**Alberton Road** immediately after you cross Dogwood Road bridge. There is a small parking lot to the left. Accommodates 8 vehicles. Heavily fished and dogwalkers, sun bathers, and rock climbers park there. Two-trout limit. State stocks 4-5 major holes and fish spread. Plenty of sunfish and some small to medium sized bass. Can hike from here to Daniels Dam, walking along the abandoned Alberton Road roadbed most of the way. Easy access. My favorite area.

**Daniels Dam.** The parking lot is at the dam's tailwaters, with approximately 10 parking spaces. Park above the dam, where there are 5 spaces and a canoe / kayak launch site. Downstream 2 trout limit and heavily stocked. Holds fish, especially if wading but expect crowds and littering.

**Marriottsville Road, Howard County side,** parking lot on left for about 15 vehicles before the bridge. Walk upstream for about 4-6 big holes and nice riffles and runs. MD DNR stocks trout upstream to the railroad bridge. Easy access following railroad tracks for the horse trail that parallels the river. Five trout limit. Walk downstream of the Marriottsville parking lot to find a few good pools and confluence of Piney Run with South Branch. Walk further downstream (you can follow railroad tracks). There is a big hole that is heavy stocked just above the falls. Tough to flyrod fish, but it has fish early season. Be careful, water deep and banks steep

**River Road at Sykesville.** **Parking in several places here.** At the local park on the right has you approach Sykesville bridge, along River Road itself with 3 or 4 pull offs along the creek and a 5 vehicle parking area just before the river turns way from the road. The good news is that the river here is easily accessible and well stocked with trout, some years weekly stockings for 8 weeks. That is also bad news, as it brings intense fishing pressure. But catch it early or late in the day, especially weekdays and trout, smallmouth, chubs and sunfish are there too. But solitude is rare here. You can explore some by going downstream of River Road, on the Carrol County side.

**Option two is going upstream of Sykesville Bridge.** This is a delayed harvest area restricted to artificial lures / flies only until June 1<sup>st</sup>. It holds trout seasonally, and has nice easy access from Gaither Road via TrailView Road. (you need to look at a detailed map to find this). Or you can walk up the railroad tracks from Sykesville bridge on Carrol County side. It is tough walk on the tracks. Best to check a Google map and get the access from a asphalt trail in the development off Trail View Road. The delayed harvest regulations and hike in reduce fishing pressure here – sometimes solitude.