

## Cabin John Creek and Its Named Tributaries

Divided into 23 Segments:

### Mainstem

Main stem of Cabin John Creek, upper segment (north of Montrose Road)

Main stem of Cabin John Creek, middle-upper segment (south of Montrose, north of Bradley Boulevard)

Main stem of Cabin John Creek, middle-lower segment (south of Bradley Boulevard, north of River Road)

Main stem of Cabin John Creek, lower segment (south of River Road)

### Bogley Branch

Upper Bogley Branch (north of Stratton Drive)

Middle Bogley Branch (between Stratton and Montrose)

Lower Bogley Branch (south of Montrose Road)

### Old Farm Creek

Upper Old Farm Branch (north of Montrose Road)

Lower Old Farm Branch (south of Montrose Road)

### Snakeden Creek

Upper Snakeden Branch (north of Tuckerman)

### Buck Branch

Lower Snakeden Branch (south of Tuckerman)

Upper Buck Branch (north of Bells Mill Road)

Middle Buck Branch (between Bells Mill Road and Democracy Boulevard)

Lower Buck Branch (south of Democracy Boulevard)

### Ken Branch

Upper Ken Branch (north of Newbridge Drive)

Lower Ken Branch (south of Newbridge Drive)

### Thomas Branch

Upper Thomas Branch (north of Democracy Boulevard)

Middle Thomas Branch (aka Beltway Branch) (between Democracy and Bradley)

Lower Thomas Branch (aka Beltway Branch) (south of Bradley)

### Congressional Branch

Congressional Country Club Branch

### Booze Creek

Upper Booze Creek (north of Bradley Boulevard)

Middle Booze Creek (between Bradley Boulevard and River Road)

Lower Booze Creek (south of River Road)

## Stream and Trail Cleanups Access Points

Some “ground-truthing” (i.e., actually walking the creek) has already been done to confirm the accuracy of the discussion below, but more ground-truthing would help to flesh out and improve much of this discussion. Please let Mike Northridge know of any suggested edits, etc. ([mikenorthridge@msn.com](mailto:mikenorthridge@msn.com)).

### Mainstem of Cabin John Creek

Broken into four segments: upper, middle-upper, middle-lower, lower

#### Upper Segment of Mainstem (North of Montrose Road)

The mainstem first “daylights” ~10 yards south of Fleet Street by the northwest corner of Richard Montgomery High School, between Monroe Street and Park Avenue. It flows south and goes under Mount Vernon Place and then east of West Lynfield Drive and into Elwood Smith Park. After exiting the south end of Elwood Smith Park, it flows between East Lynfield Drive and West Lynfield Drive and goes under Cabin John Parkway. *[It is joined near there by a tributary that starts at Lake New Mark (which has New Mark Esplanade on west, Monroe Street on east and south, and West Argyle Street some distance to north). From the lake (which may be the second largest in the Cabin John Creek watershed), this tributary exits southeast, going under Monroe Street, then parallel to Cabin John Parkway (along north and east) and then Waddington Lane (to west and south).]* The mainstem then follows the western edge of Cabin John Parkway, before going under the city’s Millennium Trail and Wootton Parkway at a point east of the intersection with Tower Oaks Boulevard. It then parallels Tower Oaks Boulevard (which is to the west) before being joined by a tributary from the east. According to Shannon Philbin, the city of Rockville conducts its periodic monitoring of the condition of the creek just above the point where this tributary joins from the east. (Ought to confirm that this is what Shannon indicated.) *[This tributary starts by the southeast corner of the intersection of Rockville Pike and Wootton Parkway, and runs south into the west side of Dawson Farm Park. Exiting the park, it apparently runs under Ritchie Parkway and then daylights again when Ritchie Parkway ends at Edmonston Drive. It runs southwest before going under Wootton Parkway, across the north portion of Booz Allen’s offices at Two Preserve Parkway, and then under Preserve Parkway and behind Clyde’s restaurant before joining the mainstem.]* The mainstem goes under Preserve Parkway and then under Tower Oaks Boulevard close to westbound Montrose’s entrance ramp to 270 north. The mainstem passes a small WSSC out-building there and then goes through a large tunnel under Montrose Road. *[Before the tunnel, it is joined by another unnamed tributary, which runs along the edge of the North Farm development. This tributary originates on the grounds of Woodmont Golf Course and is later accessible between 10 and 11 Farm Haven Court (leading to fence by Woodmont golf course) and at Rockville city’s North Farm Park (picnic shelter opposite 602 Farm Pond Lane).]*

#### Access Points to upper segment of Mainstem (north of Montrose)

- Richard Montgomery High School’s northwest corner, parking lot off Fleet Street.
- New Mark Esplanade provides direct access to the lake itself, and where the tributary exits the lake to the southeast.
- Elwood Smith Park, at north end of West Lynfield Drive, Rockville.
- Dogwood Park, entrance off Leverton Road, Rockville 2005 cleanup began here and followed creek north to Elwood Smith Park. FoCJC also supported a 2013 cleanup here.

- Corner of Tower Oaks Boulevard and Wootton Parkway, Rockville. The 2003 report about FoCJC's monitoring project mentions that one of the monitoring locations was "Tower Oaks (GEICO)" with a GPS of "39.03.35, 77.09.05." Query where exactly along Tower Oaks Boulevard did FoCJC conduct its monitoring. (I'm not aware of any "GEICO office" currently there.)
- Clyde's restaurant's parking lot (Two Preserve Parkway, Rockville).
- 3203 Tower Oaks Boulevard, Rockville. There's access to the creek behind the office parking lot for Washington Plastic Surgery Group.

Middle-Upper Segment of Mainstem (south of Montrose, north of Bradley)

After going under Montrose Road by the westbound lane's entrance ramp to 270 north, the creek enters Wolfree Park (west of Whippoorwill Lane). It then goes under 270 (just where exit 4A northbound ramp starts) and enters Cabin John Regional Park, where it is joined from the west by **Bogley Branch**. It passes east of the Goya Drive trailhead and along the Cabin John Regional Park hiking trail. East of the park's 7701 Tuckerman Lane parking lot, the mainstem is joined by the **Old Farm Branch** from the east. The creek then goes under Tuckerman and runs west of the large playground, then under the power line, and then west of a recreation baseball field. It is then joined by the **Snakeden Branch** from the west. It then runs south, with Muirfield Court and Muirfield Drive and Turning Creek Court (*no ready access off these*) on the west, and Spring Lake Drive and Parthenon Court and Westlake Terrace on the east. (Spring Lake, which may be the largest lake in the Cabin John watershed, drains into the mainstem here.) It then runs south to the Locust Grove Nature Center at 7777 Democracy Boulevard. The creek then goes under Democracy Boulevard, and then under Seven Locks Road, and south of Buckspark Lane East and then south of Buckspark Lane West, where **Buck Branch** joins from the west.

Possible Access Points to Middle-Upper Segment of Mainstem (south of Montrose, north of Bradley)

- Access into Wolfree Park from (trailhead at ...?) intersection of Old Stage Road and Dinwiddie Drive?
- Goya Drive trailhead (northern terminus of Cabin John Trail): FoCJC has run multiple cleanups from this location, which leads into Cabin John Regional Park.
- Unmarked trailhead to Cabin John Regional Park (near 11821 Gainsborough Road)
- Unmarked trailhead (into Cabin John Regional Park) from northeast corner of Cabin John Shopping Center (near Lahinch Irish pub)...
- Cabin John Regional Park picnic area parking lot, 7701 Tuckerman Lane (east of Seven Locks Road): Marta Vogel has run several cleanups starting from this location.
- Cabin John Regional Park parking lot at recreation baseball field west of Shirley Povich baseball field: ample parking; but the trail slopes steeply down to the creek.
- 10462 Parthenon Court: very limited parking; access to an unnamed tributary between Spring Lake and Cabin John Creek mainstem.
- *Private* parking lot behind the condos at 7505 Democracy. It is uncertain whether permission could be obtained to access Spring Lake, which is apparently on private property. (This uncertainty also extends to whether one can permissibly access Spring Lake property from the intersection of Parthenon Court and Westlake Terrace. Perhaps check with the management for the condos at 7505 Democracy (Ken Cummins is on the committee) and/or the management for the condos on Spring Lake Drive.)

- Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda: FoCJC has run several cleanups from this location. Our 2003 report notes that we used a location close to this Center for one of our stream monitoring sites. GPS39.01.39, 77.09.24.
- Unmarked trailhead off Kentsdale Drive, between Purcell Drive and Tobin Circle: This is M-NCPPC property. WSSC did some work there circa 2017; it planted trees there (and installed wire tree guards).
- Unmarked trailhead off Greentree Road, opposite Tusculum Way (in between 7919 Greentree and 8001 Greentree Road, Bethesda). This is M-NCPPC property. Tentatively planning 4/15/2018 cleanup there.
- Seven Locks Elementary School, 9500 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda: FoCJC used this as a base for a 2005 cleanup. Main stem is a short distance west along Bradley, but speeding traffic poses a concern for pedestrians here.
- Is there access off Buckspark Lane East?
- Paved walk off Gainsborough Road, south of Buckspark Lane East. (Head east and it eventually ends a short distance from the mainstem.)
- Parking spaces along shoulder of Bradley where mainstem goes under Bradley (Our Lady of Mercy School to west, Seven Locks ES to east): FoCJC sponsored a cleanup here by Cub Scouts in 2015 and additional cleanups (led by Karen Derringer) in 2016 and 2017.
- Our Lady of Mercy School, 9222 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac. Main stem is a short distance east along Bradley, but speeding traffic poses a concern for pedestrians here.

Middle-Lower Segment of Mainstem (south of Bradley, north of River Road)

The mainstem crosses Bradley Boulevard with Our Lady of Mercy School to west and Seven Locks Road to east. As it runs south, Charred Oak Drive and Cindy Lane are to the east and Clewerwall Drive to the west. Before reaching River Road, the mainstem is joined by **Ken Branch** from the west.

Possible Access Points to Middle-Lower Segment of Main Stem (south of Bradley, north of River Road)

- *FoCJC's 2003 monitoring report notes that a location off Bradley Boulevard was one of our monitoring sites for the mainstem. GPS = 39.00.45, 77.10.04.*
- 2005 FoCJC cleanup was based at Seven Locks Elementary School. Note concern above re: risk to volunteers walking from the school to the mainstem.
- Our Lady of Mercy School, 9222 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac. Note concern above re: risk to volunteers walking from the school to the mainstem.
- Parking spaces along shoulder of Bradley where mainstem goes under Bradley (Our Lady of Mercy School to west, Seven Locks ES to east): FoCJC sponsored a cleanup here by Cub Scouts in 2015 and additional cleanups (led by Karen Derringer) in 2016 and 2017.
- Unmarked trail head next to 8040 Cindy Lane: This was the starting location for a 2005 FoCJC cleanup. Henry Coppola reported that this is M-NCPPC park property. (Technically, it's Cindy Lane Neighborhood Park, but there's no sign. FoCJC 2005 note said that it was okay to cut across the residential lawn.)
- End of McDonald Drive: there's unmarked M-NCPPC access off the southeast corner of the dead-end. But it's very steep, and I didn't see much of a trail (going east, down to the mainstem.)

Lower Segment of Main Stem (south of River Road)

Main stem crosses River Road (west of Seven Locks Road) and (just east of Carderock Springs Road) is immediately joined from the west by **Congressional Country Club Branch**, which originates on the grounds of Congressional Country Club. Main stem runs south and east along River Road, goes under Seven Locks Road, and then turns south and follows Seven Locks Road. At this point, it is joined by the **Thomas Branch** from the east. It then continues and goes under 495, and is then joined by **Booze Creek** (at a point east of Seven Locks Park on the other side of Seven Locks Road). It then parallels the Cabin John Parkway (which is to the east) and shortly past the Clara Barton tennis courts, it goes under Cabin John Parkway and then Clara Barton Parkway, and, finally, flows under the C&O Canal and into the Potomac River).

#### Possible Access Points to Lower Segment of Mainstem (south of River Road)

- Carderock Springs Swim & Tennis Club, 8200 Hamilton Spring Road: This was the base for a 2005 FoCJC cleanup. [*The 2003 monitoring report notes that FoCJC had a monitoring site at "Carderock." GPS = 38.59.20, 77.09.47.*]
- Trail head across Seven Locks Road from Cypress Grove Lane, Cabin John: This was also a base for a 2005 FoCJC cleanup. Cypress Grove Lane is a small road off (west) of Seven Locks Road, south of River Road and just south of 495. Our 2005 notice indicated that there was parking available at a dirt lot next to a Beltway overpass. [*The 2003 monitoring report notes that one of our monitoring sites was near this road. GPS = 38.58.52, 77.09.29. So presumably there must be some sort of public access there.*]
- Clara Barton recreation center, 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John: FoCJC's website indicates that FoCJC has previously organized cleanups nearby, starting from the playground near the west end of Cabin John Bridge. 2005 notice instructed volunteers to meet at the tennis courts' parking lot on the west side of Cabin John Bridge. [Also, the 2003 monitoring report notes that one of our monitoring sites was along MacArthur Boulevard (GPS = 38.58.30, 77.08.59).]

#### **Bogley Branch**

Broken into three segments: upper Bogley (north of Stratton Drive), middle Bogley (essentially the portion running through Rockville city's Potomac Woods Park), and lower Bogley (south of Montrose Road).

Bogley Branch starts slightly south of Wootton Parkway (off Henslowe Drive, to be specific). Running south, under Stratton Drive, and into northwest corner of Potomac Woods Park, the branch runs through the park just east of where Dunster Lane bends from east-west to north-south. The branch exits the park north of the state police barracks and goes under Seven Locks Road. After going under northeast corner of intersection of Seven Locks and Montrose, the branch goes under Montrose and then (through the Treasure Oaks development) under Greenleaf Avenue and parallel to Reynolds Avenue. Northeast of Goya Drive, the branch joins the mainstem of Cabin John Creek.

#### Possible Access Points to Bogley Branch

- *Upper Bogley (north of Stratton Drive)... (no access?)*
- *Middle Bogley (between Stratton and Montrose): via Potomac Woods Park, Rockville.*
- *Lower Bogley (south of Montrose): Access at Greenleaf Avenue's bridge crossing the branch (east of Reynolds Avenue): FoCJC organized a cleanup from this location in spring 2014.*

## Old Farm Branch

Broken into two segments: upper Old Farm branch (north of Montrose), and lower Old Farm Branch (south of Montrose).

### Upper Old Farm Branch (north of Montrose Road)

Old Farm Creek starts south off Country Club Road (which is on Woodmont Country Club property). It then heads off the country club property, west of Congressional Lane and Montrose Park. It runs past Martha Terrace and Sherry Court and then behind St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church and then under Montrose Road and Montrose Parkway.

### Possible Access Points to upper Old Farm Branch (north of Montrose)

- Montrose Community Center, 451 Congressional Lane, Rockville.
- Sherry Court, Rockville: FoCJC's 2003 monitoring report notes that a location off Sherry Court was our lone monitoring site for Old Farm Branch. GPS = 39.03.26, 77.08.06.
- St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 917 Montrose Road, Rockville.

### Lower Old Farm Branch (south of Montrose Road)

After going under Montrose, the branch enters Tilden Woods Stream Valley Park. Close to the northeast terminus of Stonewood Lane, an unnamed tributary joins the branch from the east. The branch then goes south and under Tilden Lane and into Tilden Woods Local Park. It then bends west (with construction pad for WSSC's Bi-County Water Tunnel Project) and goes under 270 (north of Tuckerman) and continues to run west along the north side of Tuckerman (and into Cabin John Regional Park). Old Farm Creek joins the mainstem at Cabin John Regional Park's 7701 Tuckerman entrance.

### Access Points to Lower Old Farm Branch (south of Montrose)

- Western portion of Tilden Woods Stream Valley Park: parking and access at eastern terminus of Tildenwood Lane.
- Eastern portion of Tilden Woods Stream Valley Park: access at northeast terminus of Stonewood Lane (near #11922 Stonewood Lane). Marc Chimes led a FoCJC cleanup from this location in 2014.
- Tilden Woods Local Park (6800 Tilden Lane, Potomac): The park has a building and a parking lot, with access to lower Old Farm Branch. Access to this park and this branch is also available from the end of the Stonewood Terrace cul-de-sac, and from Whisperwood Lane.
- Southern end of Old Club Road: Street parking available, trail leads to creek.
- Cabin John Regional Park (east of 7701 Tuckerman Lane parking lot): Walk east a short distance to lower Old Farm Branch.

## Snakeden Branch

Broken into two segments: upper Snakeden (north of Tuckerman), and lower Snakeden (south of Tuckerman).

### Upper Snakeden Branch (north of Tuckerman)

This branch apparently first “daylights” at the Regency Estates Swim Club (11511 Gainsborough Road, Potomac). (As of March 2016, WSSC was completing a stream restoration project on the northern portion of this segment.) It flows south, passing Regency Estates Swim Club to the west and the back of Ivymount School to the east. It then passes Deborah Drive to the west and, on the east, it passes Ivymount Terrace, Declaration Lane and Cedar Ridge Road.

### Access points to Upper Snakeden Branch (north of Tuckerman)

- Regency Estates Swim Club, 11511 Gainsborough Road, Potomac.
- Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Road, Potomac.
- 11611 Deborah Drive: Park on street and take sidewalk east to pedestrian bridge over Snakeden.
- Off the northern shoulder of Tuckerman Road (between Cedar Ridge Road and Deborah Drive): There are a few parking spaces available in lot on Cedar Ridge Road on north side of Tuckerman.

### Lower Snakeden Branch (south of Tuckerman)

*[As an initial threshold matter, note that after going under Tuckerman, there's a short portion of the branch located south of Tuckerman and west of Cedar Ridge Road. The only access to this short portion is via tunnels under either side (the tunnel under Tuckerman, and the tunnel under Cedar Ridge Road).]* After Cedar Ridge Road, the branch begins to run east and parallel with Tuckerman. There is an access point near where Cedar Ridge Road intersects with Potomac Crest Drive. The branch soon turns south and runs parallel with Seven Locks Road, before becoming a concrete channel and then turning east and going under Seven Locks Road shortly north of Scotland AME Zion church (10902 Seven Locks Road). The branch then runs through Cabin John Regional Park, behind Oracle Place (*given steep slope and minimal parking, no ready access to creek*). It connects with the mainstem of Cabin John Creek at a point northeast of Oracle Place (on a straight line east from the Scotland AME Zion church on the other side of Seven Locks Road).

### Access points to Lower Snakeden Branch (south of Tuckerman)

- Near where Cedar Ridge Road intersects with Potomac Crest Drive.
- FoCJC's 2003 monitoring report notes that a location near the intersection of Tuckerman and Seven Locks Road was our monitoring site for the Snakeden Branch. GPS = 39.02.13, 77.09.30. My hunch is that this might be near the southwest corner of the intersection (at a shoulder of Seven Locks Road where vendors occasionally sell fruits and vegetables or Christmas trees). This shoulder, which has significant parking space, is likely the best access point.
- There may be access from the end of Lakeheath Way to an unnamed tributary that runs downhill to the Scotland AME Zion church (10902 Seven Locks Road) and then goes east under Seven Locks Road.
- Park at Scotland AME Zion church parking lot and cross Seven Locks Road. However, it's dangerous to cross the street here; moreover, once across the street, there is no trail --- one essentially needs to bush-whack. Conducted a cleanup there circa 2016.
- Ought to check again whether there's any feasible access from behind Scotland Community Center, 7700 Scotland Drive, Potomac.

## Buck Branch

Broken into three segments: Upper Buck Branch (north of Bells Mill Road), Middle Buck Branch (between Bells Mill and Democracy), and Lower Buck Branch (south of Democracy Boulevard).

### Upper Buck Branch (north of Bells Mill Road)

Upper Buck Branch starts in the vicinity of the southeast corner of Falls Road and Tuckerman Lane. It is unclear if it starts between Le Havre Drive and Karen Drive, or if it starts even a bit further southeast (e.g., between Cherbourg Drive and Shad Lane) and it flows under Toulone Drive. East of Toulone Drive, the branch flows (partly underground?) between the southern end of Cherbourg Drive and the northeastern portion of Willowbrook Drive. [*Willowbrook Drive consists of three unconnected roads. This northeastern portion of Willowbrook Drive comes west off of Tuckerman Lane, across from Hoover middle school's soccer field, and dead ends at Buck Branch.*] Differently stated --- north of Cherbourg's intersection with the middle portion of Willowbrook Drive, the branch flows through the gap between the northeastern portion of Willowbrook Drive and the middle portion of Willowbrook Drive. (This is where Upper Buck Branch truly "daylights" above ground.) It then flows east of the middle portion of Willowbrook Drive (and west of the Camille Drive dead end). East of Willowbrook Court (and west of Powder Horn Road), the branch is joined by a tributary from the west. [*This tributary starts southeast of the intersection of Marseille Drive and Fall River Lane; it flows past the Pine Knolls and Fox Hills West stormwater management ponds and past the northern end of Haislip Court and then turns north (behind the houses on the west side of Willowbrook Drive) and then east through a break between two unconnected portions of Willowbrook Drive road before connecting with Upper Buck Branch.*] With Willow Run Court and Sleepy Hollow Lane (and then Pebble Brook Lane) to the west and Hob Nail Court (and then Hunter Creek Trail) to the east, the branch reaches Bells Mill Road at a point west of Cabin John Middle School and east of Buck Branch Park and across from Tally Ho swim/tennis club.

### Possible Access Points to Upper Buck Branch (north of Bells Mill Road)

- [*Montgomery County DEP was working in 2015 to improve three stormwater ponds connected to Upper Buck Branch. It might be worthwhile determining how DEP is accessing these ponds. One pond is located north of Harness Trail (between Willow Run Court and Sleepy Hollow Lane). Another is located north of Haislip Court, and the third is close by to that.*]
- End of the portion of Willowbrook Drive that comes off Tuckerman Lane: Street parking is available on weekends. There's also access (better parking, but much steeper slope) directly west across from this point, at the southern end of Cherbourg Drive where it intersects with the middle portion of Willowbrook Drive (past Marseille Drive).
- Trailhead where the middle portion of Willowbrook Drive ends (south of Willowbrook Court). At 10833 Willowbrook Drive, there's a sidewalk leading to trail to stormwater management pond and then the branch. (Alternatively, could seek permission from private homeowner named Greece for access off his property at 2 Willowbrook Court.)
- There's an access point off Powder Horn Road (*between #11506 and #...; need to confirm latter number*). (Eco-car parked in driveway at 11016 Powder Horn Road.)
- Trailhead between 8749 Sleepy Hollow Lane and 8801 Sleepy Hollow Lane. (Steep access, so not ideal. An environmentalist apparently lives at 8749 Sleepy Hollow Lane.)
- Cabin John Middle School, 10701 Gainsborough Road, Potomac.
- Buck Branch Park, 8704 Bells Mill Road, Potomac.



- Tally Ho swim/tennis club, 8650 Bells Mill Road, Potomac.

Middle Buck Branch (between Bells Mill and Democracy)

After going under Bells Mill, the branch has Windsor View Drive to the east and first Tally Ho swim/tennis club (and, further away, Buck Branch Park) and then Timber Hill Lane to the west. It passes Snug Hill Lane on east and reaches Democracy Boulevard behind East Gate swim/tennis club (10200 Gainsborough Road). [Note also that there is a tributary which starts east of Bolger Center, runs along Democracy Boulevard and joins Buck Branch around 8740 Democracy Boulevard.]

Possible Access Points to Middle Buck Branch (between Bells Mill and Democracy)

- Bucks Branch Park, 8704 Bells Mill Road, Potomac.
- Tally Ho swim/tennis club, 8650 Bells Mill Road, Potomac.
- Unnamed tributary by 10341 Windsor View Drive.
- East Gate swim/tennis club, 10200 Gainsborough Road, Potomac.
- Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac.

Lower Buck Branch (south of Democracy)

After going under Democracy, the branch runs into a large construction project that was ongoing as of January 2014. (The project is essentially behind 8229 Buckspark Lane West.) The branch has Carmelita Way to the west and Buckspark Lane West (and then Gainsborough Court West) to the east. South of the two Gainsborough Courts (West and East), it connects with the mainstem of Cabin John Creek at a point west of Seven Locks Road.

Possible Access Points to Lower Buck Branch (south of Democracy)

- FoCJC's 2003 monitoring report noted that a location off Democracy Boulevard was our monitoring site for Buck Branch. GPS = 39.01.17, 77.10.15.
- Carmelita Way ends at #10042; access to the drainage ditch that runs alongside southern end of Democracy Boulevard.
- Is there access off Carmelita Drive (across and two houses north of where Hartman Court ends)?
- Access to an unnamed tributary opposite 8132 Buckspark East Lane.
- Access to Lower Buck Branch from the end of Gainsborough Court West.

**Ken Branch**

Broken into two segments, Upper Ken Branch (north of Newbridge Drive), and Lower Ken Branch (south of Newbridge).

Upper Ken Branch (north of Newbridge Drive)

Originates southwest of the Bolger Center (and east of Bentcross Drive). It is joined by a tributary from the west and then goes under Sorrel Avenue and Newbridge Drive.

Possible Access Points to Upper Ken Branch (north of Newbridge Drive)

- Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac.
- Off of Newbridge Drive (near ...)

Lower Ken Branch (south of Newbridge)

After going under Newbridge, it continues and then goes under Kendale Road (at a point slightly southwest of the German school). It goes under Bradley and then passes Clewerwall Drive (which is to the west) before joining the mainstem of Cabin John Creek near Cindy Lane.

Possible Access Points to Lower Ken Branch (south of Newbridge)

- Off Newbridge Drive (near ...)
- Southwest of the German School, 8617 Chateau Drive, Potomac
- Off southwest end of Chateau Drive.
- Off Bradley Boulevard, west of Mercy Hollow Lane.
- Off south end of North Branch Drive.
- Off south end of Aldershot Drive.

**Thomas Branch (aka Beltway Branch)**

Broken into three segments: Upper Thomas Branch (north of Democracy), Middle Thomas Branch (between Democracy and Bradley), and Lower Thomas Branch (south of Bradley).

Upper Thomas Branch (north of Democracy)

The branch starts by northeast corner of intersection of Democracy Boulevard and Fernwood Road. It runs west (through Marriott property) and crosses 270 (and Democracy) just east of Montgomery Mall.

Possible Access Points to Upper Thomas Branch (north of Democracy)

- Marriott headquarters property, 10400 Fernwood Road, Bethesda.
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Middle Thomas Branch (aka the Beltway Branch) (between Democracy and Bradley)

After crossing Democracy, the branch then runs south along the west side of 270 (and just east of Thomas Branch Drive) and into Bethesda Country Club. It runs south along the east side of the country club (and along 270 spur and then 495) before crossing Bradley Boulevard.

Possible Access Points to Middle Thomas Branch (between Democracy and Bradley)

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Lower Thomas Branch (aka the Beltway Branch) (south of Bradley)

After going under Bradley, the branch goes under 495 and crosses southwest corner of Burning Tree country club, and then back under 495 and under River Road before connecting with mainstem of Cabin John Creek.

[Possible Access Points to Lower Thomas Branch \(south of Bradley\)](#)

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**Congressional Country Club Branch**

This branch originates at Congressional Country Club (8500 River Road, Bethesda) and run east, under Fenway Drive, and then north along the east side of Carderock Springs Drive and then connecting with mainstem of Cabin John Creek south of River Road, west of the intersection with Seven Locks Road.

[Possible Access Points to Congressional Branch](#)

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**Booze Creek**

Broken into three segments: upper Booze Creek (north of Bradley Boulevard), middle Booze Creek (between Bradley Boulevard and River Road) and lower Booze Creek (south of River Road)

Upper Booze Creek (north of Bradley Boulevard)

Booze Creek starts just west of where Ewing Drive meets Bradley Boulevard (north side of Bradley; opposite (and slightly northeast of) the Landon School's Bradley entrance/exit). It runs west through the southern portion of Hillmead Park, goes under Valley Road, and then under Bradley (just before Woodhaven Boulevard). [Note that Bulls Run, a tributary of Booze Creek, starts south of Nowell Drive (and north of Melvern Drive) but it's piped underground and doesn't flow overland. It flows south underground between the lanes of Bulls Run Parkway; it runs south underground past the north portion of Adelaide Drive and under Wilmett Road, then under the southern portion of Adelaide Drive, passing the west side of North Bethesda Middle School. It finally daylights and turns west near Bradmoor Drive (at intersection with Ridge Place), before turning south and going under Greentree Road (east of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church), then under Valley Road, and then under Bradley Boulevard.]

[Possible Access Points to Upper Booze Creek \(north of Bradley\)](#)

- ... (there's presumably access to the Bulls Run tributary near the intersection of Bradmoor Drive and Ridge Place)

Middle Booze Creek (between Bradley Boulevard and River Road)

After going under Bradley, the mainstem of Booze Creek flows west, under Woodhaven Boulevard, past the northern end of Whittier Boulevard. It flows north of (and parallel to) Cardigan Road, then under Howell Road (between Cardigan to the south and Lybrook Drive to the north). It then connects with its Bulls Run tributary. (After going under Bradley, the Bulls Run tributary flows turns west along Howell Road before connecting with the mainstem of Booze Creek.) After connecting with Bulls Run, Booze

Creek continues west and then flows under Burning Tree Road, and turns south through Holton Arms school campus and under River Road.

#### Possible Access Points to Middle Booze Creek (between Bradley and River Road)

- Holton Arms school, 7303 River Road, Bethesda.

#### Lower Booze Creek (south of River Road)

After going under River Road (just east of the Primary Day School at 7300 River Road, Bethesda), the branch goes south, with Helmsdale Road and then Heatherhill Court to the east and Royal Dominion Drive to the west. It then goes under Cabin John Parkway and joins the mainstem (at a point east of Seven Locks Park on the other side of Seven Locks Road).

#### Possible Access Points to Lower Booze Creek (south of River Road)

- Primary Day School, 7300 River Road, Bethesda.
- Access adjacent to 7420 Helmsdale Road, down a steep slope though.
- Between 7208 and 7212 Helmsdale Road. Relatively narrow sliver of MNCPPC property between these two private properties. *FoCJC's 2003 monitoring report notes that a location near "Helmsdale Avenue" was our lone monitoring site for Booze Creek. GPS = 38.59.25, 77.08.51.*
- At end of Heatherhill Court. BCA's July 2013 newsletter mentioned this as one of three access points. It noted that this is a steep area and is not ideal for access.
- Trail head across Seven Locks Road from Cypress Grove Lane, Cabin John.

*Note: FoCJC's 2003 monitoring report notes that FoCJC had a monitoring site at "Bannockburn" for the "Bannockburn Branch" (which is not one of the main Cabin John Creek branches mentioned in DEP's 2011 report). GPS = 38.58.29, 77.08.35.*

#### **Determining Property-Ownership**

In order to determine who owns a particular parcel, go to

<http://mcplanning.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=cf5cf3f196ea494f9f6915179387fdb4>

In the upper right, click the picture of Layers. Next, in the list of Operational Layers, click "Parcel Cache." Next click "Property\_poly\_with\_data." Finally, click "Enable Pop-up." Now, when the cursor is placed over a particular parcel, the map will provide a pop-up showing who owns that property.