



Friends of Dragon Run
PO Box 882, Gloucester, VA 23061

The POST-CIRCLE TRAIL GUIDE

The Post-Circle Trail (Trail), as we will call it for now, is an easy, level, forested, generally-dry (but see below) one-way trail located on FODR's Revere Tract property near Mascot, VA off Rt. 610 (Dabney/Piedmont Rd.). The Post-Circle Trail essentially begins at the end of the Pre-Circle Trail, as we will call it for now. Access to both these trails is restricted by a metal gate at the entrance to the Pre-Circle Trail.

About ½ mile long, or more, the Post-Circle Trail has a clearly-defined footpath/roadbed that begins where it leaves the Picnic-Circle area at the end of the Pre-Circle Trail.. The Trail proceeds from the Picnic-Circle upstream along the Dragon for some 150 yd., then makes a right-angle turn to the left away from the Dragon. The Trail then proceeds to and through a small, more or less clear, circular area, and continues on, angling left, to a point where it makes a right-angle turn to the right and meets a crossing, low area, some 30' across, that looks like an old roadbed; the latter area may well have a foot or more of water after wet periods/heavy rains etc. The Trail then proceeds some 200 yd. to another, larger, more or less clear, Circle where it dead-ends. Retrace your steps to return to the Picnic-Circle area. A series of wooden Posts, listed below, describes flora along the Trail.

Table 1. Sequential List of Floral Posts on the Left (L) and Right (R) Sides of the Post-Circle Trail.

1. Baldcypress, Taxodium distichum R
2. Flowering Dogwood, Cornus florida L
3. American Holly, Ilex opaca R
4. Winged Sumac, Rhus copallinum L
5. Devil's Walkingstick, Aralia spinosa R
6. American Beech, Fagus grandifolia L
7. White Oak, Quercus alba R
8. American Hornbeam, Carpinus caroliniana L
9. Pale Hickory , Carya pallida L
10. Water Oak, Quercus nigra R
11. Red Maple, Acer rubrum R
12. Deerberry, Vaccinium stamineum R
13. Common Wax-myrtle, Morella cerifera R
14. Overcup Oak, Quercus lyrata R

15. Swamp Chestnut Oak, Quercus michauxii R
16. Striped wintergreen, Chimaphila maculata R
17. Common Greenbrier, Smilax rotundifolia L
18. Loblolly Pine, Pinus taeda L
19. Sassafras, Sassafras albidum L
20. Southern Red Oak, Quercus falcata R
21. Northern Red Oak, Quercus rubra R
22. American elm, Ulmus americana R
23. Pawpaw, Asimina triloba
24. Sweetgum, Liquidambar styraciflua L
25. Sourwood, Oxydendrum arboreum R
26. Tuliptree, Liriodendron tulipifera L
27. Flowering Dogwood, Cornus florida L
28. American Holly, Ilex opaca L
29. Willow Oak, Quercus phellos R
30. American Beech, Fagus grandifolia R
31. Swamp Chestnut Oak, Quercus michauxii R
32. Sassafras, Sassafras albidum R
33. Virginia Pine, Pinus virginiana R
34. Persimmon, Diospyros virginiana R