

Greenbelt Trail System

**BLUE TRAIL:** Provides an easy/moderate level hike, that is 12.3 miles one way. This trail mounts from Staten Island Boulevard to one of the high-est points on the eastern coast (between Maine and Florida).

**WHITE TRAIL:** Provides an easy/moderate hike, and is 7.6 miles one way. Its southern end connects to Great Kills Park (Gateway National Recrea-tion Area).

**RED TRAIL:** Provides an easy/moderate, closed circuit 4 mile hike in the middle of the Greenbelt. This loop trail begins and ends at Historic Richmond Town and St. Patrick's Place off Richmond Road.

**YELLOW TRAIL:** This moderate/difficult trail is 8 miles one way, and brings hikers through Reeds Basket Willow Swamp. It ascends Todt Hill and then parallels the Blue Trail. Moses' Mountain, is located off the Yellow Trail.

Some trails cross over streets. Each trail crosses different types of forests. In drier zones, red and black oaks, tulip, beech and hickory trees are common. Moisture soils support red maples, white swamp oak and willow trees. Because of our island climate, some "southern" species such as persim-mon and sour gum thrive along the trails. For more detailed information on the trails, call (718) 667-2165.

- Easy = flat terrain
- Moderate = mostly flat terrain with some inclines
- Difficult = terrain has many inclines along with flat areas

Trail Navigation Symbols

Square trail markers which correspond with trail colors on this map, can be found on trees along the trail system. The following navigation symbols can also be found along the trails:

- Trail Turns Right
- Trail Turns Left
- Trail Begins
- Trail Ends

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