

CRUM WOODS NORTH

With a nice bridge over a brook, and a pleasant flat section with a tree-limb teepee next to Crum Creek, this trail has some nice features. However, the paths from the water tower or Elm Avenue to the Crum Creek path below is fairly steep and somewhat challenging. There is an option to go in and out on just the relatively flat section via the Plush Mill Road entrance, but crossing the road is a hazard. Either way, don't miss the daffodils in the spring!

Themes: Exercise, Nature.

Amenities: Creek view, woods

Surface: Gravel, dirt; 0.8 miles long.

Slope: Flat sections, timber steps, steep sections; 98 ft elevation change.

Hazards: Ponding, mud, tripping hazards (roots, rocks, timber steps).

Emergencies: Call Public Safety (610) 328-8333

Difficulty Rating: Spirited - I enjoy getting my heart going on walks. Nothing beats the thrill of taking on a rewarding climb on

varied terrain with inclines, and with some rocks and roots in the pathway. Let's keep moving – occasional stops only, please.

Resources shown on the map:

F & R: The Science Center Coffee Bar, accessed through an entrance door (SC-2) on the left wing, is open every day. A drinking fountain is in the entry hall, while the 1st floor restrooms are down a hallway.

P: The Whittier Lot has limited visitor spaces M-F before 3:30PM, and 248 spaces for visitors after 3:30 M-F and all weekend.

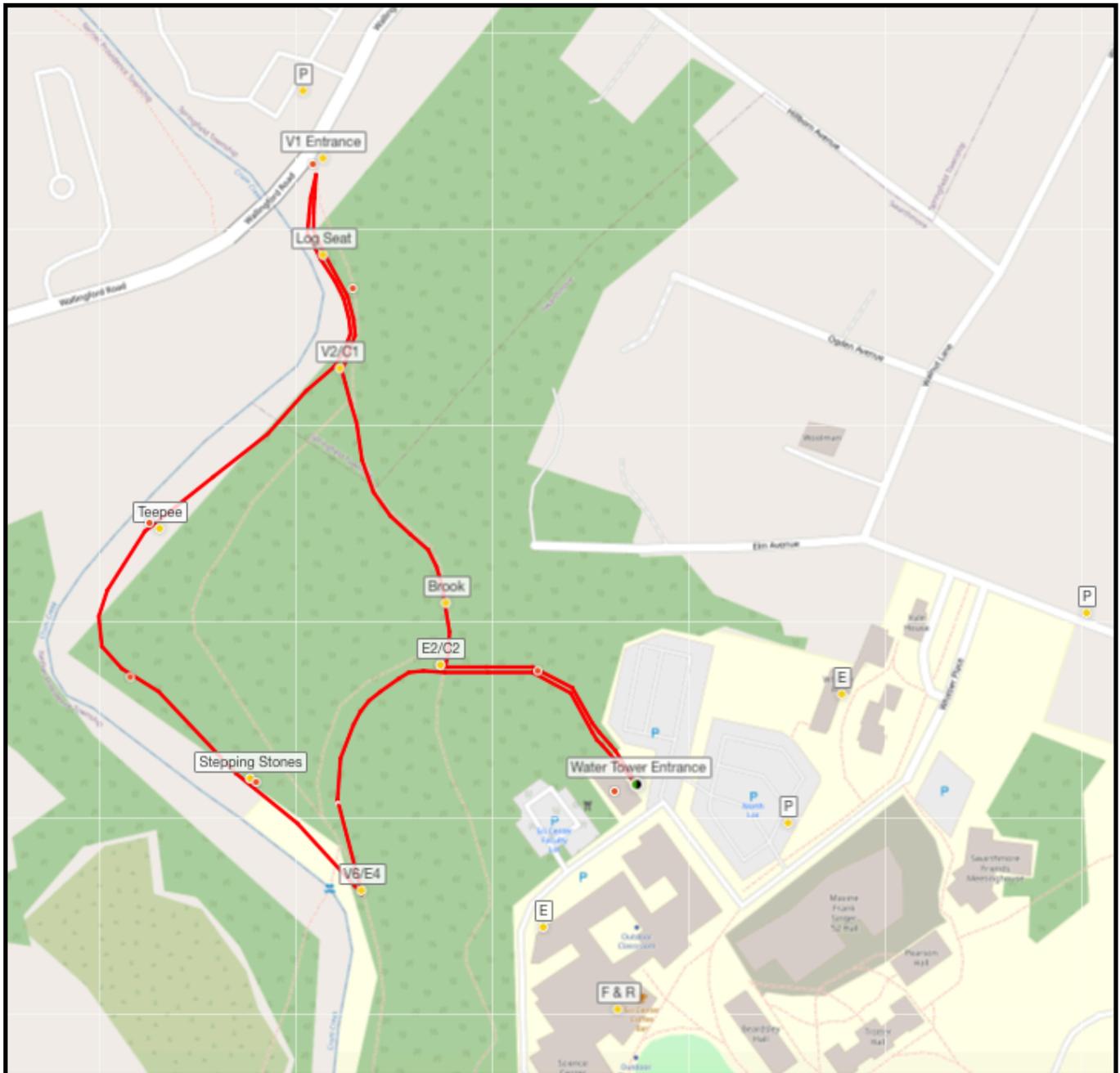
P: The Mills at Victoria business center has parking, but crossing Plush Mill Road to the trail head can be hazardous.

P: Street parking on Elm Avenue.

E: Emergency phone at the rear of the Science Center, on a loading dock just off of Whittier Place.

E: Emergency phone at entrance to Whittier Building.

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Waypoints Shown On The Map:

1. Water tower Entrance: Where Whittier Place curves behind the Science Center, beside utility building, at the Bartram Path Marker (B1). There is a steep gravel path with timber diverters.

2. Plush Mill V1 Entrance: This entrance to Valley Walk has a path that can be seasonally wet. Plush Mill Road is also named Wallingford Road on some maps.

3. Signpost E2/C2: From this point, two paths descend to creek level. The Evans Path (E2) heads southwest, while the Crumwald Path (C2) heads north. Both paths have steep sections with timber diverters, roots and rocks.

4. Brook: The culverted path passes over an intermittent brook.

5. Signpost V2/C1: This is where the Crumwald Path (C1) and the Valley Walk Path meet. From here, the Valley Walk Path connects to the north with Plush Mill Road (V1) or south along

Crum Creek to marker V3. The trail north is subject to ponding; the trail south has a short, narrow section on an embankment before reaching the flat areas. The Crumwalk Path connects south with Signpost E2/C2 (Waypoint 5).

6. Log seat: Near a footbridge is a log seat that overlooks Crum Creek.

7. Teepee: Near the Valley Walk V3 marker is a fun large teepee constructed with tree limbs.

8. Stepping stones: Crossing the small tributary on stepping stones may be a challenge if there has been significant rainfall recently. Downstream, there is usually the pleasant sounds of water gurgling over a rocky section of the Crum Creek.

11. Signpost V6/E4: This is where the Valley Walk meets the Evans Path that climbs the steep hillside.