



Getting There Guide
Carpooling & Parking
2026



About the Festival

From Woodstock to Coachella and Lollapalooza to Bonnaroo, music festivals have long been a powerful way to build community, celebrate creativity, and connect people to something larger than themselves.

Set beneath the trees of Frick Park at the confluence of Tranquil Trail and Falls Ravine Trail, the Turn It Upstream Music Festival brings that spirit to life in a uniquely Pittsburgh setting. Every element of the festival is curated to reflect UpstreamPgh's work at the intersection of art, environmental advocacy, and community.

Part fundraiser and part love letter to our region's deep connection to nature and the arts, this first-ever celebration serves as UpstreamPgh's marquee 25th anniversary event. Local artists, food vendors, and community partners will transform the park hollow for an evening of music, creativity, and connection at the meeting point of Fern Hollow Creek and Nine Mile Run.

Environmental activities, demonstrations, and guided walks will highlight the history and future of watershed restoration, while festival-goers gather to celebrate UpstreamPgh's impact by activating one of Frick Park's hidden spaces for a vibrant community celebration.

Guests are encouraged to embrace their favorite festival style when planning their attire and decorating their personal "chill space" on the lawn. This sustainable, zero-waste event-- powered by zero fossil-- will set the tone with environmentally conscious staging and atmosphere--ensuring the festival is as green as it is unforgettable.

About the venue

Frick park hollow, at the nexus of Tranquil Trail and Falls Ravine Trail in Frick Park, is a flat lawn nestled in Fern Hollow. Adjacent to Fern Hollow creek, a future area of investment for upstreampgh, the hollow also marks the northmost boundary of the original nine mile run watershed Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project, championed by upstreampgh and completed in 2006.



This beautiful urban oasis will serve as the site for the turn it upstream music festival. We encourage festival goers to travel into the adjacent neighborhoods and hike into the festival on Frick Park's many trails. We'll have everything guests need on site in terms of food, beverage, and entertainment. We encourage festival goers to bring a blanket, lawn chairs, decorations...and a flashlight or a headlamp to hike back out! The festival will go well past sunset, marking a unique and fun opportunity for a night hike back to vehicles!





The turn it upstream music festival is a zero-waste, green event. we invite festival-goers to join this effort by planning for low-impact arrival and departure.

we encourage you to use the following options to access the festival (in ranked choice order):

- 1. Walk or Bike**
- 2. Public Transit**
- 3. Ride share services**
- 4. Carpooling**

WARNING: IT WILL BE DARK WHEN THE FESTIVAL ENDS

if you're new to night hiking or prefer to travel back to squirrel hill, regent square, or the rideshare lot in a group, we will have guided hike-outs available at the end of the festival. meet at the check-in tent after the event to find your route group and hike out with a crew! Ask a volunteer or staff member for details. guided groups will depart at 10:10pm.



bring a fully charged flashlight, headlamp, or phone to help you get out of the park safely!

Carpooling & Parking



street parking in the residential neighborhoods abutting the park is free, but we do not want an abundance of personal vehicles in the area. Please avoid driving solo! once you're parked, use one of our recommended walking routes to make your way to the festival.

Be respectful of our neighbors:

- do not block garages, alleys, or driveways
- Illegally parked cars may be towed at your expense
- Please refrain from making unnecessary noise walking to and from your vehicles



Aside from patrons requiring accessible spots, there will be no festival parking in the Lower Frick park lot!


Walking/ Biking



This is the best way to arrive. you'll enjoy the park and avoid traffic. we'll have bike racks on site for you and you can access the festival via any of the recommended trails listed below. wayfinding signs will be posted on each trail.

Regent square Access

Frick Park Clay Tennis Courts

 15 Minutes  .48 Miles  95 Feet

Braddock Ave. Business District

 15 Minutes  .49 Miles  115 Feet

Nine Mile Run Outflow

 23 Minutes  .93 Miles  46 Feet



click here to plan your bike route to one of these access points on google maps

From The Frick Park Clay Tennis Courts



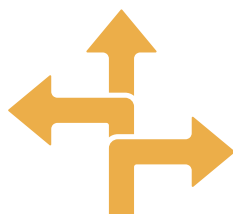
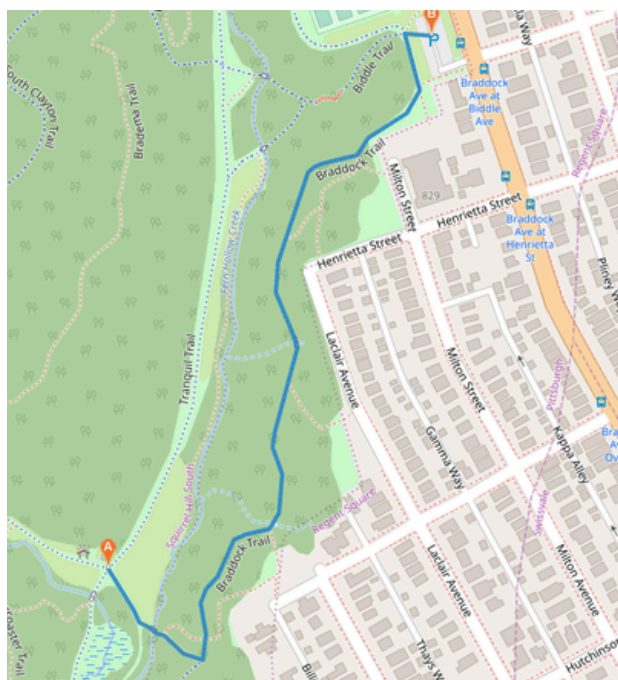
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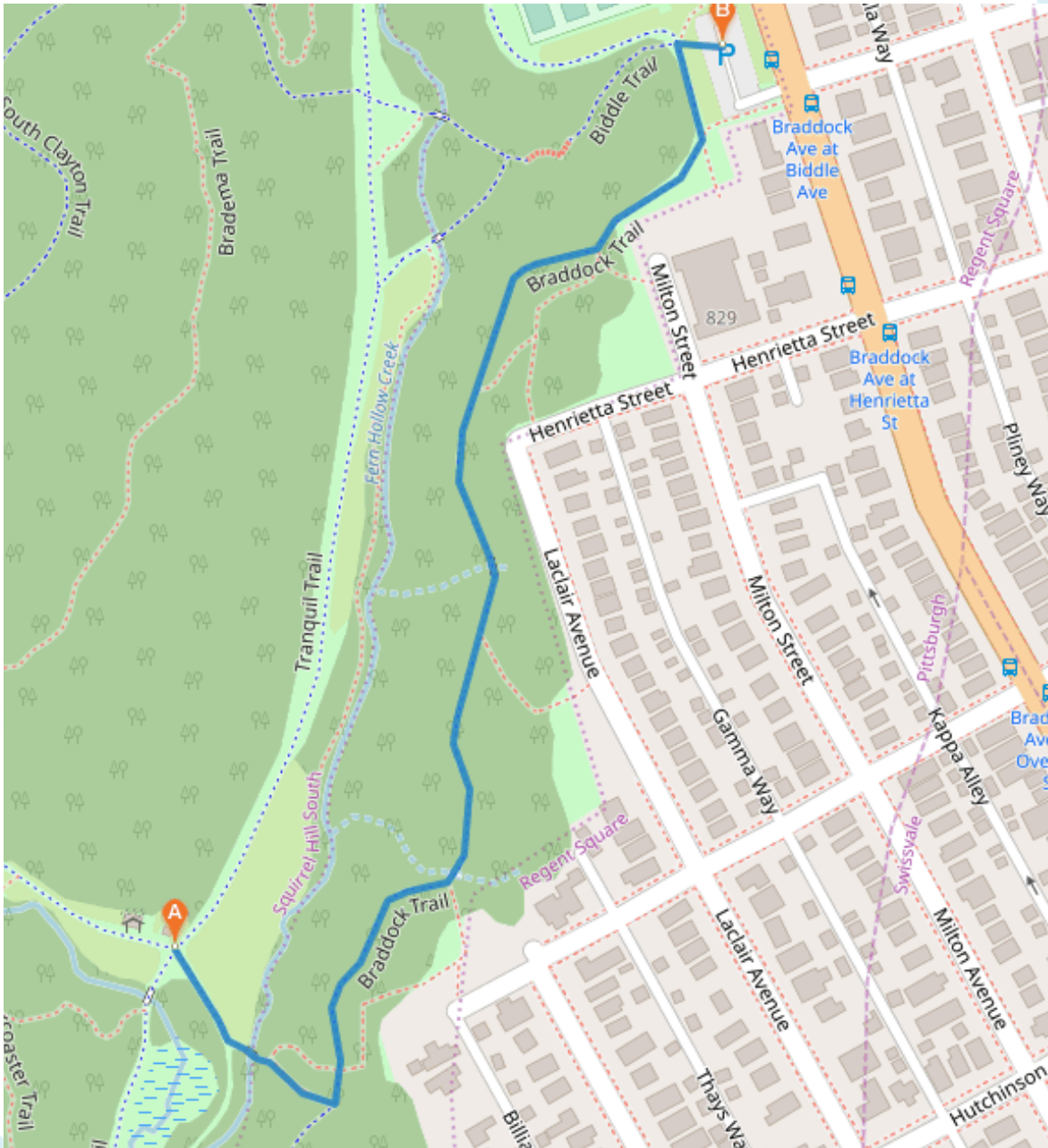
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1. From the parking lot next to the Frick park clay tennis courts, take Braddock trail south until it intersects with Falls ravine trail
2. Turn right and follow Falls ravine trail down the stairs to the check in tent

Walking/ Biking

From The Frick Park Clay Tennis Courts



Walking/ Biking

From The Braddock Ave. Business District



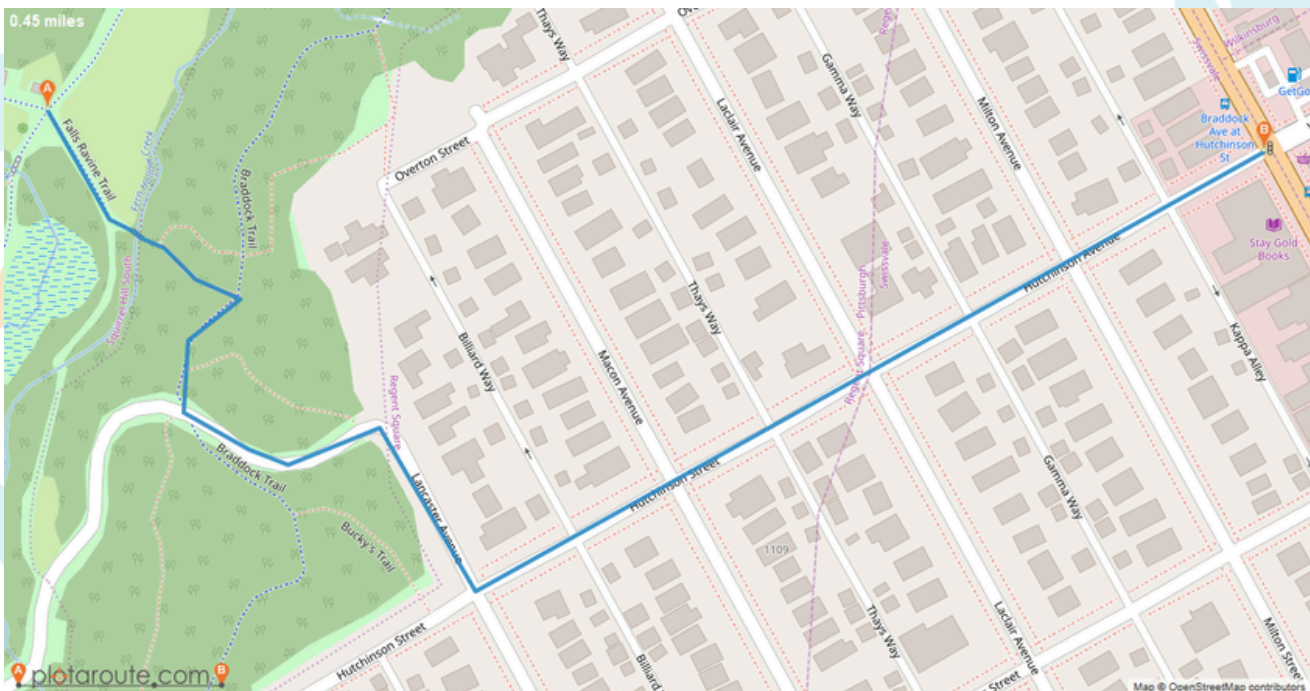
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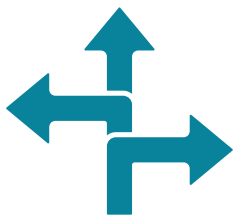
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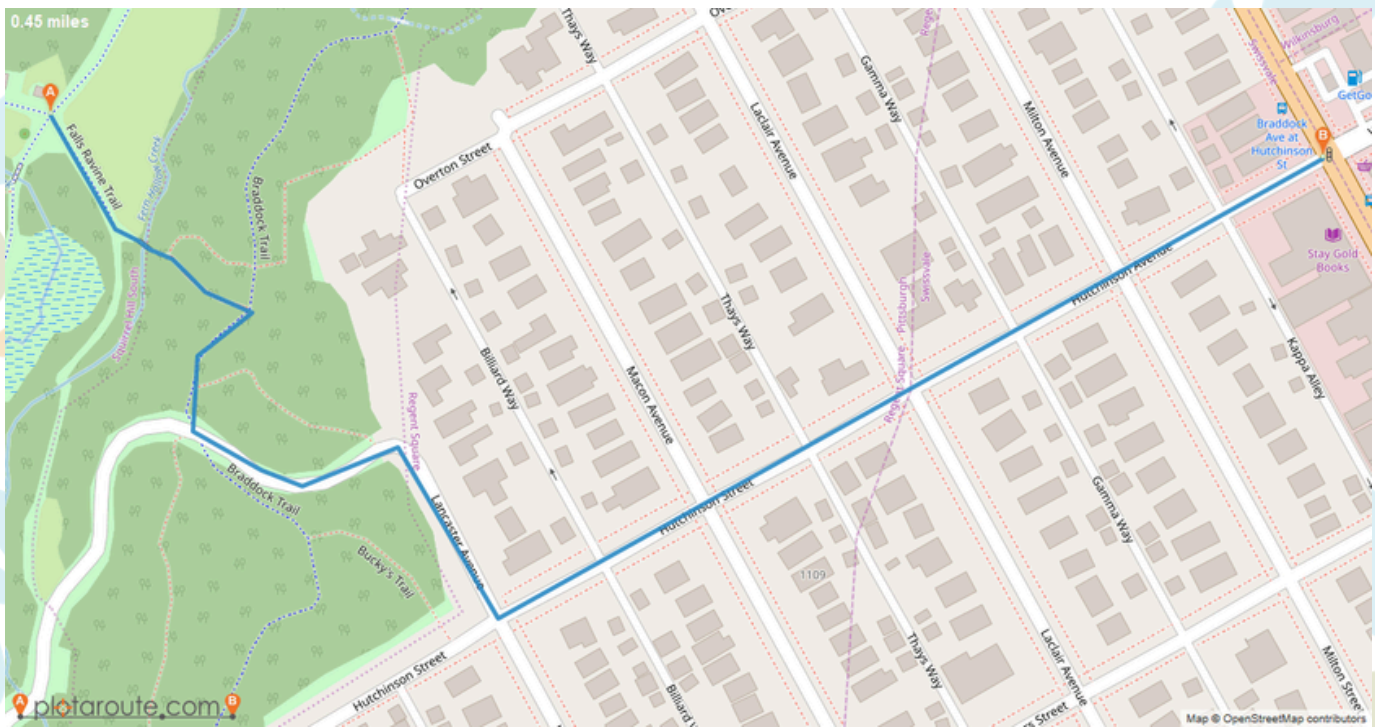


1. From Braddock & Hutchinson, walk sw 4 blocks to Lancaster Ave.
2. Turn Right and follow Lancaster Avenue (Frick Lane) to Braddock trail
3. Turn Right and follow Braddock trail until it intersects with Falls Ravine trail
4. Turn left and follow Falls Ravine trail down the stairs to the check in tent



Walking/ Biking

From The Braddock Ave. Business District



Walking/ Biking

From The Nine Mile Run OUTFLOW



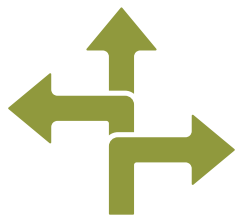
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.93 miles



46 Feet



1. From the parking Lot, take nine mile run trail.
2. turn right on Firelane trail by the soccer field.
3. take Firelane to where it joins tranquil trail by the parking lot.
4. take tranquil trail to the check in tent

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From The Nine Mile Run OUTFLOW



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Squirell Hill Access

Frick Environmental Center



18 minutes



.70 miles



230 Feet

Blue Slide Park



22 minutes



1 Miles



331 Feet

From The Frick Environmental Center



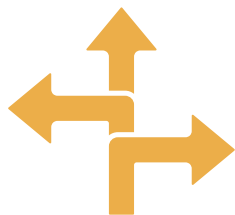
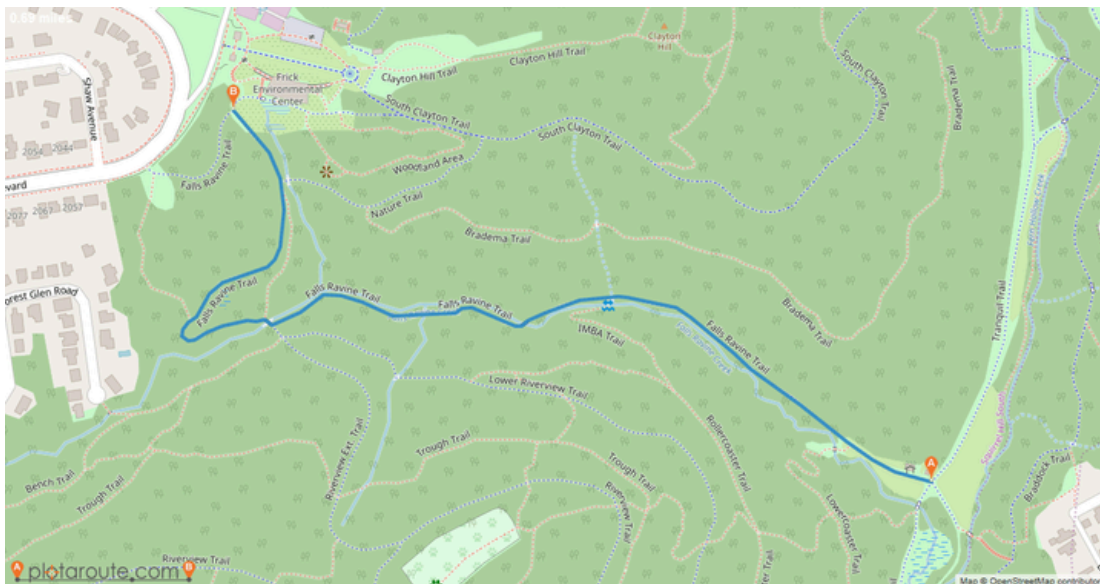
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230 Feet



1. Locate Falls Ravine trail near Frick Environmental center
2. Take Falls Ravine trail downhill all the way to the check in tent.

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From The Frick Environmental Center



Walking/ Biking

From Blue Slide Park



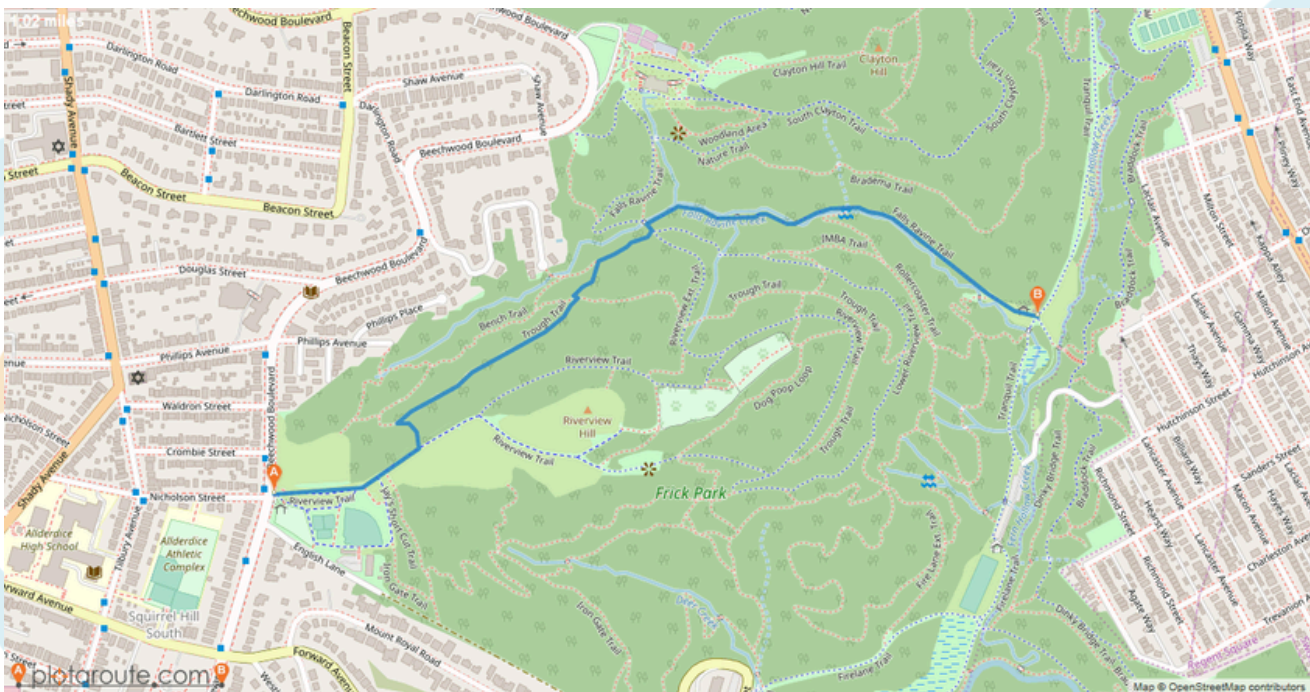
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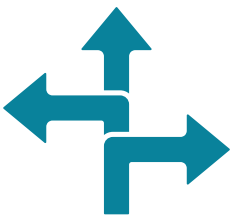
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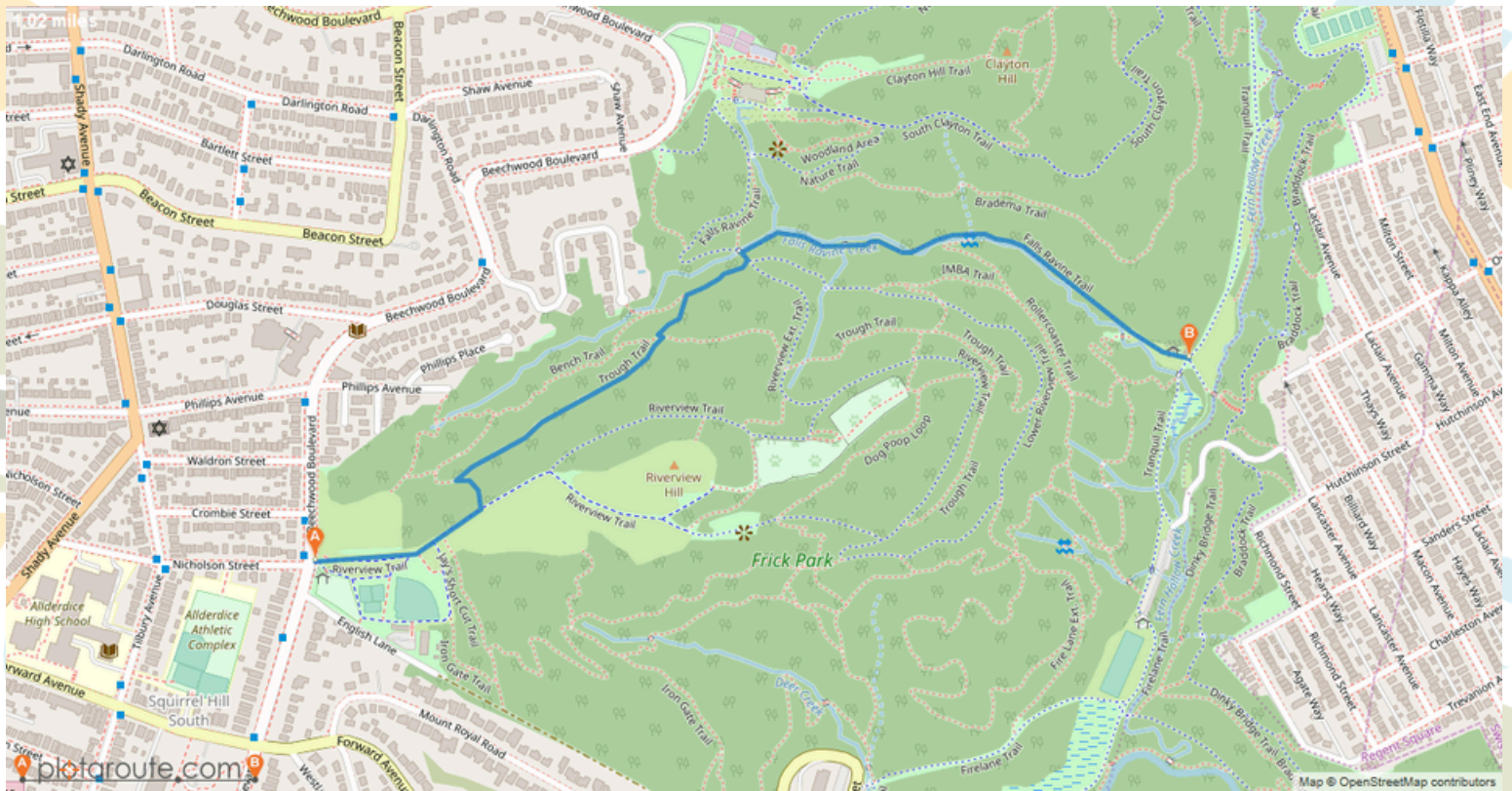


1. Follow Riverview trail East to Bench trail
2. Turn Left onto Bench trail
3. Follow Bench trail to Trough trail and turn right
4. Take trough trail NE to the Bench-Trough connector.
5. Take the Bench-Trough connector.
6. Turn Right onto Bench trail
7. Take Bench trail to Falls Ravine creek and turn right onto Falls ravine trail
8. Take Falls ravine trail downhill to the check-in tent



Walking/ Biking

From Blue Slide Park



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