

Workday Nov. 20 at the "new" Conway Robinson Memorial State Forest

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Have you been to the Conway Robinson Memorial State Forest lately? If you haven't, GO! The Friends of Conway Robinson Memorial State Forest and a cast of hundreds have worked very hard to turn this 400-acre forest in to a great place to hike, bike, ride a horse or just sit in the pavilion and enjoy nature. There are currently approximately seven miles of cleared trails.

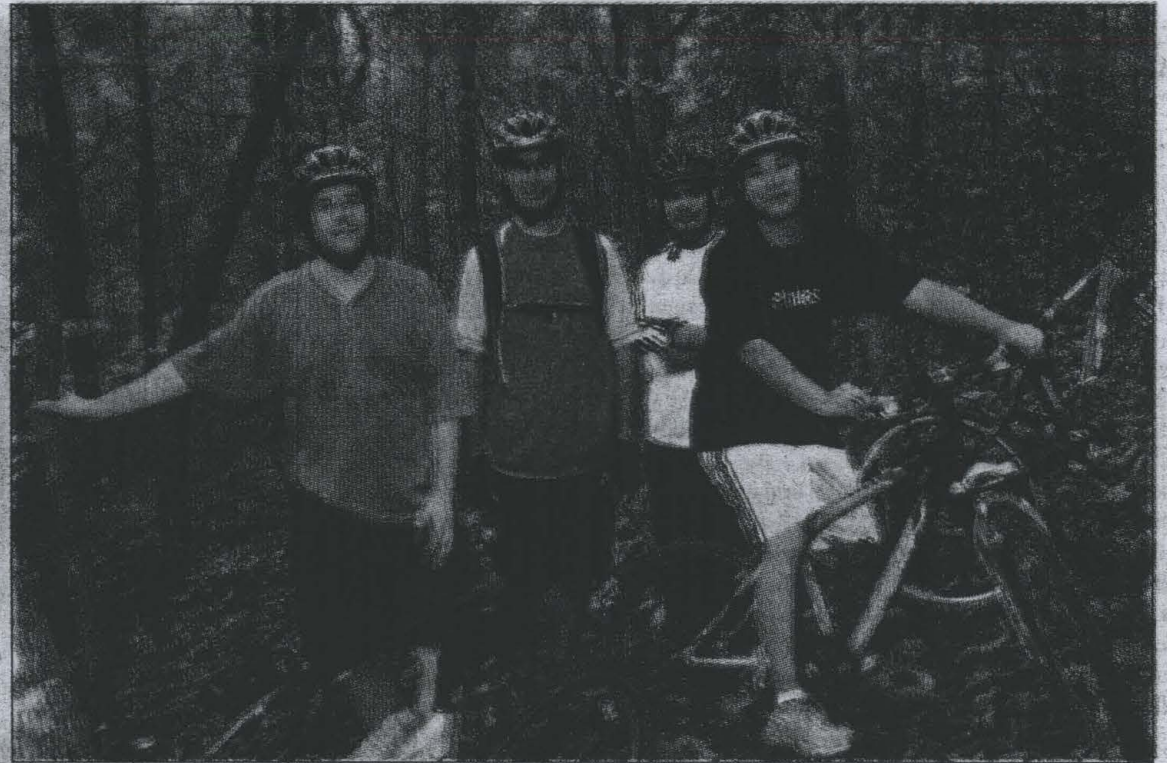
Larry Dunn, State Forester, and

Keith Judkins, president of the Friends of Conway Robinson Memorial State Forest, have led several workdays this year that concentrated on clearing trees and brush from the trails. Many equestrians, hikers, bikers Boy Scouts and others have participated in the workdays.

Larry Camp, Friends of Conway vice president, has led several workdays devoted to clearing a new mountain bike trail in the northern area of the forest. Larry is a member of the Mid Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts (MORE).

Larry is planning a workday on Saturday, Nov. 20, starting at 9:30 a.m.; this workday will be devoted to completing the work on the mountain bike trail by adding some finishing touches. Everyone, interested in helping, will be welcomed. Bring work boots or sturdy shoes, gloves, lots of water, and a snack and/or lunch. Tools will be provided, but your personal shovel, handsaw, pick or metal rake will be welcome also.

Most of the trails in the forest are wide and traverse flat land with a few short climbs. The new mountain bike trail is an exception; this trail has log rides, drops, ramps and other technical challenges. The number of friendly people in the



From left, Mike Applemen, Chris Marquina, Nabeel Nisar and James Smith rest after trying out mountain bike trail at Conway Robinson State Forest

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forest walking, biking and horseback riding has greatly increased in the past few months. In the coming months, there will be many cross-country skiers, trying the trails. Last Saturday, I met a group of four mountain bikers who were new to Conway and the new trail, but they

enjoyed their ride.

As our Gainesville-Haymarket community expands over the next few years, this treasure at our doorstep will become even more valuable. To obtain a trail map of the forest, go to the MORE web site at www.more-mtb.org. Select "Where

to Ride" on the left side of the home page. From the following page select, "Conway Robinson State Forest, VA." When the Conway Robinson page appears, click on line to the right of the Trail Map and a trail map suitable for printing will appear.

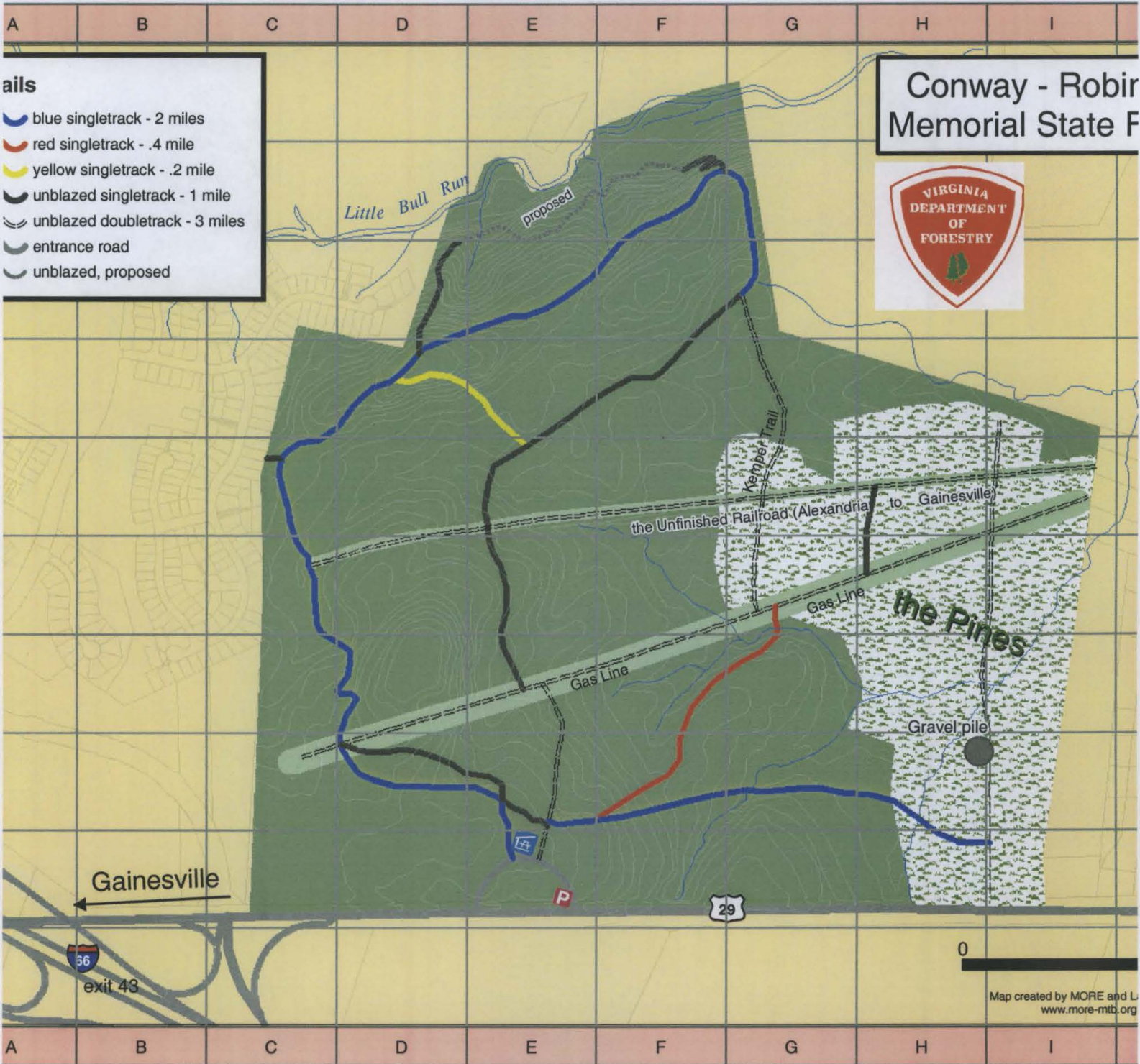
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 - yellow singletrack - .2 mile
 - unblazed singletrack - 1 mile
 - unblazed doubletrack - 3 miles
 - entrance road
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