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Trails

Lewisdale Trail	
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Use	Multi-use (Hk, Bk, Eq)
North Trailhead	Lewisdale Road horsetrailer parking lot
South Trailhead	Browning Run trail
Distance	0.88 mile
Nearest Parking	Lewisdale Road horsetrailer parking lot or Browning Run parking lot
Summary	One of the more scenic trails in the Park, it passes through a late-stage meadow on the north side of the Park. Two farms are visible along much of the trail as it follows a small valley down to Ballfield Tributary which it eventually crosses.

Narrative Direction: Generally South from the Horsetrailer Parking Lot

The northern end of Lewisdale Trail originates just behind the kiosk in the Lewisdale Road horsetrailer parking lot, as seen in the photo below, and proceeds almost due south through a meadow.

Timber Ridge (HBE)
Tobacco Barn (HBE)
Western Piedmont (HBE)
Whitetail (H)
Woodcock Hollow (H)



After crossing a small rise, the trail turns right before switchbacking left down a small hill. At the bottom of the hill, the trail switchbacks again and heads west along an old cow path. See the photo below.



The trail heads in this direction for a couple hundred yards and emerges in a scenic farm valley. This is the only trail in the Park that passes through active farm country scenes. As you enter the valley you will see the historic Day Farm, which is part of Little Bennett Park, straight in front of you. The farm is preserved as an example of the dairy farming that was widely practiced throughout this part of the county during much last century. See the photo below.



If you stop and look back to the north, you will see the Beall farm which is still an active one (see photo below). You can also see more clearly how the Lewisdale Trail is meandering through a small valley and how farmers' fields — both former and still active — have long taken advantage of the rich soil found in the little valley.



Lewisdale Trail's passage through the meadow may be one of the most scenic stretches on all the trails in the Park, as seen in the photo below.



After traveling several hundred yards through the meadow, the trail makes a sharp right turn and then shortly after that a sharp left turn before entering the forest, as shown below.



The trail declines slightly through here and after about 100 yards it encounters a wet stream crossing at Ballfield Tributary. The creek is about 6 ft wide here but there is a boulder in it that a hiker can use to ford the stream and avoid wet feet. See the following photo.



After crossing the stream, the trail turns west and passes through another scenic meadow for about 150 yards (see photo below) before ending at Browning Run trail not far from the parking lot on that trail.



