

HAGERSTOWN CITY PARK



MEASURED COURSE WALKING & JOGGING TRAILS

Owners may walk their dogs in City Park in accordance with the Parks & Recreation Division's Dog Policy.

HEYSER WALK

1.15 Miles (1.85 Kilometers)

This walk circles the park's large lower lake.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE ▶

From the Virginia Avenue side of the lake, take in one of the prettiest sites in Western Maryland—a panoramic view of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts overlooking the lake. This walk also offers an opportunity to view and feed the large population of swans, ducks and geese as well as the fish that cruise the lake.

HISTORY

In 1806 Jacob Rohrer sold 150 acres of land to William Heyser, II, who later divided the land between his two sons. John H. Heyser, for whom this walk is named, received the parcel which later became Hagerstown City Park. This walk passes the Mansion House which was built by the Heyser's in the 1840's. Prior to acquisition by the City in 1915, this land was known as Heyser's Woods and was used by City residents for picnicking.

BUYS WALK

0.74 Miles (1.19 Kilometers)

This walk loops past the band shell and proceeds past the Museum of Fine Arts and around the beautiful lower lake.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE ▶

In spring, a portion of this walk provides a canopy of pink weeping cherry blossoms. For a look at how children enjoy the park, the walk also passes by much of the park's playground equipment.

HISTORY

This walk passes the Buys Band Shell which was dedicated in 1949 to the memory of Dr. Peter Buys for his musical contribution to the City of Hagerstown. Dr. Buys was the long-time conductor of the Hagerstown Municipal Band. From 1920 to 1959, he led the band in hundreds of performances here in the Park.

ROHRER WALK

0.48 Miles (.77 Kilometers)

This walk circles the park's small upper lake.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE ▶

Walk on the wild(life) side! On a springtime stroll, this walk offers a view of the numerous waterfowl and their hatchlings that inhabit the upper lake's small island. In the mood for a refreshing snow cone? This walk also passes the concession stand.

HISTORY

On May 8, 1745, Edgar Rohrer purchased this land from Jonathan Hager. The second owner of "Hager's Fancy" made other acquisitions and his estate grew to over 500 acres. Hager House remained in the Rohrer family until it was sold to the Washington County Historical Society in 1944. It is now owned and operated as a public museum by the City of Hagerstown.

HAGER WALK

0.77 Miles (1.24 Kilometers)

This walk, set apart from the rest of City Park by Key Street, circles the Hager House and Museum and crosses the wooded meadow from Key Street to South Walnut Street.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE ▶

This walk offers a tranquil stroll through a rolling meadow. You might also want to stop by the Hager House and adjacent Museum for a tour.

HISTORY

This walk—named for Jonathan Hager, who founded Hagerstown in 1739—passes Hager's House, which was constructed c.1740, restored by the Washington County Historical Society following acquisition in 1944, and donated to the City in 1954 as a public museum. City Park is located on a portion of "Hager's Fancy," Jonathan Hager's original 200 acre land grant. The walk passes Hager's restored and furnished home and its adjacent museum housing 18th century artifacts.