

About the Trail

The Hitt/Orange trail of the Siegen Forest provides a unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of history. You access it via a path that starts just behind the Cloister at the Germanna Foundation Visitors Center.

The Hitt/Orange trail is a short (0.58 mile) loop trail. The first section is relatively flat until it passes the Urquhart Cemetery side trail.

The Urquhart Cemetery trail takes you past the cemetery and on to the Germanna Community College parking lot.

After the intersection of the Urquhart Cemetery trail, the path descends sharply to the level of the river. The visitor will be walking below the cliff (on the right) that housed several stone buildings (houses of miller Urquhart).

After the trail turns northwest, this trail intersects with the River/Red trail. If you wish, you may turn left to follow the River/Red trail. Please note that the River/Red trail is a one-way trail so you will have to walk in and then turn around to get back to the Visitor Center.

If you follow the orange blazes, you come to the access road back to the Visitor's Center. Turn right and go up the hill to return to the parking lot.

Thank you for visiting the Germanna Foundation's Siegen Forest. Conservation of this beautiful area and maintenance of our property and trails depends on generous donations from visitors like you. If you enjoy your visit, please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Germanna Foundation today.

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Trail Rules and Safety Guidelines

Vehicles may park in marked parking spaces only. There is no general public boat access to the river, and there are no restroom facilities along the trails. All visitors must adhere to "pack it in, pack it out" practices.

- Use of metal detectors, digging, or removal or collection of artifacts, materials, plants, or relics is strictly prohibited.
- Help protect our historical resources by staying on the trails. Do not walk on the Civil War earthworks or walk on or move rocks at any historical building or cemetery sites.
- Do not drink water from streams or the river.
- Wear insect repellent and appropriate clothing and shoes. Beware of poison ivy, chiggers, ticks, and snakes. Foxes, bears and even a coyote have been reported in the Forest.
- Picnicking is allowed at the established area(s). No overnight camping and no fires are allowed, except for Scouts and other organized and supervised groups, and only with advance written permission from the Foundation.
- Bicycles, motorized vehicles, and horses are not permitted on the trails. Dogs are allowed if leashed and all solid waste must be picked up and packed out.
- Although hunting in Siegen Forest is illegal, exercise caution and wear bright colors during hunting season.
- Beware of trail hazards and uneven surfaces. Wear sturdy shoes or boots.
- Road traces and animal trails crisscross the area. To stay on the trail, follow the map carefully and look for the 2" x 6" colored blazes (trail markings) on the trees.
- A single blaze indicates you are on the path. A double blaze indicates the trail changes direction. The blazes are spaced so you should see the next one as you pass a blaze.
- Trails are open during daylight hours, year-round. To help protect our trails and property, please remove/replace the yellow chain across our access road as you come and go.

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The Urquhart Cemetery contains several Urquhart gravestones. One important one is the gravestone of Dr. Charles Urquhart (below), the doctor who pronounced President Lincoln's Assassin, John Wilkes Booth, dead in Port Royal Virginia on April 26, 1865. Dr. Urquhart was born in Germanna as his parents operated Spotswood's mill (called the Urquhart Mill) until it was burned down early in the Civil War.

The burial plots are surrounded by a small stone fence and the sign was placed there as part of a Boy Scout Project.

