

Smithsonian Associates: Rock Creek Park, A Virtual Exploration

Melanie Choukas-Bradley

November 17, 2025

Books and Other Resources

Books

Books by Melanie Choukas-Bradley

A Year in Rock Creek Park—the Wild, Wooded Heart of Washington, DC

City of Trees—The Complete Field Guide to the Trees of Washington, DC

Finding Solace at Theodore Roosevelt Island (includes Rock Creek Park passages)

Wild Walking—A Guide to Forest Bathing Through the Seasons

Theodore Roosevelt—Naturalist in the Arena, edited by Char Miller & Clay S. Jenkinson with a chapter by Choukas-Bradley titled “Urban Wild—Theodore Roosevelt’s Explorations of Rock Creek Park”

Books about Rock Creek Park History

A History of Rock Creek Park: Wilderness & Washington, DC by Scott Einberger

Rock Creek Park A to Z by David Swerdloff & Lorraine Swerdloff

Peirce Mill: Two Hundred Years in the Nation’s Capital by Steve Dryden

Bold, Rocky, & Picturesque: The Archeology & History of Rock Creek Park by John Bedell, Stuart Fiedel & Charles LeeDecker

Rock Creek Park by Gail Spilsbury

Map

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club Map N: Trails in the Rock Creek Park Area, District of Columbia (Order via www.patc.net)

Websites

National Park Service for Rock Creek Park: www.nps.gov/rocr

Rock Creek Conservancy: www.rockcreekconservancy.org

Friends of Peirce Mill: www.friendsofpeircemill.org



Rock Creek Park Map

Western Ridge Trail

Valley Trail