



Canal Visitor Guide



Lockhouse 49 Open House



Interior of Lockhouse 22

Canal Quarters

Have you ever wondered what the inside of a lockhouse looked like or how lock keepers lived? Experience this through the Canal Quarters Program, a joint venture between the C&O Canal National Historical Park and the Canal Trust. This innovative new Interpretive program will allow visitors to stay overnight in three historic lockhouses, with another one slated to open mid-2010.

The program, established to provide an interpretive experience will also help preserve the lockhouses. Kevin Brandt, Superintendent of the C&O Canal National Historical Park, says, "Our lockhouses are over 170 years old and we know that the best way to save these invaluable buildings is to use them in an appropriate manner. This program allows us to accomplish two key goals: protecting our historic structures while offering an extraordinary interpretive experience."

After the park completed the historic rehabilitation of the lockhouses, the C&O Canal Trust furnished each to reflect different eras of the canal's life. Lockhouse 6, near the Brookmont community off

of Clara Barton Parkway, is furnished as it may have been in the 1950s and tells the story of the campaign to preserve the canal led by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. Lockhouse 22 at Pennyfield Lock near Potomac, Maryland, shows what life was like during the establishment and construction of the canal in the 1830s. The furnishings in Lockhouse 49 at Four Locks near Clear Spring, Maryland, reflect the period of the early 20th century, toward the end of the canal's operations.

According to C&O Canal Trust President Matthew Logan, "Nothing quite like this has ever been offered to the public in a National Park. We are excited to provide a new way for people of all ages to experience this world class resource." After a day of biking, hiking, birding, kayaking or other recreational activities, visitors have the unique opportunity to spend the evening cooking over a campfire, playing games from bygone eras, flipping through scrapbooks of photos, and listening to the river and sounds of wildlife as they fall asleep in period furniture as

locktenders did generations before.

In addition to a unique visitor experience, Canal Quarters is also engaging members of the community through a new volunteer opportunity. Volunteer Quartermasters are individuals from the local communities, who will oversee each lockhouse. They will be responsible for the basic upkeep of the structure and the furnishings. The generosity and dedication of each Quartermaster are crucial to the program's success. So if you happen to meet a Canal Quarters Quartermaster at one of the lockhouses, thank them!

So as you walk into Lockhouse 22, where the stone walls have been restored to their original beauty, Lockhouse 49, where you'll find a gorgeous corner cabinet among other antiques, or Lockhouse 6, which may bring back childhood memories for some, remember the canallers...

For more information or to make a reservation, please visit the C&O Canal Trust's website at www.canaltrust.org and begin your journey today!

Welcome from the Superintendent

Hiking, biking, bird watching, horseback riding, attending ranger programs, are just some of the activities visitors participated in along the C&O Canal during this past year. By year's end 3.6 million visitors experienced C&O Canal National Historical Park! This is an increase of a half million visitors over visitation in 2008.

Clearly the recent economic situation in the United States caused a change in vacation plans with visitors looking for recreational opportunities closer to home. The historical, natural and recreational opportunities in the park provide unique park experiences for the millions of residents within an hour drive of the C&O Canal.

I welcome you to the park and encourage you to enjoy the exhibits recently installed in the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, or stay overnight in one of the park lockhouses as part of the Canal Quarters Program made possible by the Canal Trust, or slow down as you travel along the towpath and see if you can spy a bald eagle flying overhead!

Kevin Brandt
Superintendent

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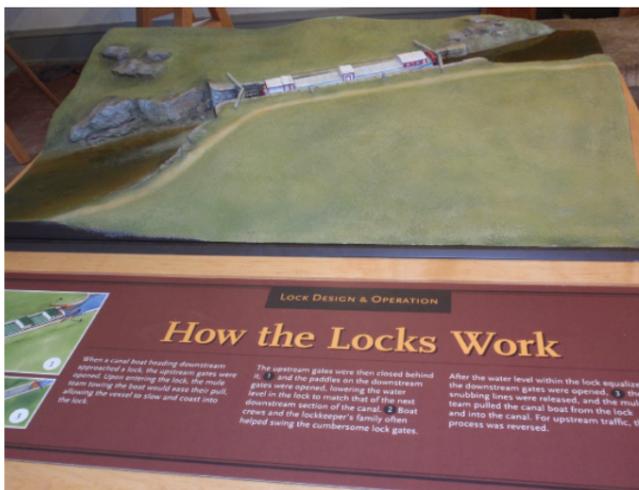
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New Exhibits at the Great Falls Tavern



and houses the information desk and gift shop, as well as a variety of exhibit panels and models laid out on tables.

These audio and visual displays help orientate visitors to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and life at the Great Falls Tavern throughout the 19th and 20th century. Included in these displays is a cargo canal boat model, a model of a boat going through a lock, examples of goods transported on the canal, and a video from 1917 showing scenes of the canal in operation.

The middle room of the visitor center was the original lockhouse. Today, it contains six figures representing the unique relationship between the families that worked the boats and those that tended the locks. Meet a lockkeeper, his wife and daughter, and a boatman, his wife and son. Each stands next to a panel that details their typical roles and responsibilities. Pressing a button next to each figure will bring the voice of these people to life.

The third room of the visitor center contains exhibits about the natural history of the Great Falls area. Local geology not only gave rise to the need to build a canal around Great Falls and the flooding that ultimately caused its demise, but it also created one of the most biologically rich and diverse areas in the county. Several plant communities found in the Potomac Gorge are globally rare. Find out more through



the third room's exhibit panels and three dimensional geological model.

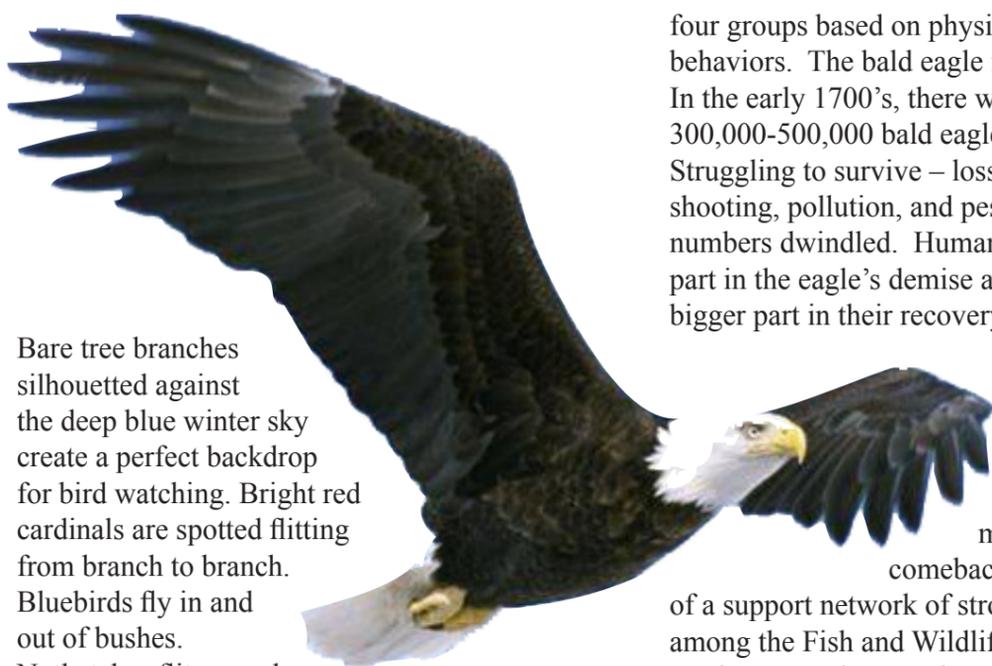
If you ever wished walls could talk, listen to the voices from the past from inside the newly renovated Great Falls Tavern and use your senses to explore history.

Ever wish the walls of an old building could talk? What secrets, stories and lessons could they tell? Would they remember the families that lived in them and did they bear witness to the countless boats that passed them by? If only the walls could talk...

The building that today houses the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center was completed in 1832. It was built as a home for a lockkeeper and his wife, as well as a tavern and a hotel for folks passing by. It became one of the most prominent structures on the C&O Canal and a destination for tourists.

This past year, the inside of the Great Falls Tavern received a facelift and multi-sensory exhibits. We invite people to read, watch, touch, listen and use their sense of smell exploring the new exhibit. The large front room is reminiscent of the tavern scene

Eagles on the Canal



Bare tree branches silhouetted against the deep blue winter sky create a perfect backdrop for bird watching. Bright red cardinals are spotted flitting from branch to branch. Bluebirds fly in and out of bushes. Nuthatches flit up and down tree trunks looking for food. In the azure sky above, an American bald eagle soars lazily over the towpath making slow circles that widen out over the Potomac River. Migrating birds from Canada and New England make their home here during the winter months making it more likely to see this magnificent bird. The bald eagle was chosen in 1782 as the emblem of the United States of America because of its long life, great strength and majestic looks.

Bald eagles are the only eagle indigenous to North America. Called "bald" because of their white head, scientists loosely divide them into

four groups based on physical characteristics and behaviors. The bald eagle is a sea or fish eagle. In the early 1700's, there were an estimated 300,000-500,000 bald eagles in North America. Struggling to survive – loss of habitat, illegal shooting, pollution, and pesticides – their numbers dwindled. Humans played a major part in the eagle's demise and played an even bigger part in their recovery.

On the brink of extinction in the 1950's, they have made a remarkable comeback due to the efforts of a support network of strong partnerships among the Fish and Wildlife Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, tribes, conservation organizations, the business community and individual citizens. In the mid-1950's there were only 412 nesting pairs left in the lower 48 states. Declared endangered in 1967, they were reclassified to threatened in 1996 and finally removed from the endangered species list on June 28, 2007. Today, there are over 100,000 bald eagles in the US. with over 400 nesting pairs in Maryland.

To see a bald eagle fly over the towpath is a treat. At adulthood they stand 35-37 inches, weigh 15 pounds, and have a wingspan of 72-90 inches. Flying upwards of 35 mph, this majestic bird can cover great distances. Pairs have been sighted as

far west as Shepherdstown, West Virginia nesting in barren trees. Winter is the time when eagles mate laying 1-3 eggs that hatch sometime in April. Eaglets fledge after 12 weeks and by June the eaglets have begun flying on their own, with the ability to hunt for their own food mastered by August. Eagles usually mate for life often nesting in the same tree every year.

Great strides have been made towards increasing bald eagle numbers. There is still much to do to ensure their continued success. By learning more about bald eagles we take another step closer to helping them survive. "After years of careful study, public comment and planning, the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are confident in the future security of the American Bald Eagle," former Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne said. "From this point forward, we will work to ensure that the eagle never again needs the protection of the Endangered Species Act."

Take a walk on the towpath at Great Falls, Williamsport, or Oldtown to see these regal birds. All you need is some patience, persistence, and a good pair of binoculars. Once you've seen the eagle perched in a tree or soaring above the river, you will understand why President Reagan said in 1982, "... to glimpse this majestic raptor, is to understand why the Founding Fathers chose it to represent the strength and courage of our great nation."

Friends of the Park

C&O Canal Trust

The C&O Canal Trust was founded in early 2007 to bring the resources of the community -- its energy, expertise, and economic might -- to the task of protecting, restoring, and promoting the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The Trust recognizes we all have an obligation to ensure that the park's natural, historic, and recreational qualities are available for future generations to enjoy. The Trust's strategy is not to replicate that which the National Park Service should be doing, but rather to work in partnership with park staff to complement and expand their efforts. Through a combination of volunteerism, community outreach,



education, fund raising, and hands-on restoration, the C&O Canal Trust is working to reclaim one of America's premier national parks.

The C&O Canal Trust believes that bold thinking and fresh ideas are needed if the canal is going to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Perhaps this will take the form of restoring the canal system between Seneca and Georgetown, complete with operating locks and boat traffic. The choices are unlimited. Restoration and revitalization of the C&O Canal can be this generation's legacy for the ages. For more information on how to get involved, visit their website at <http://www.canaltrust.org>.

C&O Canal Association

The C&O Canal Association is a citizens' association concerned with the conservation of the natural and historical environment of the C&O Canal and the Potomac River Basin. The Association supports the National Park Service in its efforts to preserve and promote the 184.5 mile towpath and the open spaces within the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Membership is open to all.

Association activities include hikes, bike and canoe trips, a level walkers program, and special projects to support park activities. The Association provides opportunities for fellowship and education as well. Members receive a quarterly newsletter.

For more information about the C&O Canal Association, activities, and special projects, visit the www.candocanal.org or call 301-983-0825.

C&O Canal Association Membership

Name: _____

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Membership Rates (circle rate):

Individual \$15 Family \$20 Patron \$25

My C&O Canal Association badge should bear this name:

Second badge name (Patron or Family Membership)

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Volunteers-in-the-Parks:

Meet Bill Hibbard. He has been volunteering for the C&O Canal for 13 years. His enthusiasm and knowledge of the park are great examples of the dedication reflected by all of the C&O Canal volunteers.

"In 1996 there were two major floods on the river. It was also the year that I started as a volunteer at the C&O Canal. People often ask me how I got interested in volunteering. Approaching my retirement, I decided that volunteering would provide a happier life than working for a salary. Some of my friends volunteered at the Pawtuxet Research Center and were very enthusiastic about it.

My opportunity came when I moved to Williamsport and bought a house bordering the C&O Canal National Historical Park. I liked the historical connection and the facility, especially the 184.5-mile hiking trail. In 1996, I began as a volunteer at the Williamsport Visitor Center and was quickly impressed by the friendliness and the dedication of the small Park staff. My top reason for volunteering is the park visitor. Their sincere interest in the park, the great variety of their backgrounds and homes, the history I learn from them and their congeniality make every park day a new adventure to anticipate.

I call myself the utility infielder because of the variety of activities I have enjoyed: Visitor Center, history tours, demonstrations and exhibits, trail



Bill Hibbard (right) explaining a canal boat to a visitor

maintenance, and history research.

The C&O Canal experience was so satisfying that I sought additional volunteer opportunities. I have worked at two other National Parks (Apostle Islands in Wisconsin and Voyageurs in Minnesota), and a National Wildlife Refuge in West Virginia. I'm also a brakeman on an all-volunteer railroad. Although each is unique, they all have the appeal of appreciative visitors, great surroundings and an historic background. For me, volunteering is all about the joy of working with people, the intellectual appeal of history and the satisfaction of providing a valuable public service."

There are a number of ways you can share your enthusiasm and talents as a volunteer for the park. The park is currently seeking to recruit volunteers for the bike patrol, Billy Goat Trail stewards, towpath stewards, visitor center, special events, and canal boat crews. Volunteer schedules are flexible and opportunities are available 7 days a week.

To become part of our team, please contact the park Volunteer Coordinator at 301-714-2218. To learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities, visit our website, <http://www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>



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We encourage you to become a member of Eastern National and help support their programs. Membership costs \$25 per year and the net proceeds from Eastern National bookstores are donated directly to the National Park Service. Members receive a 15% discount on purchases made at any of their bookstore locations. Many other NPS cooperating associations throughout the United States honor a similar discount to Eastern members. Please visit their website at <http://www.eparks.com> for more information.



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Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park

Preserving America's colorful canal era and transportation history, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park is 184.5 miles of adventure. Originally, the C&O Canal was a lifeline for communities and businesses along the Potomac River as coal, lumber, grain and other agricultural products floated down the canal to market. Today millions of visitors hike or bike the C&O Canal each year to enjoy the natural, cultural and recreational opportunities available.

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Planning Your Park Visit

Downeast – Buildings, Bridges, and Falls

The longest watered stretch (23 miles) of the C&O Canal today is located in the eastern end of the park from Seneca, Maryland to Georgetown.

Attend the Abner Cloud House holiday open house on Saturday, December 5 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Located adjacent to Fletcher's Boathouse at milepost 3.2, this is one of the oldest houses on the C&O Canal (circa 1801).

Visit the new exhibits at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and get information on winter activities.

A visit to Great Falls is not complete without a walk to the overlook on Olmsted Island, where a breathtaking view of the falls can be seen. For more adventure near Great Falls, explore the Billy Goat Trail. This moderate-to-strenuous trail is a best for experienced hikers.

Upstream from the Great Falls near Mile 42, visitors can see the largest aqueduct bridge along the canal – the Monocacy. Over 500 feet long and with 7 arches, the Monocacy was restored in 2005 and today looks much like it did when first constructed in 1833.



Photo by Doug Zveare

Middle Ground

Civil War, Railroad, Classic Canal Towns

The mid-section of the park is full of towns located right on the canal that have retained much of their historic charm and are brimming not only with canal stories but also Civil War and railroad history.

Brunswick, Maryland located at Mile 55 on the towpath, was an important spot on the B&O Railroad. Today a visitor center for the canal is housed within the Brunswick Railroad Museum.

Harpers Ferry, West Virginia is located just across the Potomac River from Mile 60 on the canal. The Civil War history of the area is explored within Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

Near Lock 38 of the C&O Canal sits historic Sharpsburg, Maryland. Site of the Battle of Antietam, Sharpsburg is home to Antietam National Battlefield. Across the river from Sharpsburg, Maryland is Shepherdstown, West Virginia. In Shepherdstown, cement and grain from Botelors Mill was shipped on the C&O Canal. The Rumsey Steam Boat was invented there.

Williamsport, Maryland is a classic canal town. Located very near the midpoint of the canal, today a section of canal adjacent to the Williamsport Visitor Center is watered at the Cushwa Basin. Lock 44 is restored and the Conococheague Aqueduct is just upstream.

A stone French and Indian War fort, Fort Frederick State Park, is located near Mile 112 of the canal. Also in this area of the park, visitors can access the nearby Western Maryland Rail Trail which runs 22 miles west from the Ft. Frederick area past Hancock to Pearre.

Westward Ho along the C&O!

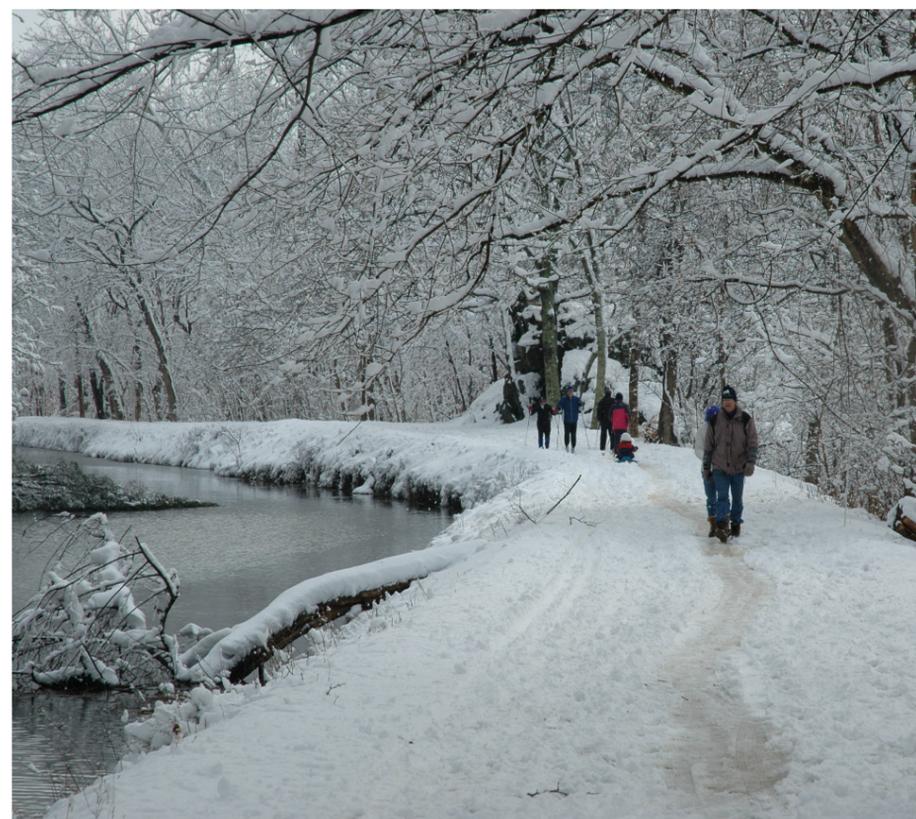
For early settlers in this country, the desire to “go west” and explore uncharted areas was a strong, driving force in expanding the nation. The west was new, raw and undeveloped and beckoned adventurous souls to come and plant roots. In a similar way, the western portions of the C&O Canal NHP are a bit more remote and awaiting your “exploration”. The C&O Canal NHP winds through primarily small, quiet towns as the mountainous region of Western Maryland looms beyond Hancock and the trail reflects a quiet, less hectic pace.

Follow the dirt Oldtown-Orleans road through Green Ridge State Forest to MD Rt. 51 which brings visitors to the Paw Paw Tunnel. Hike through the 3,118 foot long tunnel – with good flashlight in hand – and hike back over top the Tunnel Hill Trail for a three mile hike.

Oldtown is located north of the Paw Paw Tunnel and features a re-watered section of the C&O Canal. As its name would imply, Oldtown is a site of early settlement in Allegany County, Maryland. Native American, French and Indian War, and Civil War history played a part in Oldtown's development as did the arrival of the C&O Canal.

The final stop for “explorers” heading west is the canal terminus at Cumberland. Cumberland is not small and remote but stately, beautiful and offers the excitement of Canal Place and a re-watered section of the C&O Canal. No visit to the “west” is complete without stopping to pet the bronze mule at Canal Place and taking a tour of the Cumberland C&O Canal Visitor Center in the Western Maryland Railway Station.

The C&O Canal National Historical Park offers visitors a variety of park experiences, whether they are headed east, west, or spending time in the park's mid-section. Come and enjoy!



Park Map and Highlights



The Cumberland Visitor Center is part of the old Western Maryland Railway Station built in 1913.



Lockhouse 70 is part of the community of Oldtown. Settled by Thomas Cresap in the 1740's, it is one of the few watered sections of the canal.



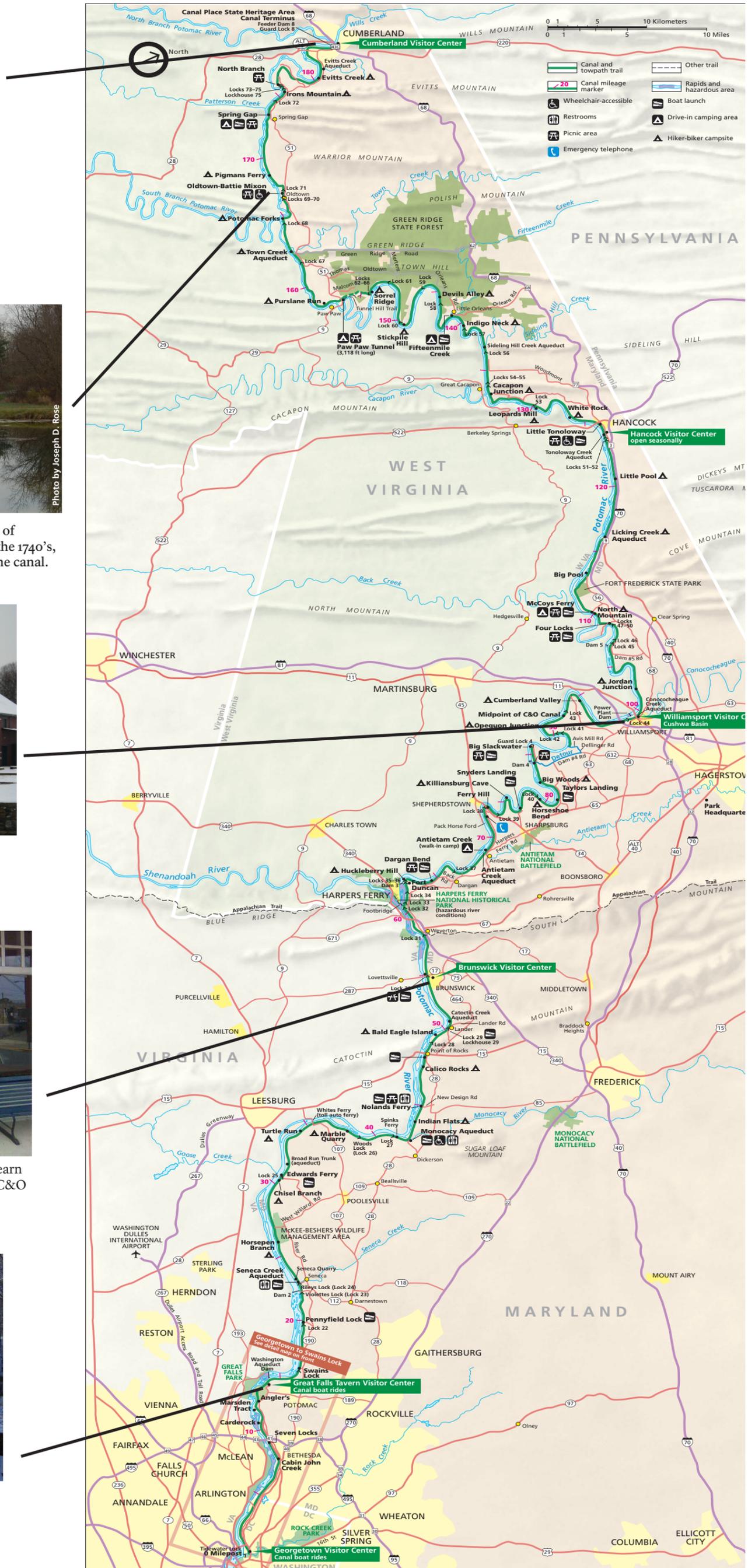
The Cushwa Warehouse was built in the late 18th century and was used to transfer coal from canal boats to rail cars. Today, it houses the Williamsport Visitor Center.



The Brunswick Visitor Center - Learn about the competition between the C&O Canal and the B&O Railroad.



The newly restored Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center was once a place where patrons were able to enjoy a glass of beer and watch the sycamores.



Recreational Guide by Milepost

Bike Repairs/Rental	Fee Charged	Picnic Table	Visitor Center
Boat Ramp	Food	Tent Camping Only	Restrooms
Boat Rental	Groceries	Car Camping - Fee Charged	Lodging
Canoe/Kayak Ramp	Parking		

Note: Commercial services are subject to change at any time.

0.1 Thompson Boat House 	26.1 Horsepen Branch 	62.9 Huckleberry Hill 	101.2 Jordan Junction 	140.9 Fifteemile Creek
0.4 Georgetown 	27.2 Sycamore Landing 	64.9 Dargan Bend 	106.8 Dam 5 	144.5 Devils Alley
3.1 Fletchers Cove 	30.5 Chisel Branch 	69.6 Antietam Creek 	109.0 Four Locks 	149.4 Stickpile Hill
5.4 Lock 6 	30.8 Edward's Ferry 	72.7 Lock 38 / Shepherdstown, WV 	110.0 North Mountain 	154.1 Sorrel Ridge
6.5 Sycamore Island 	34.4 Turtle Run 	75.2 Killiansburg Cave 	110.4 McCoys Ferry 	156.1 Paw Paw
7.0 Lock 7/Glen Echo 	35.5 Whites Ferry 	76.6 Snyders Landing 	112.4 Fort Frederick State Park 	157.4 Purslane Run
8.3 Lock 8/Seven Locks 	38.2 Marble Quarry 	79.2 Horseshoe Bend 	113.8 Big Pool 	162.1 Town Creek
8.8 Lock 10/Seven Locks 	42.2 Monocacy Aqueduct 	80.9 Taylors Landing 	116.0 Licking Creek Aqueduct 	164.8 Potomac Forks
10.5 Carderock 	42.5 Indian Flats 	82.7 Big Woods 	120.6 Little Pool 	166.7 Oldtown/Battie-Mixon
11.0 Marsden Tract – group campground permit required. Parking 0.5 mile downstream at Carderock. 	44.6 Nolands Ferry 	84.4 Dam 4 	124.5 Little Tonoloway/Hancock 	169.1 Pigmans Ferry
12.2 Anglers Inn 	47.6 Calico Rocks 	85.5 Big Slackwater 	126.4 White Rock 	173.3 Spring Gap
14.3 Great Falls 	48.2 Point of Rocks 	88.1 McMahons Mill 	129.9 Leopards Mill 	175.3 Irons Mountain
16.6 Lock 51/Swains Lock 	50.3 Bald Eagle Island 	90.9 Opequon Junction 	130.7 Cohill Station 	175.5 Lock 75/North Branch
19.6 Lock 22/Pennyfield Lock 	50.8 Lock 29/Lander 	95.2 Cumberland Valley 	133.6 Cacapon Junction 	180.1 Evitts Creek
22.1 Lock 23/Violette's Lock 	55.0 Brunswick 	99.2 Lock 44 	139.2 Indigo Neck 	184.5 Cumberland / Canal Terminus
22.8 Seneca 	60.8 Harpers Ferry 	99.8 Williamsport 		

Know Before You Go

Avoid the worst. Put Safety First! We want all our visitors to have a safe and memorable visit to the C&O Canal National Historical Park. By keeping in mind the following regulations, you will help preserve our park and keep yourself safe at the same time. If you do encounter an emergency at any time, please call 1-866-677-6677 or 911.

- Please take your trash with you. C&O Canal is a trash-free park. Trash bags are provided at dispensers located throughout the park.
- Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Do not remove artifacts or natural items from the park.
- Children under 16 must wear bike helmets while riding; we encourage adults to do so as well. Bicyclists must observe a speed limit of 15 mph while riding the towpath. Bells are recommended.
- Dogs are welcome on the towpath, but must be on a leash at all times. **Please pick up your pet's waste and dispose of properly.** Dogs are not permitted on the Billy Goat Trail, Section A or on the overlook trail to Great Falls.
- Camp in designated areas only. **Do not bring firewood with you for camping -- a park-wide ban is in effect due to infestation of ash-borer beetles. Dead and downed wood may be collected for fires.**
- Bring water. There is **no potable water at the hiker/biker campsites** from mid-November to mid-April
- Do not operate motorized vehicles on the towpath.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the park.

Park Programs and Services

Park Fees:

The Great Falls area charges an entrance fee of \$5/car, \$3/cyclist/walker. Fees for commercial vehicles vary according to size of vehicles and number of passengers. Fees are good for three days. All other access points to the park are free.

Education Programs:

Ranger-led education programs are available at Georgetown, Great Falls, Williamsport and Cumberland. Please contact the local visitor centers to make reservations and get more information. Except for canal boat rides, all programs are free.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Georgetown Visitor Center, 202-653-5190 Closed for the winter season. Will re-open in early April							
Great Falls Visitor Center, 301-767-3714 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Museum, exhibits, orientation and information.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Brunswick Visitor Center, 301-834-7100 Open Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. An partnership visitor center with the Brunswick Railroad Museum. Park information, orientation and exhibits on the canal.	●					●	●
Williamsport Visitor Center, 301-582-0813 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Orientation, exhibits, and information.	●			●	●	●	●
Hancock Visitor Center is closed for the season. Look for us at our new location in late May - on the towpath at Lock 52, milepost 122.9							
Cumberland Visitor Center, 301-722-8226 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily Sundays in January and February 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Museum, orientation, exhibits, and information are located in the historic 1913 Western Maryland Railway Station. This partnership visitor center provides information on park and Allegany County tourist information. Ice-skating on the terminus is available when conditions warrant and is at your own risk.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Kids Corner

The New Park Mule!



Eva is the newest member of the mule family here at C&O Canal. This makes 7 mules that now work the canal boats. Historically, canal boat captains owned or leased four mules. Two would work towing the boat along the canal. Two would rest in the mule barn located on the front of the canal boat. Mules would work for six hours at a time. Being very smart, they knew when their six hours were up and would stop walking. This was a good time for a rest and to eat some hay before stepping on the boat into the mule barn.

Boys eight years and older would walk with the mules on the towpath. They would feed them, brush them, and take care of their harnesses. Some of the mules would have bells on their harnesses. Former Canaller, Lester Mose, Sr. said, "When the mules were walking, their bells chimed all the time. Our mules loved them. They'd just walk along

there, proud and nice as could be."

In the winter, before the canal closed, mules would go live in mule barns in towns along the canal. Today, the park mules are wintered at Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. They will return to Great Falls in the Spring. So, when you see Eva or the other mules, say "hi"!

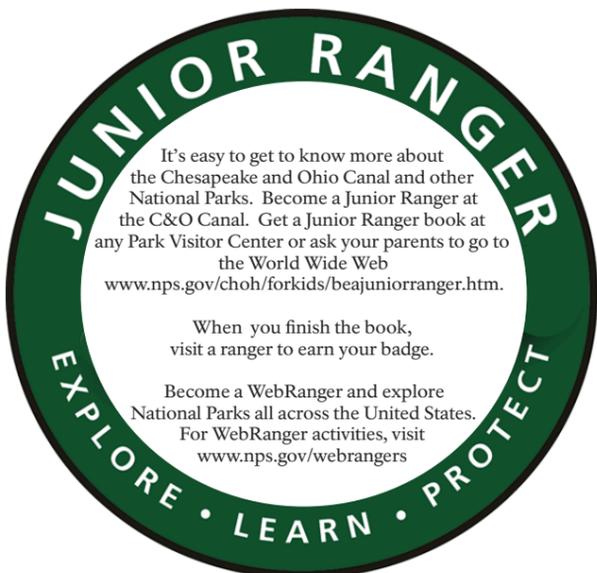


C&O Canal Word Find

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Find these words related to the canal. Words are forwards, backwards, up, down, and diagonal

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| Aqueduct | Canaller | Great Falls | Lockhouse | Potomac River |
| Biking | Chesapeake | Hiking | Lock Keeper | Railroad |
| Boat Captain | Cumberland | History | Mule | Recreation |
| Camping | Georgetown | John Quincy Adams | Ohio | Terminus |
| Canal | George Washington | Lift Lock | Paw Paw Tunnel | Williamsport |



Fun Education Programs

Walk on the towpath, go into a lockhouse, open and close the lock gates, ride a mule drawn canal boat, hike through the Paw Paw Tunnel. These are some of the activities that await you on your next school field trip.

Teachers – call the visitor centers at Great Falls, Williamsport, or Cumberland to schedule an education program.

Programs include a history walk on the towpath, canal boat rides and history, and ecology talks led by park staff. Call now to schedule your education program!

