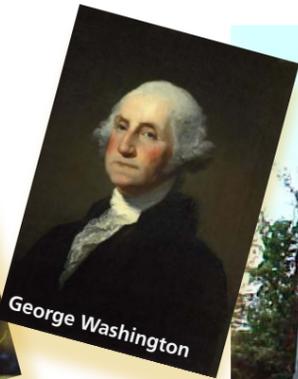




Canal Visitor Guide



Harperella



George Washington



Ferry Hill Place



Henry Kyd Douglas



Zebra mussel

The Many Facets of the C&O Canal

Compelling stories exude from this Country's nearly 400 National Park Service sites. As the NPS nears its Centennial in 2016, parks look to share their untold stories. Along the 184.5 miles of the C&O Canal National Historical Park towpath countless stories sparkle! Tales of the canal boat captains, lock keepers, the construction of the canal. When visiting the C&O Canal look for unique stories that are here to be experienced. This article shares a sampling of the many stories of the Canal, some, stories well known, some, not so well known.

The Beginnings of the C&O Canal

Washington's Dream

As a teenage-surveyor in the 1750s George Washington first traveled west along the Potomac River. A handful of years later, he returned to Western Maryland as a colonel in the Virginia militia in the French and Indian War. From this early period, Washington planned for a route west using the waters of the Potomac River. After the Revolutionary War and while President, Washington traveled through this region. Due to his encouragement, the Potomac Canal was constructed and, in 1803 four years after his death, began operating. This canal served as

the precursor to the C&O Canal that followed 25 years later.

John Quincy Adams' Gift to a Nation

July 4, 1828, a crowd of over 2,000 gathered at Little Falls as President John Quincy Adams turned the first shovel to start the construction of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. Adams' task served as a precursor to the challenge to construct the canal. Five times Adams attempted to break ground. The first four efforts all hit roots. Though planned to extend 318 miles to Pittsburg, after \$13 million and 22 years of construction, the Canal extended only 184.5 miles, ending at Cumberland. Milepost 5.6

The Civil War Sesquicentennial Along the C&O Canal

Ferry Hill Place

Henry Kyd Douglas looked across the Potomac River and the C&O Canal toward his home, Ferry Hill. A Confederate Officer serving under General Stonewall Jackson, Douglas watched Union troops occupy his home. Yankee soldiers taunted him to cross. Then, realizing Douglas longed to visit his family, they promised him safe passage. Tentatively Douglas accepted, crossed the river to visit his mother. In appreciation, Douglas gave

each Union soldier a letter promising release if captured. Going home, something we all yearn to do. Yet, this simple tale of a soldier's effort to go home during war provides an additional touching element. Ferry Hill Place is one of dozens of locations along the C&O Canal linked to the Civil War. With the Sesquicentennial, the 150th anniversary of the Civil War from 2009-2015, parks are highlighting their links to the Civil War. Milepost 72.7. Open Saturdays and Sundays, Memorial Day through Labor Day, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

John Brown Raid

Many argue the Civil War began with John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859. For nearly a year John Cook labored as lock keeper at Lock 33, even married a local woman. Only in October 1859 did the residents of Harpers Ferry, just across the Potomac River, learn his true purpose for working the canal. Cook was sent to reconnoiter for John Brown and his planned slavery revolt. Captured after the raid, Cook is the only C&O Canal lock keeper ever hung for treason! The 150 anniversary of the John Brown raid occurs this October 2009. Milepost 60.7 <http://www.johnbrownraid.org/>

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Welcome from the Superintendent

With great pride I welcome you and over 3 million other annual visitors to the C&O Canal National Historical Park. This park offers vast historical, natural and recreational opportunities. Ranger tours, mule drawn boat rides, exhibits at our six visitor centers, and 184.5 miles of splendor along the canal towpath, provide life long experiences and memories.

I also have great pride for the park staff that preserve, protect and interpret the Canal! Their efforts guarantee the preservation of 1,375 historic structures, natural habitats in five distinct zones, a safe place to come and escape, the articulate telling of the canal stories, and much more!

The partnerships that this park prizes and relies on are another great source of pride for me. They assist the park towards success in its charge to care for the park's resources. Communities along the Canal, the C&O Canal Association the Canal Trust, our thousands of park Volunteers, all contribute in numerous ways to help the park achieve our many goals.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy your visit to the C&O Canal NHP and leave sharing the pride that I have for this National Park!

Kevin Brandt
Superintendent

Improvements at Great Falls

C&O Canal National Historical Park is continually looking to make improvements to facilities which then enhance the visitor experience. Yet for periods of time the construction phases can temporarily limit the visitor experience. The access road

to Great Falls Tavern is in dire need of repairs. Electrical lines need to be placed underground, and existing water and sewer utility lines that service the site need to be upgraded. By the time this work is complete, new exhibits will also

be installed in the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center. So the interpretive stories, access to the site, and utilities at Great Falls will all be vastly improved. However, for portions of 2009 and early 2010, access to Great Falls will be limited

and at times closures may occur. We ask for your patience during this work. Please check the park web site or call the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center for details on this work at 301-767-3714. or www.nps.gov/choh.

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Planning Your Park Visit

Pedal the Towpath

Biking the towpath is one of the most popular methods of enjoying the C&O Canal. In general, the towpath is an even, hard-packed dirt trail ideal for biking. A towpath detour is in effect at Big Slackwater (mile 84.5 to mile 88.1). To obtain more information and a map, please contact your local visitor center.

Bicyclists must follow park and state regulations while riding in the park. These include yielding the right-of-way to all pedestrians, horses and mules; wearing helmets for children under 16; groups riding in single file; and observing a 15 mph speed limit.



Sleep Under the Stars

There are a multitude of opportunities for camping along the C&O Canal. Drive-in car camping sites are located at Antietam Creek, McCoy's Ferry, Fifteenmile Creek, Paw Paw Tunnel and Spring Gap. Sites are first-come, first-serve at a fee of \$10 per night per site. Sites are limited to 8 people per site. Group sites are also available at McCoys Ferry, Fifteenmile Creek, Paw Paw and Spring Gap for \$20 per night with a maximum of 35 people per site.

The park offers free hiker-biker campsites along the towpath every 5-7 miles. These sites are limited to one night. Groups may share sites as space allows. All sites include a chemical toilet, picnic table and grill as well as drinking water (available mid-April through mid-November).

Due to an infestation by beetles, a park-wide ban is in effect on bringing your own firewood. Campers may collect dead and down wood.



Take a Hike

The canal towpath is an ideal place to enjoy a moment of solitude and enjoy nature and wildlife along the Potomac River. You can take a short hike or walk the entire 184.5 miles from Georgetown to Cumberland. Challenge yourself by scrambling over the rocks on the Billy Goat Trail while taking in some magnificent views of the Potomac Gorge. Great Falls visitor center has maps of the Great Falls hiking trails. Park maps of the towpath are available at all visitor center. Bring water, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for changing weather conditions.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat (or ride one)

To really experience living history on the canal, we encourage visitors to ride one of our replica canal boats.

However, other boating opportunities are available as well. The first 22 miles of the canal from Georgetown to Great Falls are usually watered and provide an excellent place to canoe or kayak in gentle waters. There are also watered sections at Williamsport, Big Pool, Hancock, Little Pool and Oldtown. Gasoline and propane motorized vehicles are prohibited within the park. In addition, there are several parking areas located along the canal that provide boat ramp access to the Potomac River. Personal Flotation Devices are required by the state of Maryland.



Canal Quarters Program

Ever wonder what life was like in a lockhouse along the C&O Canal? Thanks to the C&O Canal Quarters Program, several lockhouses will be available for overnight stays by advance reservation beginning Summer 2009. Park visitors can experience life as a locktender through interpretive media which transports visitors to different periods of the canal's history. The three-year pilot phase covers lockhouses from Lock 6 (Milepost 5.4) to Lock 49 (Milepost 108.72). Information about the program, reservations, and volunteer opportunities may be found on the Park's website: www.nps.gov/choh



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Natural Resource Stories in a Historical Park

Harperella: Providing a Touch of Beauty
Traveling along the C&O Canal towpath, the natural beauty of this historic park surrounds all who pass. Yet, within this setting, a rare flower shares its splendor with those who notice. Harperella is a white flower that looks like a small version of Queen Anne's lace. Harperella is so rare it is found in only ten places in the world. The C&O Canal is one of these locations. To encourage this plant's future, researchers planted over 2,300 Harperella plants in the park. So, when traveling along the

canal, slow down, not to smell the roses, but to take notice of the Harperella. But, remember do not pick the park plants. Enjoy the park beauty with a photograph. <http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=PTNO>

A Threat to the Potomac Waterways

The lands and waters that make up the C&O Canal NHP are a national treasure! Yet a small mussel from the Caspian Sea, threatens the waters of Maryland. In the mid-1980s the zebra mussel was first found in the Great Lakes, and has since caused economic and ecological damage. Now this mussel has entered the waters of the Susquehanna River. Taking the time to perform some simple

actions, boaters can help protect the Potomac River from these non-native, invasive species. When moving boats between waters, wash boat hulls, clean bilges, and remove aquatic vegetation from props and trailers.

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/biology/Quagga/index.cfm>



Zebra Mussel

The National Parks: America's Best Idea

Documentary film director Ken Burns features the national parks and the founding of the National Park Service in his new six-part, 12 hour documentary, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, which will air on PBS in September. Burns said, "national parks embody an idea as uniquely American as the Declaration of Independence and just as radical: that the most magnificent and sacred places in our land belong not to royalty or the rich but to everyone- and for all time." The film and tells the stories of the parks and the passionate people who fought to preserve them. Writer Wallace Stegner called national parks "the best idea we ever had." That "best idea" has grown to include nearly 400 National Park Service units around the nation. Visit your national parks, especially those in the Washington, DC area! <http://www.nps.gov>

Park Map and Special Events

Cumberland

CanalFest/RailFest

Friday-Sunday, September 25-27

Festivities at the Cumberland Terminus area include ranger programs and a visit with a mule.

Oldtown

- Fishing Rodeo, Saturday, May 30
Fishing fun for kids 15 & under -- food and prizes awarded.
- Oldtown Summer Fest
Saturday-Sunday, June 27-28
Annual celebration with ranger talks and tours of Lockhouse 70.



Hancock

- Barge Bash, Saturday, June 27
Watch theme-based barges race down the canal. Race begins at 3 p.m. with activities and fireworks following in Widmeyer Park.
- Hancock Apple Days Celebration
Saturday-Sunday, September 12-13
Celebrate Hancock's Heritage at Widmeyer Park with a parade, crafts, food and exhibits.

Williamsport

- Fishing Rodeo, Saturday, June 6
Fishing derby for kids 15 and under -- fishing, food, fun and prizes awarded for 3 different age groups.
- Williamsport Canal Days
Saturday-Sunday, August 22-23
Celebrate Williamsport's heritage at Cushwa Basin and Byron Park with programs, music, arts, crafts and food.
- Harvest Hoedown, Saturday, October 3
Family Fall Festival and Canal Family Reunion

Brunswick

Railroad Days

Saturday-Sunday, October 3-4

This annual celebration features model railroad displays, music, ranger programs, arts and crafts.

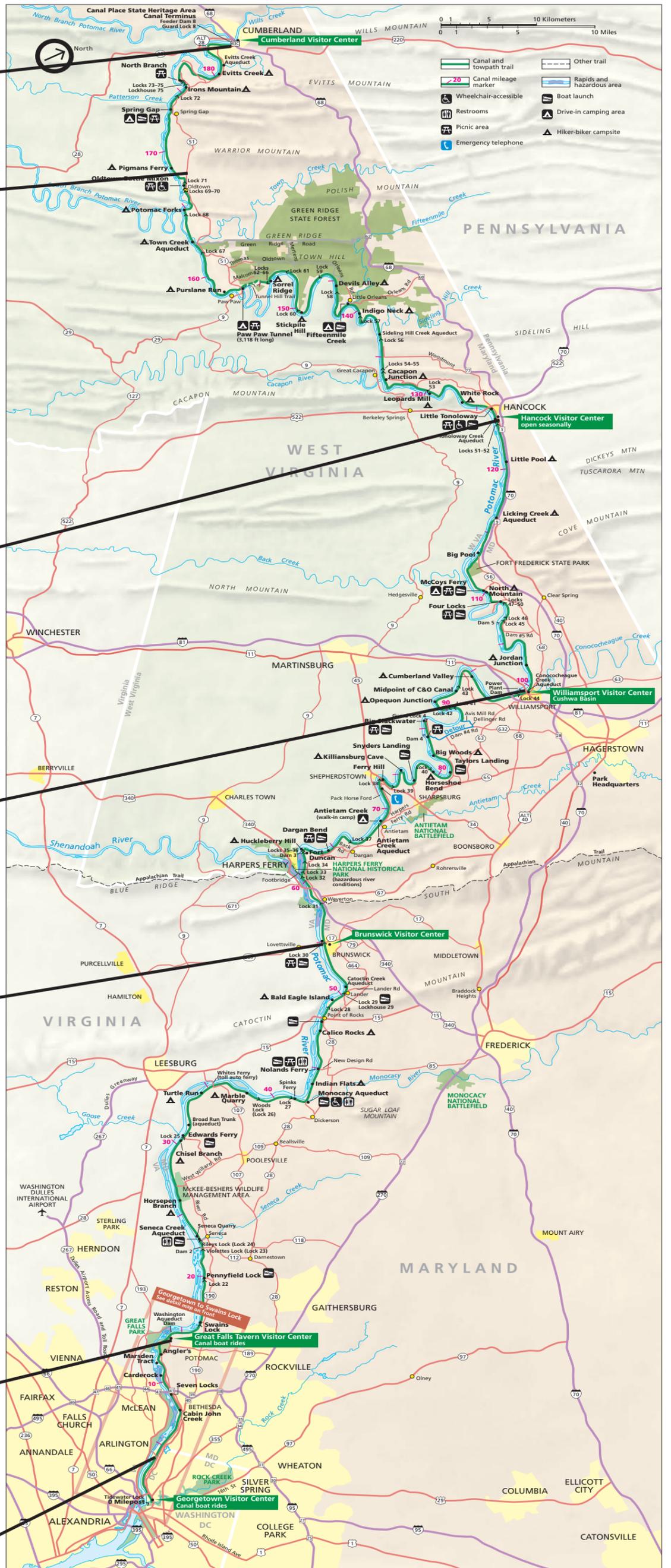


Great Falls

- Civil War Encampment
Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19
Saturday-Sunday, September
Experience demonstrations and living history of the Civil War era by a regiment of the Union Army.
- Organ Grinders, Sunday, May 31
- Life and Death on the C&O Canal
Saturday, October 17
Experience lore and legend of the C&O Canal through a series of skits during this 1-mile lantern lit tour along the canal. Fee charged, tickets required.

Fletcher's Boathouse

- Youth Casting Call
Saturday, April 25
Fishing derby for kids 15 and under -- fun, food and prizes are awarded.
- July 4th Birthday Celebration, Saturday, July 4



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.

Canal boat rides last one hour and cost \$5. The cost for school groups is \$4/students, teachers, and chaperones. Regularly scheduled programs are free. Additional programs and events may be offered seasonally --please check local visitor centers for more information.

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.

Georgetown

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Visitor Center, 202-653-5190 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. April - October Boat ride tickets, orientation and information.	●			●	●	●	●
Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides - \$ (fee charged, see above) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. April	●			●			
11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. May - October Experience living history while traveling up the canal, locking through lift locks during this 1-hour boat ride. Theme boat rides available on weekends only at 11 a.m. Topics include music, storytelling, Civil War, and family life. Please inquire at visitor center for more information.	●			●	●	●	●
Georgetown Walking Tours 12:15 p.m. May - September Join a park ranger for a walking tour of historic Georgetown. Topics vary each weekend and range from canal history to civil war to Hollywood! Tours last from 1 - 2.5 hours in length. Please inquire at visitor center for more information. During April and October, tours are offered on Sundays only.	●						●

Great Falls

Visitor Center, 301-767-3714 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Boat ride tickets, orientation and information.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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Hikes, Bikes, and Walks April - October Join a park ranger to explore the Great Falls area in greater depth. Topics include geology, mining history, and the Great Falls itself. Length varies from 1.5 - 3.5 hours. Inquire at visitor center for more information.							●
Riley's Lockhouse 1-4 p.m. March - June, Sept. - October Join volunteers in period costume for a guided tour of one of C&O Canal's original lockhouses and explore the life of a lock-keeper in greater depth.	●						●

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 inter-agency visitor center with the Brunswick Railroad Museum. Park information, orientation and exhibits on the canal.	●					●	●
Lander Lockhouse Open House April 18 - October 10 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join a park volunteer for a glimpse at life as a locktender. First floor is open and furnished with period furnishings.							●

Harpers Ferry

Harpers Ferry: Towpath Tour
12 p.m. May 23 - September 7
 Join a ranger in historic Harpers Ferry for a look back at life on the canal. This 1-hour walking tour meets at the program area in lower town across from the bookstore and finishes on the C&O towpath.

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Ferry Hill

Ferry Hill Plantation
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. May 23-September 7
 Tour historic Ferry Hill Plantation, home of Henry Kyd Douglas, author of "I Rode with Stonewall." Learn about the families who lived there and the Civil War's impact on them.

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Williamsport

Visitor Center, 301-582-0813
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Orientation, exhibits, and information.

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Building America's Canals, Traveling Exhibit
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 17 - October 11
 Building America's Canals, an exhibit by the National Canal Museum, is located in the historic Trolley Barn. This exhibit gives visitors an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities that puts the visitor in the role of canawler.

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Cushwa Basin Tour
11 a.m. May 23 - September 7
 Join a Ranger to tour the Cushwa Basin and explore the history, and historical and natural features of the C&O Canal.

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Lock 44 Demonstration
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. May 23 - September 7
 Join a ranger to observe the workings of Lock 44 and find out about the challenges for canal families and lock-keepers.

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Hancock

Visitor Center, 301-678-5463
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Open May 22 - October 25
 Museum, orientation, exhibits, and information.

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Little House Roving Ranger
2-4 p.m. July 12 - September 7
 Meet a Ranger on the porch of the Little House and learn the history of the house, Locks 51 and 52, and the Tonoloway aqueduct.

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Cumberland

Visitor Center, 301-722-8226
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Museum, orientation, exhibits, and information on the canal and Allegany County.

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Ridin the Rails with a Ranger
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. June 12 - September 4
 Ride the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad from Cumberland to Frostburg and back and learn more about the connections and competition between the railroads and the C&O Canal. Train leaves Cumberland at 11:30 and returns at 3:00. There is a charge to ride the WMSRR. For ticket information and reservations, call 1-800-TRAIN-50.

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Paw Paw Tunnel Tour
2 p.m. May 23 - September 6
 Join a ranger for a guided walk through this 3,118-foot tunnel. Bring a flashlight and sturdy walking shoes for this one-hour tour of about two miles in length. Meet at the up-stream side of the tunnel, a ten-minute walk from the parking area.

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Lockhouse 75 Open House
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 23 - September 27 Plus May 25 & September 7
 Tour the westernmost lockhouse on the C&O Canal, exploring the life of a locktender with an opportunity to see another side of life on the canal.

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Lockhouse 70 Open House
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 23 - September 6
 Learn more about the C&O Canal and the rich history of Oldtown, Maryland.

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The Cumberland
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. May 23 - September 6
 Tour a replica canal boat, exploring the mule stable, hay house and captain's cabin.

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Recreational Guide by Milepost

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

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

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. We are 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. 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.**
- Do not operate motorized vehicles on the towpath.
- Do not consume alcoholic beverages in the park.

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, fundraising, 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>.



Since 1947, Eastern National has been a proud partner to the national parks which currently partners with over 150 national parks and public trusts and has donated over \$70 million to the National Park Service through the years. Eastern National is dedicated to helping visitors find the information, materials, and experiences they need to fully understand and appreciate the legacy of the places they will visit.

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.

Canal Pride Days

The 2nd Annual C&O Canal Pride Days will be held this spring at five locations along the Canal! Canal Pride is a joint effort between the park and the Canal Trust to bring hundreds of volunteers into the park to conduct numerous maintenance projects. Work dates are Saturday, April 18, at Great Falls Tavern, Saturday, April 25, at Lander and Brunswick, and then Saturday, May 2, at Williamsport and Hancock. If interested, please contact the Canal Trust at (301) 714-2233.

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: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

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) _____

Mail to:

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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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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

C & O Canal Association 55th Annual Thru-Hike

In honor of the original 1954 hike led by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas that played a pivotal role in establishing the C & O Canal National Historical Park as we enjoy it today, members of the C & O Canal Association will hike the length of the towpath between April 19 and May 2, 2009. Daily hiking distances will vary from 9 to 15 miles a day as the group covers the 184.5 mile-long towpath from west to east. Every 5 years the group hikes to celebrate how special the C & O Canal is and how we can all make a difference in preserving our nation's treasures.



Volunteers-in-the-Parks:

Interested in sharing your knowledge about the park with others? Or would you like to learn something new? Want to help the National Park Service protect the historical and natural resources along the canal? Or perhaps you are looking to both exercise and give back to your community? In any



case, there is a volunteer position at C&O Canal NHP for you. The park itself was born from a local grass roots effort to preserve the historic canal and utilize its corridor for recreational activities. Without local support, the area would have been lost to development.

This need continues today. Our volunteers help us to maintain the park, offer increased visitor services, and ensure this local treasure will be enjoyed by generations. Last year, volunteers donated 66,000 hours of their time and talents.

There are many ways in which volunteers can donate services. Currently, the park is

seeking to recruit volunteers to join our bike patrol, our Billy Goat trail stewards, and our canal boat crews. We are also always looking for friendly, knowledgeable people who enjoy engaging visitors to assist in staffing our visitor center information desks, lockhouses, and booths at special events. Volunteer schedules are flexible -- we have opportunities available 7 days a week.

To become a 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>.

Kids Corner

The National Canal Museum Exhibit Returns



Would you like to build a canal, operate a lock or be a captain on a canal boat? Then visit the Building America's Canals exhibit that will be in the Trolley Barn in Williamsport from mid-April to mid-October 2009.

In 2008, over 11,500 visitors, including 3,553 students from Washington County, Maryland, interacted with this traveling exhibit. Due to popular demand the exhibit is returning!

Parents- bring your children and their friends to interact with the exhibit for an hour or two, and then take a walk, bike, or fish along the towpath.

Teachers- schedule an education program. Programs include a visit to the exhibit, and history and ecology talks by park staff. Call the Williamsport Visitor Center at 301-582-0813 for reservations. Free!



Junior Ranger Program

It's easy to get to know more about the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and other National Parks.

Become a Junior Ranger at the C&O Canal. Get a Junior Ranger book at any Park Visitor Center or ask your parents to go to the World Wide Web at www.nps.gov/choh/forkids/beajuniorranger.htm.

When you finish the book, visit a ranger to earn your badge.

Become a WebRanger and explore National Parks all Visit www.nps.gov/webrangers/ for WebRanger activities.



Presidents and the C&O Canal

With the inauguration of Barack Obama as Preseident of the United States in January 2009, we look back at the role of other Presidents with the C&O Canal. See if you can match each president to their role in the history of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

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| 1. George Washington (1789-1797) | A. Broke ground on July 4, 1828 to begin building the canal at Little Falls near Washington D.C. |
| 2. John Quincy Adams (1825-1829) | B. Signed legislation establishing the C&O Canal as a National Historical Park in 1971. |
| 3. Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865) | C. Visited Sharpsburg area near the C&O Canal during the Civil War. |
| 4. Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945) | D. Was head of the Patowmack Canal Company in 1785 and dreamed of a canal system to the Ohio River Valley. |
| 5. Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961) | E. Established the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) that had work camps on the abandoned C&O Canal at Great Falls, Maryland. |
| 6. Richard M. Nixon (1969-1974) | F. Named a section of the canal as a National Monument in 1961. |



Answers 1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-E, 5-F, 6-B