



**Education Reservation Form
Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park
at Great Falls, Maryland**



To ensure timely processing of reservations, please fill out this form in its entirety. Also, **please allow two weeks for processing of reservations.** Please email the completed form to cocanaleducation@nps.gov
For more information, call: 301-714-2213

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name: _____
Group/School: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____ Fax: _____

GROUP INFORMATION

Grade Level(s): _____ # of Students: _____ # of Chaperones _____
Any Special Needs? _____
Do you need a place to store lunchboxes? Yes ___ No ___
Have you previously visited the C&O Canal? Yes ___ No ___

TRANSPORTATION (check all that apply):

Charter Bus _____ School Bus _____ Car _____ Van _____
Total # of Vehicles: _____

PREFERRED DATE(S) OF VISIT

Programs are available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. April-June and Sept-November. 10:00am - 3:00pm
We will try to schedule your preferred date, but please provide alternate dates:
Date #1: _____ Date #2: _____
Date#3: _____ Date #4: _____

CURRICULUM BASED PARK PROGRAMS

Offered April-June, September-November
Tuesdays*, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
Between 10 am and 3 pm
*Non-boat programs

Cost: \$5 per person, per program

Please select 1-3 programs from the options below.

A detailed description of programs, learning standards, & pre/post-visit materials can be found at: www.nps.gov/choh/learn/education

Maximum group size per program is 30 students. Larger groups will be given a rotation schedule.

ELEMENTARY (Prek-5)

- _____ Olmstead Island Nature Scavenger Hunt (1.5 Hours)
- _____ Ride the Mercer Canal Boat Ride (1 Hour)
- _____ with Meet the Mule option (.5 Hour)
- _____ STEM: All About Hybrids [Meet the Mules incld.] (1 Hour)
- _____ STEM: Time in a Tree (1 Hour)

SECONDARY (Grade 6-12)

- _____ Olmstead Island Nature Scavenger Hunt (1.5 Hours)
 - _____ Ride the Mercer Canal Boat Ride (1 Hour)
 - _____ with Meet the Mule option (.5 Hour)
 - _____ STEM: Gravity, Friction, & Leverage (1 Hour)
 - _____ Field Observation Notebook Hike (1-3 Hours)
- Select one of the following trails: (Starts Spring 2017)
- _____ River Trail and Towpath (2 Miles, easy)
 - _____ Ford Mine Trail (2.1 Miles, moderate)
 - _____ Gold Mine Trail (3.2 Mile, moderate to challenging)

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park

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Dear Educator,

Thank you for submitting a reservation request! We look forward to your visit. To best facilitate your trip to the C&O Canal National Historical Park, please review and acknowledge these policies and procedures by signing and returning this form with your reservation request. For detailed field trip information, please reference the Plan Your Visit Guide found on our website. If you have any questions, please contact us at cocanaleducation@nps.gov or 301-714-2213.

Arrival:

- **Be on Time** - Our staff is limited and requests for programs are many. If your group is more than 20 minutes late, your program may be canceled. Please call the park if your group is running late. 301-767-3710.
- **Entrance Gate** - The C&O Canal at Great Falls, MD has an entrance station. All school groups registered for educational programs **MUST** stop at entrance gate before entering the park. Please be prepared to show your reservation confirmation form (provided by the park). There is **NO** entrance fee for schools coming to the park for a curriculum education program.
- **Meet the Ranger** - A ranger will meet your students in the bus drop-off area adjacent to the picnic area. Upon exiting the bus, we will divide larger groups, provide teachers with an itinerary and park map, and welcome your group.

While at the Park:

- **Restrooms** - Facilities are located next to the parking lot and picnic area. Teachers should plan to arrive early to allow students access to the restrooms prior to the start of the first program.
- **Chaperones** - The adult chaperone to student ratio is a minimum of 1:10 (Grades PreK-9). chaperones are asked to maintain good student behavior and be attentive during ranger-led programs.

- **Dress** - Most programs are presented outdoors and involve walking. Please prepare students for the weather and ensure they wear proper footwear for the uneven, sometimes muddy, surface of the trails.
- **Lunch** - A large picknicking area is available at the park. The C&O Canal is a trash-free park. All park visitors must take their trash with them upon departure. School groups should bring trash bags.
- **River** - At times, the river may appear calm and peaceful. This is deceptive, however, as deep holes and swift undercurrents make it dangerous at any time of year. Please keep students away from the river.
- **Traffic** - Pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the park can be heavy at times. Please share the pathway and use designated trails at all times!

Resource Protection:

- **Cultural Resources** - Ruins and remnants of historical structures are found throughout the park. These areas are significant, unique, and fragile resources. Please be sure your students experience these areas through observation only.
- **Natural Resources** - Many wild plants and animals can be found at the C&O Canal. ***All vegetation should be left where it is found.*** Various species of animals live in the park. We ask that you remind students that, although they may seem tame, they are still wild. ***Please refrain from feeding, touching, or approaching animals*** and do not leave lunch where they can get it.
- **Leave No Trace** - Share with your students that this park is ***their*** National Treasure! Please practice *Leave No Trace* values by respecting and caring for all archeological sites, monuments, plants, and wildlife. Report any concerns to a Park Ranger.

I have read and understand the park policies and procedure for Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park and I will abide by these policies and procedures.

Teacher Signature/Date: _____