Recreational Guide by Milepost

0.1 Thompson Boat House
30.8 Edwards Ferry
126.4 White Rock
20.6 Blackwater Bend
0.4 Lock 1
34.4 Gunniss Run
129.9 Sharp's Mill
27.2 Sycamore Landing
130.7 Cohill Station
31.5 White Rocks
133.6 Carasaw Branch
36.4 Lock 7
44.8 Pipe Creek
140.9 Fifteenmile Creek
38.2 Marble Quarry
145.4 Devils Alley
43.7 Knight's Ferry
150.1 Great Falls
46.6 Echo Lake
156.8 Ledyard
48.6 Lock 10
161.7 Potomac Pines
50.3 Bald Eagle Island
164.7 Dill's Lock
52.1 Lock 12
166.7 Monocacy Aqueduct
55.4 Lock 6
171.8 Monocacy Aqueduct
6.5 Swimmers Island
183.2 Antietam Creek
42.2 Monocacy Aqueduct
186.8 Shepherdstown Lock
7 Lock 7 (Glen Echo)
191.8 Darnall
42.5 Indian flats
197.8 Great Falls Park
88.1 McMahons Mill
204.9 Mays Landing
10.5 Carderock
4.4 Lock 3
109.4 Four Locks
10.8 Lock 25 (Landery)
115.4 Point Lookout
12.2 Anglers Access
116.1 Point of Rocks
48.9 Upper Tract
124.315 Little Pool
118.7 Monocacy Aqueduct
75.2 Williamsburg Cave
126.0 Little Pool
128.8 Templeton Run
76.6 Snyders Landing
134.5 Terminus (Cumberland)
22.4 Fletchers Cove
140.9 Fifteenmile Creek
138.4 Goose Creek
3.1 Chiswell Tract
144.5 Devil's Alley
142.8 Oldtown
10.0 Ravens Nest
148.2 Point of Rocks
148.5 Fort Frederick State Park
15.1 Laidley Tract
153.1 Western Terminus
15.3 Laidley Tract
154.1 Sever Ridge
157.4 Purslane Run
49.9 Williamsport Lock
160.3 Darnall
163.4 Frisco Lock
166.1 Potomac Forks
167.1 Potomac Forks
168.8 Mill Place
171.0 North Branch
173.0 Opequon Junction
177.0 Leguey's Cove
177.4 Little Pool
179.4 McCoys Ferry
180.1 Evitts Creek
181.8 Hagerstown Lock
183.8 Snyders Landing
184.3 Terminus (Cumberland)
22.8 Seneca
184.5 Little Tonoloway (Hancock)
24.0 Upper Locks
186.8 Shepherdstown Lock
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26.1 Horrapsen Branch
192.5 Indian Head
27.2 Terrace Landing
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192.5 Indian Head
30.5 Chisel Branch
195.6 Great Falls Park
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Park Planner
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

Welcome
Preserving America’s colorful canal era and transportation history, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park is 184.5 miles of adventure. Operating for nearly 100 years, the canal was a lifeline for communities along the Potomac River as coal, lumber, and agricultural products floated down the waterway to market. Today, millions of visitors hike or bike the canal each year to enjoy the natural, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

Biking
The Canal towpath provides 184.5 miles of gravel path for biking.
- **Ride single file**
- **Bells and helmets are recommended**
- **Stay to the right except when passing**
- **Yield right of way to all pedestrians and horses**
- **Children must wear bike helmets**
- **Walk bike across aqueducts**

Boating
Non-motorized boats are allowed in the following watered sections of the canal: Mile 0-22, Williamsport, Little Pool, Big Pool, Hancock, Oldtown, and Cumberland.

Hiking (cont’d)
There are 14 miles of trails in the Great Falls area and another two mile trail at the Paw Paw Tunnel near Cumberland.
- **Trail maps are available at visitor centers**
- **Bring water**
- **Wear sturdy footwear**
- **Be prepared for changing weather conditions**

Horseback Riding
Horses are permitted on the towpath starting at Swains Lock (mile 16.6) upstream to Candoc/Offutt Street (mile 181.8). Horses are NOT allowed at the following locations:
- **Georgetown (mile 0) to Swains Lock (mile 16.6)**
- **Candoc/Offutt Street (mile 181.8) to Cumberland Terminals (mile 184.5)**
- **Paw Paw Tunnel**
- **Drive/walk-in campgrounds**
- **Picnic areas**
- **All other hiking areas**

Picnicking
Group picnicking is available at the Carderock Pavilion. Accommodations for up to 200 people are available. An advanced permit is required and a fee is charged.

For Emergencies Dial 1-866-677-6677 or 911

Dog Walking
Dogs are permitted in the park and must be on leash no longer than 6 feet and under the owner’s physical control.

Hiking
The C&O Canal has a variety of hiking opportunities for all skill levels. In addition to the 184.5 miles of towpath, there are 14 miles of trails in the Great Falls area and another two mile trail at the Paw Paw Tunnel near Cumberland.

Drive-in Car Camping
Antietam Creek, McCoy’s Ferry, Fifteenmile Creek, Paw Paw Tunnel, and Spring Gap. Sites are first come, first serve. $8 per night/per site, 8 people maximum per site.

Hiker-Biker Campsites
Located along the towpath every 5-7 miles. No fee. Overnight stays are limited to one night. All sites include a chemical toilet, picnic table, grill, and drinking water (water available mid-April through mid-November).

Firearm Regulations
Federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state, and local laws to carry firearms in this park. Federal law also prohibits firearms in certain facilities in the park. Those places are marked with signs at all public entrances and include visitor centers and lockhouses.

Firewood Restriction
Due to an infestation by the emerald ash borer beetle, a park wide ban is in effect on bringing in any firewood. Campers may collect dead and down wood in the park.

Leave No Trace Principles
C&O Canal is a trash free park. Please take trash, dog and horse waste with you. Trash bags are provided at dispensers located throughout the park.

For a complete listing of park rules and regulations please visit the Superintendent’s Compendium: www.nps.gov/choh/parkmgmt

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Explore a Lockhouse

Riley's Lockhouse

April - June & September - early December:
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 1:00

Lockhouse 8

June - October: Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 2:00

Lander Lockhouse (Lockhouse 29)

April - September: Saturday 11:00 - 2:00

Lockhouse 44

For hours of operation please call (301)582-0813

Lockhouse 70

Late May - August: Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 4:00

Lockhouse 75

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Ford Mine Trail

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Briefing

Closed for 2014 Season

Paw Paw Tunnel

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Great Falls Tavern

301-767-3714

1970 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 767-3714

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301-767-3714

2.1 miles

http://myoncell.mobi/13015015128

0.4 miles

1.6 miles

1.7 miles

Location

Distance

Carderock

Paw Paw

Great Falls

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