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 - Hiking opportunities available park-wide
- Commercial services are subject to change at any time*

0.1 Thompson Boat House 	34.4 Turtle Run 	79.2 Horseshoe Bend 	126.4 White Rock
0.4 Georgetown 	35.5 Whites Ferry 	80.9 Taylors Landing 	129.9 Leopards Mill
3.1 Fletchers Cove 	38.2 Marble Quarry 	82.7 Big Woods 	130.7 Cohill Station
5.4 Lock 6 	42.2 Monocacy Aqueduct 	84.4 Dam 4 	133.6 Cacapon Junction
6.5 Sycamore Island 	42.5 Indian Flats 	85.5 Big Slackwater 	139.2 Indigo Neck
7 Lock 7 (Glen Echo) 	44.6 Nolands Ferry 	88.1 McMahons Mill 	140.9 Fifteenmile Creek
8.3 Lock 8 (Seven Locks) 	47.6 Calico Rocks 	90.9 Opequon Junction 	144.5 Devils Alley
8.8 Lock 10 (Seven Locks) 	48.2 Point of Rocks 	95.2 Cumberland Valley 	149.4 Stickpile Hill
10.5 Carderock 	50.3 Bald Eagle Island 	99.2 Lock 44 	154.1 Sorrel Ridge
11 Marsden Tract (Permit Required) 	50.8 Lock 29 (Lander) 	99.8 Williamsport 	156.1 Paw Paw
12.2 Anglers Access 	54 Brunswick 	101.2 Jordan Junction 	157.4 Purslane Run
14.3 Great Falls 	55 Brunswick 	106.8 Dam 5 	162.1 Town Creek
16.6 Lock 21 (Swains Lock) 	60.8 Harpers Ferry 	109 Four Locks 	164.8 Potomac Forks
19.6 Lock 22 (Pennyfield Lock) 	62.9 Huckleberry Hill 	110 North Mountain 	166.7 Oldtown
22.1 Lock 23 (Violettes Lock) 	64.9 Dargan Bend 	110.4 McCoys Ferry 	169.1 Pigmans Ferry
22.8 Seneca 	69.6 Antietam Creek 	112.4 Fort Frederick State Park 	173.3 Spring Gap
26.1 Horsepen Branch 	72.7 Lock 38 (Shepherdstown) 	113.8 Big Pool 	175.3 Irons Mountain
27.2 Sycamore Landing 	72.8 Ferry Hill 	116 Licking Creek 	175.5 Lock 75 Area
30.5 Chisel Branch 	75.2 Killiansburg Cave 	120.6 Little Pool 	180.1 Evitts Creek
30.8 Edwards Ferry 	76.6 Snyders Landing 	124.5 Little Tonoloway (Hancock) 	184.5 Cumberland



Explore the Park

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 and Fishing

Non-motorized boats are allowed in watered sections of the canal, motorized vessels are prohibited.

- Boat ramp access to the Potomac River can be found on the park map
- Personal Flotation Devices are required by the State of Maryland

Fishing in the canal and river is regulated by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Visit www.dnr.state.md.us for more info.

Dog Walking

Dogs are permitted in the park. They must be on leash no longer than 6 feet and under the owner's physical control. Dogs are not permitted on Olmsted Island and Billy Goat Trail A.

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 as well as the 2 mile Paw Paw Tunnel Trail.

Hiking (cont'd)

- 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 from 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 Terminus (mile 184.5)
- Paw Paw Tunnel
- Drive-in/walk-in campgrounds
- Picnic areas
- All other hiking areas

Group 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. Reservations can be obtained by visiting www.recreation.gov. Call 301-767-3703 for more information.

Swimming

Swimming is not permitted in the canal, or in the Potomac River bordering the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, MD. Swimming is not recommended in other areas of the river.

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 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 your own 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 and 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



Drive-in Car Camping

Antietam Creek, McCoy's Ferry, Fifteenmile Creek, Paw Paw Tunnel, and Spring Gap. Sites are reservation only. Permits can be obtained at www.recreation.gov. \$20 per night/per site peak season, \$10 non-peak. 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).

Group Campsites

Marsden Tract, McCoy's Ferry, Fifteenmile Creek, Paw Paw, and Spring Gap. Sites are reservation only. Permits can be obtained at www.recreation.gov. \$40 per night peak season, \$20 non-peak season. 35 people maximum per site.

Canal Quarters Experience

Lockhouses 6, 10, 22, 25, 28, and 49 are open for overnight interpretive experiences. Lockhouses sleep up to eight people. For more information, fees and registration visit the Canal Trust website: www.CanalQuarters.org

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park

Park Headquarters
1850 Dual Highway
Suite 100
Hagerstown, MD 21740

301-739-4200
www.nps.gov/choh



Visitor Center Hours and Locations

Hours subject to change, please call visitor center for more information

Georgetown

1057 Thomas Jefferson St., NW, Washington, DC 20007
Currently closed

Great Falls Tavern

11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 767-3714
Hours: Wednesday-Sunday 9:00-4:30

Brunswick

40 West Potomac Street Brunswick, MD 21716, (301) 834-7100
Hours: Thursday and Friday, 10:00-2:00, Saturday 10:00-4:00, and Sunday 1:00-4:00

Ferry Hill

16500 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
Hours: Saturday-Sunday 11:30 - 3:30, Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day

Williamsport

205 W. Potomac Williamsport, MD 21795, (301) 582-0813
Hours: Wednesday - Sunday, 9:00-4:30, March-November

Hancock

439 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750
Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, Hours: Friday-Sunday 10:00-3:00

Cumberland

Western Maryland Railway Station, 13 Canal St., Room 100, Cumberland, MD 21502, (301) 722-8226
Hours: Daily, 9:00-5:00



Explore a Lockhouse

Rileys Lockhouse

Late April - early June & early September - early December:
Saturday and Sunday 1:00 - 4:00

Lockhouse 44

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

Lockhouse 75

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

Lockhouse 8

May-October 15: Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 2:00

Lockhouse 70

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

Summer Ranger Programs

For other programs, please check with the visitor centers

	Frequency	Times	Duration	Location
Canal Boat Programs				
Great Falls: Experience living history travelling the canal on the mule-drawn replica passenger boat while also locking through a lift lock. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, \$5/children	Weekends April-Oct Fri-Summer only	11am, 1:30pm, 3pm	1 hour	Great Falls Tavern 301-767-3714
Williamsport: Enjoy life on the canal with a replica canal launch boat program. This program includes a short walk, boat ride, tour of Lock House 44, and a lock demonstration. FREE	Thursday through Sunday Memorial Day-Labor Day weekends	11am, 1:30pm, 3pm	1 hour	Williamsport 301-582-0813
Trails & Rails Program on the Capitol Limited				
As you ride the Amtrak train, explore the scenery and history with a guided program. Cumberland-Washington, DC-Cumberland. Amtrak Ticket Required. Visit Amtrak.com	Saturday April-September Thursday June-August	Vary	3 hours each way	Cumberland 301-722-8226v

Other Ways to Enjoy the Park

Bike Loaner Program: This FREE program is offered on weekends at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, weather permitting and daily when the Williamsport Visitor Center is open.

Family Backpack Activity - Stop by the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and “check out” one of our family backpacks full of activities and gear to help children and adults enjoy the park.

Junior Ranger Program: Ask for an activity booklet at any of our Visitor Centers.

Education Programs: Field Trips are currently offered at our Cumberland, Williamsport, and Great Falls locations. Please call 301-714-2213 or email cocanaleducation@nps.gov for more information.



Throughout the year, the Canal hosts a variety of special events! Visit <http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/calendar.htm> for dates and details!

Featured Hiking Trails

For a complete list of hiking trails in your area visit the nearest visitor center

	Difficulty	Distance One-way	Location
Olmsted Island Bridges to Great Falls Overlook			
Paved trail over a series of bridges and boardwalks across the river ending at the Great Falls overlook. Spectacular view of the Falls and the head of Mather Gorge. Handicap Accessible. Dogs are not permitted.	Easy	0.2 miles	Great Falls
Billy Goat Trail Section C			
Scenic river views and a small waterfall are encountered on this trail. Excellent wildflower and birding area.	Moderate	1.6 miles	Carderock
Ford Mine Trail			
Woodland trail leads over streams and across hills to remains of historic gold mining operations, dating 1880's through 1921.	Moderate	2.1 miles	Great Falls
Overlook Trail			
Begin at the Lock 19 trailhead, located near the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center. Take the Lock 19 Trail and bear right at the first intersection onto the Overlook Trail. This trail connects to the Gold Mine Spur.	Moderate	0.4 miles	Great Falls
Billy Goat Trail Section A			
Be prepared for this trail. See cautions. It is a very physically demanding trail. Scrambling over angled rocks, boulders and climbing are required. Views of Mather Gorge and river. Trail follows cliff along river and rejoins towpath 0.7 mile north of Anglers Inn. Trail makes a 3.7 mile loop via Towpath. There are no shortcuts over rocks. Dogs are not permitted.	Strenuous	1.7 miles	Great Falls
Paw Paw Tunnel Hill Trail			
Hike over the top of the Paw Paw Tunnel. Interpretive signage points out resources along the way. Views of the Paw Paw Bends. Contact the Cumberland Visitor Center for upcoming guided tours.	Strenuous	2 miles	Paw Paw Tunnel

Connect with the C&O by visiting the following:



www.nps.gov/choh



www.chohvip.org

Canal Mobile Tour

choh.toursphere.com

