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C&O CANAL NHP
LOCATION GUIDE FOR
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA & MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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The C&O Canal NHP starts in the District of Columbia in the Georgetown area where Rock Creek empties into the Potomac River. This is our Milepost 0. The C&O Canal exits the District of Columbia and enters Montgomery County at our Milepost 4.72. A total of 4.72 miles of the canal is in the District of Columbia. The 4.3 mile Capital Crescent Bike Trail within the District of Columbia is under the administration of the C&O Canal NHP as well. The remainder of the Capital Crescent Trail in Montgomery County is under the administration of Montgomery County Parks.

1. Tidelock [Outlet Lock] (Milepost 0) - Beginning of the C&O Canal and C&O Canal NHP.

From Thompson's Boat Center parking lot (2900 Virginia Ave. NW, located at intersection with Rock Creek Parkway), use service road and sidewalk around boat center, proceeding downstream to the tidelock.

Note- There is no towpath between Tidelock and Lock #1.

2. Lock #1 (Milepost 0.38)

Located one block South of M Street on 29th Street. Canal is rewatered from Lock 1 upstream to Violette's Lock (See #88 below).

3. Lock #2 (Milepost 0.42) - Access from 29th or 30th Streets.

4. Lock #3 (Milepost 0.49)

Located on 30th (Washington) Street in Georgetown. Foot access to towpath. Canal boat (the **GEORGETOWN**) departs from Lock #3 plaza at Foundry Mall, located between 30th Street and Thomas Jefferson St.

5. Georgetown Visitor Center and Lock #4 (Milepost 0.54)

Located at 1057 Thomas Jefferson Street NW in Georgetown, one block South of M Street.

6. **31st Street Bridge (Milepost 0.59)**- Foot access to towpath.
7. **Wisconsin Ave. Bridge (Milepost 0.68)**- No access to towpath.
8. **Potomac Street Bridge (Milepost 0.80)**- No access to towpath.
9. **Steel Footbridge over Canal (Milepost 0.84)**- No access to towpath.
10. **33rd Street (Milepost 0.?)**

Emergency Vehicles can access towpath here. Footbridge crosses canal here.

11. **Towpath Crossover Bridge (Milepost 0.93)**

Located on 34th Street, foot access to towpath.

12. **Francis Scott Key Bridge (Milepost 0.99)**

No access to towpath, use 33rd or 34th Street access.

13. **Whitehurst Freeway Bridge (Milepost 1)**

Foot access to towpath from Canal Road and from Water Street. Canal Road runs along canal from M Street to Foxhall Road. Metered parking along Water Street. Capital Crescent Trail access point. Water Street is reached off of Wisconsin Ave. Potomac Boat Club and Washington Canoe Club accessed via Water Street.

14. **Southern Terminus of the Capital Crescent Trail**

Located at the Washington Canoe Club at 3700 K Street NW. This Rail-Trail starts in Bethesda and follows Little Falls Parkway to the Dalecarlia Reservoir. At Dalecarlia, the trail passes under MacArthur Blvd. in a 341 foot tunnel. It crosses over Canal Road on the Arizona Ave. Bridge. The trail then lies between the C&O Canal and the Potomac River for four miles. Access points to the trail are at Bethesda at a public parking area on

Bethesda Ave., and at River Road near Landy Lane. The trail is 10 foot wide and is paved. Again, only section that lies within the boundary of Washington DC is owned by the Park Service. Questions on the Montgomery County part should be referred to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 9500 Brunett Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901, phone 301-495-2535.

15. Alexandria Canal Aqueduct (Milepost 1.1)

Access via towpath from 33rd Street for emergency vehicles. A new staircase at Foundry Branch will provide foot access from the towpath to here.

16. Foundry Branch & Culvert (Milepost 1.48)

17. Concrete Spillway (Milepost 1.50)

18. Three Sisters Island (Milepost 1.60)

19. Georgetown Inclined Plane Site (Milepost 2.26)

20. Abner Cloud House (Milepost 3.14)

Access from Canal Road at intersection of Reservoir Road (4900 Canal Road NW).

21. Fletcher's Boathouse (Milepost 3.14)

Located at 4940 Canal Road. Emergency vehicles can access towpath here. Nearest other vehicle access points at 33rd Street and at Lock 5. Access point for Capital Crescent Trail.

22. B&O Railroad Bridge over Canal (Arizona Ave. Bridge) (Milepost 3.64)

Bridge and RR Right of way now paved Capital Crescent Bike Trail, under administration of C&O Canal NHP.

23. Spillway #2 (Milepost 3.86)

24. Chain Bridge (Milepost 4.17)

Parking along Clara Barton Memorial Parkway for canal located here.

Staircase leads down to towpath for foot access, no vehicle access.

25. District of Columbia/Montgomery County Line (Milepost 4.7)

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The C&O Canal enters Montgomery County at our Milepost 4.7. It exits Montgomery County and enters Frederick County at Milepost 42.1. A total of 37.3 miles of the canal are in Montgomery County.
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26. Little Falls Branch Culvert (Milepost 4.76)

27. Lock #5 & Guard Lock #1 (Brookmont) (Milepost 5)

Emergency Vehicle access to towpath here, access via Clara Barton Parkway.

28. Lock #6 and Lockhouse (Milepost 5.5)

Located on Clara Barton Parkway, access from inbound (downstream) lane of Clara Barton. Lockhouse used as park employee residence. No vehicle access to towpath. Kayak launching and take out site, limited parking.

29. Little Falls Dam (Feeder Dam #1) (Milepost 5.6)

Remains of canal built dam.

30. Little Falls Diversion Dam & Little Falls Pumping Station (Milepost 5.7)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built dam (1959). Access by foot from Lock #6, emergency vehicles access from Lock #5. Canoeists must portage around dam.

31. Sycamore Island (7023 MacArthur Blvd.) (Milepost 6.46)

Parking lot located on Clara Barton Parkway, foot access only to towpath.

32. Lock #7 and Lockhouse (Milepost 7)

Access from downstream (inbound) lane of Clara Barton Parkway, small parking lot located here. No emergency vehicle access to towpath.

33. **Cabin John Island (Milepost 7.10)**- NPS owned Island.

34. **Cabin John Culvert (Milepost 7.50)**

Footbridge across canal provides access to parking area at Cabin John Bridge on MacArthur Blvd.

35. **Cedar Island (Milepost 7.52)**

36. **Minnie Island (Milepost 8.12)**

37. **Lock #8 & Lockhouse (Milepost 8.3)**

Access from downstream (inbound) lane of Clara Barton Parkway, parking lot located here. No emergency vehicle access to towpath. Locks 8-14 called the Seven Locks due to their closeness to each other.

38. **Wades Island (Milepost 8.57)**

39. **Lock #9 (Milepost 8.7)**

Access by foot from Lock #8 (see #37 above) or by vehicle from Lock #10 (see #40).

40. **Lock #10 & Lockhouse (Milepost 8.7)**

Access from downstream (inbound) lane of Clara Barton Parkway, parking lot located here. Emergency vehicle access to towpath located here. Other vehicle access points located at Lock #5 (See #26 above) at Milepost 5 and at Carderock (Milepost 10.5). Launching area for canoes and rescue boats.

41. **Rock Run Culvert (Milepost 8.93)**

42. **Plummer Island (Milepost 8.96)**

43. **Lock #11 & Lockhouse (Milepost 8.97)**- Access from Lock #10 via towpath.

44. **Lock #12 (Milepost 9.2)**- Access from Lock #10 via towpath.

45. **American Legion Bridge (I-495) (Milepost 9.3)**

46. **Lock #13 (Milepost 9.3)**

Access from Lock #10 (see above) or Carderock (See below) via towpath.

47. **Lock #14 (Milepost 9.5)**

Access from Lock #10 or from Carderock via towpath.

48. **Stubblefield Falls (Milepost 10.16)**

49. **Carderock Recreational Area (Milepost 10.5)**

Access from Clara Barton Parkway (marked exit), passing under canal. Four parking lots (A, B, C, & D), picnic and restroom facilities. Emergency vehicle access to towpath. Trail from parking lot D leads to climbing area. Use as launching and take-out point by canoeist and kayakers.

50. **Marsden Tract (Milepost 11)**

Group camping, three tent sites. Footbridge across canal for foot access from MacArthur Blvd. at Milepost 11.5. Emergency Vehicle access to camping area from towpath.

51. **Towpath on High Masonry Wall above Carderock (Milepost 11.1)**

52. **Vaso & Turkey Islands (Milepost 11.1)**

Vaso NPS owned, Turkey privately owned.

53. **Herzog and Hermit Islands (Milepost 11.3)**- NPS owned.

54. **Offutt Island (Milepost 11.5)**- Owned by State of Maryland.

55. **Angler's Inn & Berma Road (Milepost 12)**

Access from MacArthur Blvd. Pay phone, two parking lots, and emergency boat ramp located here. Beginning of Berma Road, which follows canal on the Berm side (opposite the towpath) up through Widewater to Stop Lock. Access gates to towpath located here to allow vehicle access. Vehicles can not use towpath to reach Great Falls due to towpath conditions. Boat ramp not for public boat trailer use, only canoes/kayaks and emergency boat trailer use. Street address for Angler's Inn Restaurant, located across MacArthur Blvd., is 10801 MacArthur Blvd. (for EMS/Fire & Rescue use).

56. **Sherwin Island (Milepost 12.2)**- NPS owned.

57. **Widewater & Bear Island (Milepost 12.2)**

Access by vehicle via towpath from Angler's Inn (See #53 above) or by foot from Stop Lock at Milepost 13.7. Berma Road runs along opposite side to Stop Lock. Bear Island (NPS owned) runs from beginning of Widewater to Rocky Islands. Billy Goat Trail runs length of island.

58. **Towpath Footbridge (Milepost 13)**

End most vehicle access on towpath, except for NPS Ford Blazer type vehicles, which just have room to cross footbridge.

59. **Spitsbergen Access (Milepost 13.2)**

Trailhead unmarked. Access to area known as Spitsbergen, cliff where illegal jumping into Potomac River occurs. Trailhead can be located by

presence of wooden box used to hold USPP horse when officer is walking trail. Billy Goat Trail is marked with blue blazes, not passable for vehicles/bikes/horses.

60. End all Vehicle Access on Towpath (Milepost 13.3)

No vehicles past this point.

61. Lock #15 (Milepost 13.4)

Beginning of series of locks known as "SIX LOCKS". Access by foot from Stop Lock (see #63 below) or from Milepost 13.3.

62. Lock #16 & Lockhouse (Milepost 13.6)

Access by vehicle from Angler's Inn on Berma Road or by foot from Stop Lock (See #64 below).

63. End Berma Road (Milepost 13.7)

Vehicles must turn around and proceed back to Angler's Inn. Vehicle access across canal to towpath not recommended except for ATVs.

64. Stop Gate/Stop Lock (Milepost 13.7)

End vehicle access coming downstream from Great Falls (See #72 below).

65. Billy Goat Trail (Milepost 13.83)- Marked trailhead.

66. Mary's Wall (Milepost 13.85)- Sheer Drop-off to river from towpath.

67. Catfish Hole & Rocky Islands (Milepost 13.88)

Catfish Hole is well known illegal swimming area. Rocky Islands are a set of three rock islands accessible by foot at low river levels. Access via

towpath from Great Falls. Follow foot trail (unmarked).

68. Lock #17 (Milepost 13.9)

69. Olmstead & Falls Islands Trailhead (Milepost 14)

Wooden boardwalk and bridges lead to observation platform to view falls. Only legal access, rest of islands closed to public use.

70. Lock #18 and Lockhouse (Milepost 14.09)

71. Lock #19 (Milepost 14.1)

72. Great Falls Development Area (Milepost 14.3)

At intersection of Falls Road and MacArthur Blvd., take park access road into park (part of MacArthur Blvd., street address is 11710 MacArthur Blvd.). A VFW post is located on the right as you come down the hill into the park. Just before park entrance station (fee booth), road to left leads uphill to ranger station, park residence, administration building, and barn/stables. Proceed past entrance station to two parking lots. Park maintenance facility located at upstream (North end) of parking lots. Lower end of parking area is location of Lock #20, park visitor center (Great Falls Tavern), public restrooms, concession (food) stand and observation platform. Lock #20 is end of series of locks know as "Six Locks". Observation platform is designated helicopter landing zone. Dirt lane behind visitor center is vehicle access to towpath, vehicle can proceed downstream only as far as the Stop Lock at Milepost 13.7. Emergency vehicles may proceed upstream on towpath. Visitor center is departure point for canal boat ride (the **CANAL CLIPPER**). Location of US Army Corps of Engineers Washington Aqueduct Intake and Great Falls Dam.

73. Maryland Gold Mine and Gold Mine Trail (Gold Mine Tract)

Located at entrance to Great Falls at intersection of Falls Road and MacArthur Blvd. No parking allowed along entrance road except for emergency vehicles. Gold Mine visible from entrance road (large wooden

tank and building inside chain link fence). Gold Mine Trail (blue blaze) runs down to Great Falls and runs past mine in a large loop. Side trails lead to MacArthur Blvd., Angler's Inn and Locks #16 & 19. All trails branching off from the Gold Mine Trail are marked with yellow blazes.

74. **Conn Island (Milepost ?)**- NPS owned.

75. **Cool Spring Branch Culvert and Ford Gold Mine (Milepost 15.2)**

Access gold mine from trail at upper (North) end of Great Falls parking area.

76. **Sandy Landing (Milepost 15.6)**

Access from Sandy Landing Road off of River Road. No vehicle access to towpath.

77. **Bealls Island (Milepost 15.8)**- Non-NPS island.

78. **Lock Island (Milepost 16.4)**- Non-NPS island.

79. **Lock #21 & Lockhouse [Swain's Lock] (Milepost 16.6)**

Access via Swain's Lock Road off of River Road (MD Route 190). Lockhouse used as private non-NPS residence. Concession stand located here for food/drink/bike /canoe rentals. Also location of first hiker-biker campsite with five tent sites. Emergency vehicle access to towpath, can proceed in both directions. Begin public horseback riding from this point upstream. Public telephone. [Street address- 10700 Swain's Lock Road].

80. **Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission Filtration Plant (Milepost 17.3)**

Emergency vehicle access to towpath.

81. **Transcontinental Pipeline Co. Gas Pipeline crossing (Milepost 17.6)**

82. Columbia Gas Pipeline crossing (Milepost 17.7)

83. Watts Branch Culvert & Watkins Island (Milepost 17.7)

Non-NPS Island. For information and or incidents on non-NPS islands in Montgomery County, contact Islands of the Potomac Wildlife Mgmt Area, MD DNR, Gwynnbrook WMA, 3740 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mills, MD 21117, phone 1-410-356-9272.

84. Lock #22 & Lockhouse (Pennyfield's Lock) (Milepost 19.6)

Access via Pennyfield's Lock Road off of River Road. Location of several NPS owned farm buildings in poor shape. Emergency vehicle access to towpath. Boat ramp for canoes. Pennyfield's Lock Road ends in park.

85. Blockhouse Point Regional Park (Milepost 19.6)

Runs along Berm side of canal to Violette's Lock (Montgomery County Parks and Planning).

86. Muddy Branch Culvert and Tract (Milepost 20)

Access via towpath from Pennyfield's Lock.

87. Marshall Bidwell Wildlife Management Area (Milepost 20)

State managed area, runs along towpath (river) side of canal for one mile.

88. Lock #23 & Inlet Lock #2 & Feeder Dam #2 (Violette's Lock) (Milepost 22.1)

Access via Violette's Lock Road off of River Road. Parking and picnic area, emergency vehicle access to towpath. Dam now ruins, no longer intact. Launching area for canoes only. Violette's Lock Road ends in park. Violette's Lock is end of rewater section of the canal that started in Georgetown.

89. Seneca Development Area (Riley's Lock) (Milepost 22.8)

Turn onto Riley's Lock Road off of River Road (MD Route 190). Riley's Lock Road parallels Seneca Creek, which will be on the right. After passing Montgomery County Park facilities (boat ramp, picnic area) you will enter C&O Canal property. Three buildings on the left as you enter federal property. First building is the Palisades Resource Management Office (13025 Riley's Lock Road). Second building is large two story, ex-park residence (13026 Riley's Lock Road). Building is currently not in used. Next building is white wooden farmhouse (13027 Riley's Lock Road). This building is also empty. All three building are park owned. Next is the parking area and Lockhouse 24. Lockhouse restored and used by Girl Scouts on weekends for interpretive tours. Seneca Creek Aqueduct (Aqueduct #1) and Lock #24 are built together. Due to collapse of upstream portion of aqueduct, emergency vehicles can not proceed upstream from this point. Park picnic area located here. Public phone available. Riley's Lock Road ends in park. Section of canal between Locks 24 & 25 known as Eight Mile Level. Boat ramp used for launching of power boats as well as canoes and kayaks.

90. Tschiffley Mill Road Access (Milepost 22.88)

Turn onto Tschiffley Mill Road from River Road (MD Rt. 190) just past intersection of River & Riley's Rock Lock Road. Tschiffley Mill Road is gravel/dirt road which parallel Riley's Lock Road on the opposite side of Seneca Creek. Drive past private cabins. Ruins of Tschiffley Mill on right are not inside the park boundary. Tschiffley Mill ends in the park at a small turnaround/parking area. Towpath can be access here to proceed upstream by emergency vehicles.

91. Seneca Red Stone Quarries (Milepost 22.88)

From Milepost 22.88 to Milepost 23.3, on Berm side of canal, are remains of quarries used to supply building stone for canal and public buildings in Washington DC.

92. Sharpshin Island (Milepost 24.3)- Non-NPS Island.

93. Tenfoot Island (Milepost 24.9)- Non-NPS Island.

94. **Van Deventer Island (Milepost 25.6)**- Non-NPS Island.

95. **Mckee Beshers Wildlife Management Area (Milepost 25.9)**

State of Maryland property, runs along canal to Milepost 28.

96. **Horsepen Branch Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 26.1)**

Closest vehicle access is at Sycamore Landing at Milepost 27.2 (See below).

97. **Horsepen Branch Culvert (Milepost 26.7)**

98. **Sycamore Landing (Milepost 27.2)**

Access- From Poolesville, take West Willard Road to River Road. Turn left onto River Road, make right onto Sycamore Landing Road. Sycamore Landing Road ends at parking area in Mckee-Beshers WMA. Trail leads from parking area to canal. Emergency vehicles can access towpath here, proceeding in both directions on towpath. No boat ramp, but used by canoeists to launch/take out.

99. **Chisel and Cabin Branch Culvert (Milepost 29.8)**

100. **Chisel Branch Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 30.5)**

Access via towpath from Edward's Ferry, proceeding downstream for .3 miles.

101. **Goose Creek River Locks (Milepost 30.6)**

102. **Lock #25 & Lockhouse [Edward's Ferry] (Milepost 30.8)**

Access- From Poolesville, take either Westerly or White's Ferry Road to Edward's Ferry Road. Turn left onto Edward's Ferry Road and follow to Edward's Ferry. Parking area and boat ramp located here. Emergency vehicle access to towpath, proceeding in both directions on towpath.

103. **Broad Run Trunk [Wooden Aqueduct] (Milepost 31.9)**

104. **Harrison Island (Milepost 33.2)**- State of Maryland owned.

105. **Turtle Run Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 34.4)**

Access via towpath from White's Ferry at Milepost 35.5, proceeding downstream on towpath.

106. **White's Ferry Highway Bridge over Canal (Milepost 35.4)**

107. **White's Ferry (Milepost 35.5) (24801 White's Ferry Road)**

Access from Poolesville by taking White's Ferry Road (MD Rt. 107). Private ferry across Potomac to Virginia. Parking area, picnic area, public phone. Canoe launch site, public boat trailer launching, private canoe/boat rentals. Emergency vehicle access to towpath, access towpath in both directions. White's Ferry is site of active ferry across the Potomac into Virginia.

108. **Lower Mason Island (Milepost 36.4)**- State of Maryland owned.

109. **Upper Mason Island (Milepost 38.1)**- State of Maryland owned.

110. **Marble Quarry Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 38.2)**

Access from parking lot at Dickerson Conservation Area upstream at Milepost 39.6 by foot via towpath. Closest vehicle access via towpath is from White's Ferry (See #105).

111. **Lock #26 [Wood's Lock] (Milepost 39.4)**

Access by foot from parking lot at Dickerson Conservation Area at Milepost 39.6 or by vehicle from White's Ferry or from Monocacy.

112. **Dickerson Conservation Area (Cherrington or Warmwater) (Milepost 39.6)**

Montgomery County Parks facility with parking lot off of Martinsburg Road.

Take White's Ferry Road (MD Rt. 107) out of Poolesville, make right onto Martinsburg Road, follow to sign for Dickerson Conservation Area. From Dickerson, Maryland, take Dickerson Road (MD Route 28) to Martinsburg Road (T-shaped intersection). Proceed straight ahead on Martinsburg Road, watch for sign. Foot trail from parking area leads to canal and towpath. Canoe put-in, take-out area. Canal rewatered between here and Lock #27. The section of the river here known as Warmwater due to the hot water discharged from PEPCO. Address for EMS/Police/Fire & Rescue will be 20700 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson, MD.

113. PEPCO Dickerson Generating Plant (Milepost 40)

Emergency vehicles can access towpath by going through power plant grounds, use main gate entrance off of Martinsburg Road (See #112 above for directions to Martinsburg Road).

114. Lock #27 & Lockhouse (Milepost 41.5)

Access via towpath from Monocacy .7 miles upstream.

115. Monocacy Use Area (Milepost 42.2)

Access from Maryland Route 28. Coming from Point of Rocks, cross Frederick-Montgomery County line. Take first right, which will be Mouth of Monocacy Road. From Dickerson on Route 28, last left before county line. Cross bridge over railroad tracks, cross second set of tracks at road crossing, come to T-shape Intersection. Turning left takes one to Monocacy Aqueduct (Aqueduct #2) and parking and picnic area. Turning right takes one to boat ramp and parking area for it. Emergency vehicles can access towpath and proceed downstream on towpath. Aqueduct is not be used by vehicles.

C&O Canal exits Montgomery County at Milepost 42.1 and enters Frederick County, Maryland.

Note- Old River Road in Montgomery County runs between Edward's Ferry Road and Elmer School Road.

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The C&O Canal enters Frederick County from Montgomery County at our Milepost 42.17. The part of the Canal that is in Frederick County is between Mileposts 42.17 & 57.85, a total of 15.68 miles.

1. Monocacy Area- Milepost 42.19

Access- Turn on to Mouth of Monocacy Road from MD Route 28. Go 1.2 miles and take left at fork for location of Monocacy Aqueduct and parking area. Emergency vehicles can access towpath here. Turn right at fork for picnic area, boat ramp, and parking lot located there. Can NOT access towpath going upstream by vehicle here.

2. Brown Farm (Also Known as the Chick Farm)

Access- 138 acres of farmland and pastureland, includes farmhouse, milking barn, milk house, garage, corncrib, and deteriorated barn. Take MD Route 85 south to MD Route 28 west. Follow Route 28 0.5 miles to Tuscarora and turn left onto Chick Road. At the railroad tracks, turn left. Go 0.5 mile and through a tunnel. Turn left after tunnel and follow to farm.

3. Indian Flats Hiker-Biker Campsite- Milepost 42.40

Located .25 miles upstream from Monocacy parking lot along the towpath. Emergency vehicle access only by towpath from Noland's Ferry (See #3 below).

4. Noland's Ferry- Milepost 44.58

Access- Turn onto Noland's Ferry Road from MD Route 28 at New Design Road 4 miles east of Point of Rocks. Go .8 miles. Boat ramp, picnic area, parking

lot located there. Towpath can be access here by emergency vehicles; can go downstream to Monocacy Aqueduct (MP 42.19) or upstream to Point of Rocks (MP 48.20)

5. Calico Rocks Hiker Biker Campsite- Milepost 47.65

Located one-half mile below Point of Rocks, emergency vehicle access only via towpath from Point of Rocks.

6. Camp Kanawa- Milepost 47.1

Private camp (former CCC Camp) on private property with trail leading across CSX Railroad track onto canal property to boat dock along river. Directions are turn onto Clay Street from US Route 15. Proceed through Point of Rocks, take first right after crossing railroad tracks, which will be Rock Hall Road, follow to Camp Kanawa.

7. Point of Rocks- Milepost 48.20

Access at west end of town, last road (Commerce Street) before U.S. Route 15. Follow Commerce Street, cross railroad tracks. One Lane Bridge over canal, watch out for vehicles coming out from boat ramp. Location of boat ramp and small parking lot under U.S. Route 15 bridge. Towpath can be access by emergency vehicles here.

8. Lock 28- Milepost 48.93

Access by taking towpath upstream from Point of Rocks.

9. Bald Eagle Island Hiker-Biker Campsite- Milepost 50.31

Nearest access is at Lander (Milepost 50.80), which is upstream from the campground (See #8 below).

10. Lander (Lock 29)- Milepost 50.80

Access- from Point of Rocks, take U.S. 15 North for one mile to MD Route 464, go west 2.8 miles to Lander Road, go south for 1.5 miles and cross railroad tracks. Emergency vehicles can access towpath and go downstream to Point of Rocks or upstream to Catocin Creek Aqueduct. Public boat ramp located here.

11. Catoctin Creek Aqueduct- Milepost 51.53

Access from Lander (See #8 above). While Aqueduct is not intact, vehicles can use ex-military bridge at this location to cross creek. Collapse of Culvert #82 at Milepost 52.51 has now preventing vehicles from driving through from this point to Brunswick.

12. Brunswick (Lock 30)- Milepost 55

Access- from the center of Brunswick (Potomac & Maple Streets), go across railroad tracks by station then turn right 1 block to lock and parking lot with boat ramp and picnic area. Emergency vehicles can access the towpath here and go downstream as far as Milepost 52.51 or upstream to Weverton. Towpath open to all vehicles for 1.5 miles downstream from Brunswick. Collapse of Culvert #82 prevents vehicles from driving downstream to Catoctin Creek and Lander. A footbridge has been put in place to allow foot traffic to cross over Culvert #82. Brunswick Visitor Center located at 40 West Potomac Street.

13. Knoxville- Milepost 57.06

Access- From Weverton (Milepost 58.01) in Washington County. From Rt. 340 going West, take the MD Route 67 exit, turn left back over U.S. Route 340, and then take old U.S. Route 340 off the cloverleaf for .6 miles to parking lot beside railroad tracks, access towpath here to go in either direction.

C&O Canal leaves Frederick County at Milepost 57.85.

C&O CANAL NHP
LOCATION GUIDE FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

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The C&O Canal enters Washington County, Maryland from Frederick County, Maryland at Milepost 57.8. The Canal exits Washington County and enters Allegany County, Maryland at Milepost 136.5. A total of 78.7 miles of the canal is in Washington County.

1. Weverton (Milepost 57.8)

Access from Lock 31 (See #2 below).

2. Lock 31 & Lockhouse (Milepost 58.01)

From U.S Rt. 340 West, take MD Rt. 67 exit, turn left back over Rt. 340, take Keep Tryst Road (old Rt. 340) off the cloverleaf and go .6 miles to access gate by RR tracks. Another way is to turn onto Keep Tryst Road from Rt. 340 at the Potomac River Bridge and stay on Keep Tryst till you come to the gate. Emergency vehicles can access the towpath here and go downstream to Brunswick or upstream to Dargan Bend.

3. Appalachian Trail (Milepost 58.07)

The Appalachian Trail joins the Towpath here and follows it upstream to Milepost 60.67, where it cross a footbridge over to Harpers Ferry WV.

4. Appalachian Trail Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 58.33)

(campsite closed)

Emergency vehicles can access from Lock 31 and proceed upstream on towpath.

5. Sandy Hook (Milepost 59.60)

6. Lock 32 (Milepost 60.23)

Located .5 miles below Lock 33. Vehicle access from either Lock 31 (See #2 above) or

from Lock 34 (See #8 below). Foot access from along Sandy Hook Road at upper end of Sandy Hook.

7. Lock 33 (Milepost 60.70)

Locate on the upstream side of the railroad bridges across from Harpers Ferry along Harpers Ferry Road. Access by foot where railroad bridges cross Harpers Ferry Road, vehicle access from Lock 34.

8. Lock 34 (Milepost 61.57)

Located on Harpers Ferry Road 10 miles south of Sharpsburg, .87 miles above Lock 33. Emergency vehicles can access the towpath here and go downstream to Weverton or upstream to Dargan Bend.

9. Dam #3 (Milepost 62.27)

Located .7 miles upstream from gate access at Lock 34.

10. Lock 35 (Milepost 62.33)

Located .76 miles upstream from Lock 34.

11. Lock 36 & Lockhouse (Milepost 62.44)

Located .87 miles upstream from Lock 34.

12. Huckleberry Hill Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 62.90)

Emergency vehicle access from either Lock 34 (1.23 miles downstream) or Dargan Bend (2 miles upstream).

13. C&O Canal Pleasantville Maintenance Complex

Located on Pleasantville Road off of Harpers Ferry Road (18027 Pleasantville Road). Continuing past the maintenance complex will take one to the Myers and Maggio Houses, park owned structures (vacant). Parking here allows one foot

access to Fort Duncan, a Civil War fortification.

14 . Dargan Bend Recreation Area (Milepost 64.89)

From Lock 34, go 2.3 miles on Harpers Ferry Road to Back Road, turn left and go .8 miles. From Sharpsburg, take Harpers Ferry Road to Dargan Road, then turn onto Back Road. Parking lot, boat ramp, and picnic area located here. Emergency vehicles can access towpath here and go downstream to Lock 34 or upstream to the aqueduct over Antietam Creek. Vehicles can go through the bed of aqueduct at Antietam Creek and exit at gate on Canal Road or continue upstream to gate at Lock 38.

15 . Lock 37 (Mountain Lock) & Lockhouse (Milepost 66.96)

Vehicle access to lockhouse is via Mountain Lock Road. There is no access to towpath for vehicles here.

16 . Mountain Lock Parking Area (Milepost 67.16)

From Sharpsburg, take Harpers Ferry Road and cross Antietam Creek stone bridge, turn on to Limekiln Road and go 2.2 miles South. From Lock 33 area, take Harpers Ferry Road 5.1 miles towards Sharpsburg, turn left on Mt. Lock Road and go .4 miles. Parking lot here is half closed off, all park facilities removed .

17 . Buzzard House

Located on Harpers Ferry Road beside stone bridge over Antietam Creek, near intersection with Canal Road (3118 Harpers Ferry Road). This is a vacant two story park owned residence.

18 . Antietam Creek Aqueduct (Milepost 69.36)

From Sharpsburg, take Harpers Ferry Road 2.8 miles to Canal Road, turn right and go .2 miles to Antietam Creek Recreation Area and towpath access gate. Aqueduct is

200 yards downstream from lower end of parking lot. Vehicles can access towpath here and go in either direction. Vehicles can drive through bed of aqueduct.

19. Antietam Creek Recreation Area (Milepost 69.65)

Follow directions for Antietam Creek Aqueduct. Campground and picnic area located here. Canal Road runs along the side of the Canal from here upstream to Lock 38. Parking allowed along Canal Road, room for several emergency vehicles .

20. Lock 38 (Milepost 72.80)

From Sharpsburg, go 3.2 miles on Route 34 towards Shepherdstown WV, turn left on Canal Road across from C&O Canal Headquarters, parking lot at bottom of hill. From Shepherdstown WV, cross Potomac River Bridge and make first right after crossing bridge. Emergency vehicles can access towpath here and go downstream to Antietam Creek or upstream to Snyder's Landing.

21. Barr House

Two and half story park owned residence on Canal Road beside Lock 38. Turn onto Canal Road from MD Route 34 (Sharpsburg Pike). The Barr House is the first house on the right.

22. Park Headquarters

Located on right on MD Route 34 3.2 miles from Sharpsburg, across river from Shepherdstown WV. Known as Ferry Hill (16500 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD 21782). Location of Ferry Hill Ranger Office and the National Capital Region Communication Center.

23. Lock 39 (Milepost 74)

Located 1.2 miles upstream from Lock 38 or 2.65 miles downstream of Snyder's Landing.

24. Pumping Station for Sharpsburg Water Works (Milepost 74.30)

Access from Rt. 34 outside Sharpsburg, right turn onto access road past old Sharpsburg train station.

**25. Killiansburg Cave Hiker-Biker Campground
(Milepost 75.29)**

Located 2.49 miles upstream from Lock 38 or 1.36 miles downstream from Snyder's Landing.

26. Sharpsburg Shelter Caves (Milepost 75.61)

Nearest access is from Snyder's Landing 1.04 miles upstream (See #27 below).

27 Killiansburg Cave (Milepost 75.80)

Nearest access from Snyder's Landing 1 mile upstream (See #27 below).

28. Snyder's Landing (Milepost 76.65)

On MD 34 in center of Sharpsburg, turn North on North Mechanic Street and go 1 block, turn left onto Snyders Landing Road and go 1.6 miles. Boat ramp & parking lot located here. Emergency vehicles can access towpath here and go downstream to Lock 38 and upstream to Dam #4.

29. Lock 40 (Milepost 79.41)

Access from Snyder's Landing 2.16 miles downstream or from Taylor's Landing 1.54 miles upstream.

**30. Horseshoe Bend Hiker-Biker Campsite
(Milepost 79.68)**

Access by vehicle via towpath from Snyder's Landing (3.03 miles downstream) or from Taylor's Landing (1.32 miles upstream). Foot access from Mercersville (Intersection of Mondell and Taylor's Landing Roads) [1 mile upstream from campsite].

31. Taylor's Landing Boat Ramp & Parking Lot (Milepost 81)

Reached via Taylor's Landing Road from MD Route 65. Emergency vehicles can

access towpath here and go downstream to Snyder's Landing or upstream to Dam #4.

32. Big Woods Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 82.46)

Access by towpath from Taylor's Landing at Milepost 81 by proceeding upstream on towpath.

33. Downey Farm

Proceed to Intersection of Dam #4 Road and Woburn Road. Turn right across from Woburn Road onto private gravel lane. Proceed past private farm to gate. Turn left onto dirt lane which will take you around gate and back onto gravel lane.

Proceed on gravel lane to park boundary. Large wooded area which sees heavy illegal hunting activity.

34. Dam #4 Cave (Milepost 83.30)

Access from Dam #4 road. Towpath access gate located between right hand curve where road starts paralleling canal and parking area at Dam #4. Proceed downstream on towpath one-half mile to cave.

35. Dam #4 (Milepost 84.40)

Access is by taking Dam # 4 road from MD Route 63 at Downsville. Parking Lot and picnic area located here.

36. Big Slackwater Boat Ramp (Milepost 85.40)

Access from Dam #4 by following Dam 4# road past dam. Parking Lot, boat ramp, picnic area located here.

37. Inlet Lock #4 (Milepost 85.62)

Access by getting on towpath where Dam #4/Slackwater road crosses towpath before boat ramp. This is as far upstream that emergency vehicles can go, towpath not useable by vehicles upstream to McMahon's (Charles) Mill. Towpath between here and McMahon's Mill under construction to allow foot access only.

38 . McMahon's [Charles] Mill (Milepost 88.10)

Access by taking MD 68 from Williamsport to intersection of MD Routes 63 & 632 in Downsville, take Dam #4 road .7 miles to Dellinger Road, turn right on Dellinger Road and go .5 miles to Avis Mill Road, turn left and go .7 miles to end. Small parking lot located here as well as Mill, which is park owned. Emergency vehicles can get on towpath here and go upstream only, no vehicle access possible going downstream (See #37 above).

39 . Howell Cave [McMahon's Mill Cave] (Milepost 88.28)

Use towpath from McMahon's Mill to access cave.

40 . Lock 41 (Milepost 88.90)

Access from McMahon's Mill .8 miles downstream.

41 . Lock 42 (Milepost 89.04)

Access from McMahon's Mill .94 miles downstream.

42 . Galloway's Bluff Road Retentions

Take Dellinger Road off of Dam #4 Road. Travel approximately 2 miles on Dellinger Road and Galloway's Bluff Road is located on the left. Galloway's Bluff Road deadends at last park retention. Park gate controls access to retentions. Retentions are on a cliff overlooking towpath and river about 1 to 1 and a half miles upstream from McMahon's Mill.

43 . Opequon Junction Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 90.94)

Access from Lock 43 (2.02 miles upstream) or from McMahon's Mill (2.84 miles downstream) via towpath.

44 . Dellinger's Cave (Milepost 92.11)

Access from either Lock 43 or McMahon's Mill. Cross stream, follow trail up on

cliff to cave entrance, entrance is hole in ground on top of cliff. **WARNING: You drop straight down 25 feet to cave floor from entrance.**

45 . Lock 43 & Lockhouse (Milepost 92.96)

From Williamsport, take MD Route 63 2.5 miles to Falling Waters Road, turn right and take road back to entrance to Potomac Fish and Game Club. Proceed through club property to towpath, access gates located here, can proceed in both directions on towpath. Proceed downstream to reach Lock 43.

46 . Potomac Fish and Game Club (Milepost 93.88)

Use Falling Waters Road off of MD Route 63, turn left at guardhouse. Private boat ramp here available for search and rescue.

47 . Falling Waters & Schetrompf Tract (Milepost 94.44)

Access: Turn onto Falling Waters Road off of MD Route 63, following to entrance to Potomac Fish and Game Club. From there, road is gravel surface down to towpath. Towpath gate guards access on towpath going upstream, no downstream gate till you reach Potomac Fish and Game Club. River side of canal is know as Schetrompf Farm Tract, location of several summer homes located on park property. Entrance to summer homes also has a park gate. Park in process of removing these retentions.

48 . Burnside Property

Located at 15121 Spring Dell Road. From Williamsport, take MD Rt. 63 to Falling Waters Road, then left on Neck Road, then make left on Spring Dell Road, first house on right.

49 . Cumberland Valley Hiker-Biker (Milepost 95.20)

Access from end of Falling Waters Road 1.27 miles upstream on towpath.

50 . Winchester & Western Railroad Bridge over Canal and

Potomac River (Milepost 97.54)

Site of former coal transfer dock between railroad and canal. Access via towpath from Williamsport.

51 . I-81 Bridges (Milepost 98.5)

52 . Williamsport Maintenance Facility

Located in old Pepsi plant at 118 East Sunset Ave.

53 . Lockwood Road (Milepost 99)

Access gates to towpath allow vehicles to travel in both directions on towpath. Access from East end of Williamsport by using Conococheague Street (MD Route 68), turning left onto Lockwood Road just before I-81 entrance/exit.

54 . Lock 44 & Lockhouse (Milepost 99.30)

Access: In Williamsport at intersection of Potomac and Conococheague Streets in Williamsport, take Conococheague Street to Canal Street, turn right, go one block to next intersection, go straight one block. Also location of old C&O Canal Williamsport Maintenance Shop (two buildings). Removal of park maintenance operations from these buildings to take place sometime in the future, at which time one building will be removed. Lock currently under reconstruction for re-watering project that will rewater canal from Lockwood Road to Cushwa Basin.

55 . Railroad Lift Bridge & Bollman Highway Bridge (Milepost 99.69)

Access: Located in River Bottom Park in Williamsport, use access road at intersection of Commerce and Salisbury Streets. Town owned boat ramp in River Bottom Park available for search and rescue use.

56 . Cushwa Basin (Milepost 99.71)

Access: at end of Potomac Street in Williamsport. Location of C&O Canal Williamsport Visitor Center (205 West Potomac Street). Canal Basin has been restored and rewatered .

57 . Conococheague Aqueduct (Milepost 99.80)

Access from Cushwa Basin. Emergency vehicles may cross bed of aqueduct and go upstream to Dam #5. Can also access towpath and go downstream as well. HOWEVER, in event of emergency upstream of aqueduct, due to condition of aqueduct, recommend emergency vehicles use towpath gate at Fenton Ave. by tannery.

58 . Fenton Ave. (Milepost 99.9)

Reached by making left turn off MD Route 68 coming out of Williamsport, follow to towpath access gate. Recommended emergency vehicle access point for upstream incidents rather than crossing Conococheague Aqueduct.

59 . Banzhoff Tract and Gloria Lane (Milepost 100.6)

Location of former summer cabin retentions, now removed. Access gate now locted at entrance to Gloria Lane, site now just another emergency access point to towpath. Make left turn from MD 68 onto Bottom Road, Gloria Lane will be a left turn from Bottom Road, is marked by a street sign.

60 . Williamsport Water Plant (Milepost 101.10)

Access: MD 68 to Bottom Road, turn left at sign for water plant. Small parking lot beside canal, emergency vehicle can access towpath here via private chain gate owned by water plant. Picnic area located here beside canal maintained by water plant (not park property).

61 . Jordan Junction Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 101.28)

Access from Williamsport Cushwa Basin via towpath.

62. Dam #5 and Lockhouse (Milepost 106.8)

Access: From Williamsport, take MD Route 68 West 4.5 miles to MD Route 56 West, turn left and go .5 miles to Dam #5 road, turn left and go 2.8 miles to parking lot at dam. Emergency vehicles can access the towpath for downstream access. Upstream towpath narrows into a concrete ledge, accessible by small patrol car type vehicles only.

63. Lock 45 (Milepost 107.27)

Access from Lock 46 .15 miles upstream or from Dam #5 .47 miles downstream.

64. Lock 46 & Lockhouse (Milepost 107.42)

Access: From Dam #5, go upstream .7 miles on Dam #5 Road, turn left onto dirt road that goes down steep hill .1 miles to small parking lot. Locks 45 and 46 are know as the Two Locks Area.

65. Four Locks (Milepost 108) {Rohrer, Weber, Baker Houses}

Access: From Clear Springs, take Big Spring Road (also known as Martin Street) for 2.7 miles to Four Locks Road, turn left and go .7 miles. To access boat ramp and picnic area, make right turn on Ankeney Road and drive under canal. To access lockhouse, Baker Property (10935 Four Locks Road, vacant park owned residence), historic schoolhouse, mule barn, and park firing range, proceed straight ahead on Four Locks Road. Site of Locks 47, 48, 49, and 50. Costlow Farm (NPS owned) is access by using road past Baker House, which also takes you to the firing range. Weber Property (Park owned residence) is stone structure on Four Locks Road on right across from Lock 47. Emergency vehicles can access towpath here and go downstream to Dam #5 or upstream to McCoy's Ferry. Rohrer House (park owned residence) is first gravel drive on left after exiting tunnel.

66. North Mountain Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 110)

Access via towpath from either Four Locks or McCoy's Ferry.

67. McCoy's Ferry Recreation Area (Milepost 110.4)

Access: From I-70, take Big Pool exit to MD Route 56 East, go 2.9 miles to McCoy's Ferry Road, and go .6 miles to McCoy's Ferry. Drive-In campground, boat ramp, picnic area and parking lot located here. Emergency vehicles can access towpath here and go downstream to Four Locks or upstream to Fort Frederick State Park.

68. Fort Frederick State Park (Milepost 112.40)

Emergency vehicles can access towpath here and go downstream to McCoy's Ferry or upstream to Big Pool.

69. Big Pool (Milepost 112.50)

Access: Is 12 miles East of Hancock. From I-70, take Big Pool exit to MD Rt. 56 East, go 1 mile to Fort Frederick State Park, travel through park to Big Pool parking area & towpath access.

70. Weller Property

NPS owned area used by off road vehicles illegally, access by using I-70 to Big Pool Exit, take MD Route 56 East (Big Pool Road) for one-half mile to residence with P.O. Box 11187 on mailbox. Coming from Fort Frederick, it will be .6 miles. Past mailbox, turn right on gravel lane, cross railroad tracks.

71. Ernstville (Milepost 114.52)

Access: Use Exit 12 on I-70 West. Take Rt. 56 (Big Pool Road) East. Turn right onto Ernstville Road. Towpath access gate located here beside last residence on right before crossing one lane highway bridge on Ernstville Road over Western Maryland Rail-Trail.

72 . Licking Creek Aqueduct (Milepost 116.04)

Access: From I-70 Eastbound only, take Indian Springs exit to U.S. Rt. 40, at West end of Licking Creek Bridge, turn onto Park Head Road and go .3 miles to towpath access gate.

73. Licking Creek Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 116.04)

Access: Follow directions for Licking Creek Aqueduct.

74. Park Head Settlement (Milepost 116.76)

75. Little Pool (Milepost 119.84)

Access: Take MD Route 615 exit on I-70, Route 615 will go under interstate, go .2 miles to parking area, follow paved trail to towpath.

76. Little Pool Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 120.39)

Access from parking lot at Little Pool at milepost 119.54, walk in by foot, campsite is upstream from parking lot.

77. Lock 51 & Lockhouse ruins (Milepost 122.59)

Access: Located .5 miles below Hancock, on Route 144, turn onto road across from bowling alley, go .1 mile to canal towpath access gate, lock is .34 miles downstream.

78. Lock 52 (Milepost 122.89)

Access from Lock 51, is 0.4 miles upstream.

79. Tonoloway Creek Aqueduct (Milepost 122.96)

Access from Lock 51, aqueduct is .15 miles upstream.

80. C&O Canal Maintenance Complex & Little Property, Hancock MD

Off of Main Street across from truck stop (441 East Main Street). Towpath can be access here by vehicles as well. The Little Property, a park owned residence (vacant), is located across from the Maintenance Complex.

81 . C&O Canal Visitor Center & Ranger Office, Hancock MD

Located at 326 East Main Street.

82 . Little Tonoloway (Milepost 124.33)

Access: On Main Street in Hancock, turn South onto Pennsylvania Avenue, go one

block, turn West onto Berm Road, go one block and turn left over bridge across canal. Parking lot, picnic area, boat ramp located here.

83. Round Hill Cement Mill Ruins (Milepost 127.40)

Access by towpath from Hancock/Little Tonoloway (3.07 miles downstream) or from Milepost 130.3 (2.90 miles upstream) where Seavolt and Willow Roads run along canal, access these roads from U.S. Route 40.

84 . Leopards Mill Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 129.88)

Access: Follow directions to Cohill Station, then proceed downstream on towpath.

85. Cohill Station (Milepost 130.7)

Access: from MD Route 144, take Willow Road 4.0 miles till it comes to the intersection of Seavolt and Deneen Roads. Take Deneen Road, it will parallel the canal. Access gate for towpath located along here.

86. Cacapon Junction Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 133.6)

Access from Cohill Station.

87 . Lock 54 (Milepost 133.96)

Access: from I-68 or MD Rt. 144, take Woodmont Road 6.2 miles to Deneen Road, turn right, go 1.4 miles to Lock 55 and Dam #6. Lock 54 is .10 miles downstream. No vehicle access to towpath.

88. Dam #6, Guard Lock 6, Lock 55, & Polly Pond (Milepost 134.06)

Follow directions for Lock 54 listed above. No vehicle access to towpath, use access gate at Pearre (See #86 below). Polly Pond located above Dam #6 on Deneen Road.

89. Lock 56 & Lockhouse & Anthony House (Milepost 136.21)

Access: Take U.S. Rt. 144 3.5 miles West of Hancock to Woodmont Road, go south on Woodmont 6.2 miles to end, turn right on Pearre Road. Go to 1609 Pearre Road and turn into driveway, go to rear of house to find gate to allow emergency vehicles access to towpath. Also location of Anthony House, park owned residence (vacant).

90. Sideling Hill Creek Aqueduct (Milepost 136.56)

Access from Lock 56 as listed above. Emergency vehicles can cross aqueduct through its bed.

91. Milepost 136.5

C&O Canal leaves Washington County MD and enters Allegany County MD.

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The C&O Canal enters Allegany County from Washington County at Milepost 136.5. It ends at Cumberland at the Western Maryland Station Center, Milepost 184.5. 48.5 miles of the C&O Canal are in Allegany County. The Park also owns that portion of the abandoned Western Maryland Railway from the Washington-Allegany County line to North Branch.

1. Sideling Hill Creek Aqueduct (Milepost 136.5)

Access from Pearre (Lock 56) in Washington County. From I-68 3.5 miles west of Hancock, take Woodmont Road South for 6.2 miles, turn right on Pearre Road and go 1.3 miles. At 1609 Pearre Road, turn into driveway, towpath access gate located behind residence. All Aqueducts can support emergency vehicles driving over them via the bed of the aqueduct.

2. Camp Strauss, Boy Scouts of America Campground (Milepost 136.6)

3. East Portal of Indigo Tunnel {Western Maryland RY} (Milepost 138)

Access via towpath from Pearre (See #1). Tunnel blocked off to prevent vehicles from passing through.

4. Indigo Neck Hiker-Biker Campsite and Lock 57 (Milepost 139.2)

Access from Pearre and go upstream on towpath or from Little Orleans, proceeding downstream on the towpath. Start of canal section known as "Five Mile Level".

5. West Portal of Indigo Tunnel {Western Maryland Railway} (Milepost 140)

Access via towpath or railroad bed from Little Orleans.

6. Fifteen Mile Creek Use Area {Little Orleans} (Milepost 140.9)

Access from Hancock via I-68, take exit for Little Orleans Road, go 4.6 miles, turn left at sign for Little Orleans Grocery Store, road ends in park. From Paw Paw, turn onto either Malcolm Road or Thomas Road off of Rt. 51. From either one, turn right onto Oldtown Road and follow Oldtown Road into Little Orleans. Fifteen Mile Creek Aqueduct, campground, boat ramp, picnic area, and parking lot located here.

7. Western Maryland Railway Bridge #2 (Milepost 143.4)

Access either by towpath or abandoned roadbed from Little Orleans. Railroad bridges are not open for emergency vehicle use. This is the first WM RY Bridge crossing over the Potomac.

8. Lock 58 (Milepost 144)

Access via towpath from Little Orleans.

9. Devil's Alley Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 144.8)

Access via towpath, from Little Orleans proceeding upstream or from Bond's Landing proceeding downstream on towpath. For Kasecamp Road, from MD Rt. 51, turn onto Thomas Road, go two miles and turn right on Oldtown Road, go three miles and turn right onto Mertens Ave., then go one and a half miles to Kasecamp Road. Turn right and go one and a half miles to Bond's Landing and access towpath there.

10. Wildlife Mgmt Crossover & Lock 59 (Milepost 146.9)

Access from Kasecamp Road. Green Ridge State Forest has locked gate here, access restricted to permittees.

11. Western Maryland Railway Bridge #3 (Milepost 147)

From Little Orleans, take Oldtown Road to Merten's Ave., make a left and proceed to Kasecamp Road loop. From Oldtown, from Rt. 51, use Thomas Road or Oldtown Road, make right onto Merten's Ave. and proceed to Kasecamp Road. This is the second Potomac River bridge crossing.

12. Higgins Tract (Milepost 147.5)

Location of park owned, but private residence on Kasecamp Road. Towpath access gate located here.

13. Stickpile Hill Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 149.4)

Access from Kasecamp Road, use access gate at Bond's Landing (See Below).

14. Lock 60 & Cooper's Cabin (Milepost 149.7)

Access by parking along Kasecamp Road or via towpath from Bond's Landing. For Cooper's Cabin (Park owned building), take first right past Bond's Landing turnoff, go past green residence (Tewell) to cabin.

15. Bond's Landing (Milepost 150)

Location of state owned boat ramp, access gates for towpath located here. Access via Oldtown Road to Merten's Ave. to Kasecamp Road. See directions under #9 Devil's Alley above.

16. Western Maryland Railway Bridge #4 and Stickpile Tunnel (Milepost 151.2)

Access by towpath from Bond's Landing (See #15 above) or stay on Kasecamp Road or use Oldtown Road to Kasecamp Road Loop coming from Oldtown. Stickpile Tunnel is closed off to prevent vehicles from driving through. This is the 3rd bridge crossing of the Potomac.

17. Lock 61 (Milepost 153.1)

Access from Outdoor Club Road towpath gate at Milepost 153.2. Outdoor Club Road is off of Merten Ave. in Green Ridge State Forest. From MD Rt. 51, turn onto Thomas Road. Go two miles and turn right on Oldtown Road. Proceed three miles to Mertens Ave., turn right, go .4 miles, turn right onto Outdoor Club Road (dead end road) and follow to towpath access gate CAUTION- Outdoor Club Road in rough condition.

18. Outdoor Club Road Access (Milepost 153.2)

Towpath access gate located here. See under Lock 61 for directions.

19. Sorrel Ridge Hiker-Biker Campsite & Lock 62 (Milepost 154.1).

Access via towpath from Outdoor Club Road proceeding upstream or coming from Oldtown, turn onto Malcolm Road, go 1.1 miles to first residence (Mueller). Just past residence take first right which will be Tunnel Hill Road (NO STREET SIGN). Proceed .6 miles to first left turn which will be park access gate to park's Tunnel Hill Trail. Follow trail down to towpath. Trail is useable by emergency vehicles. NOTE- access is in Green Ridge State Forest. Canal and towpath is not visible from Tunnel Hill Road.

20. Lock 63 1/3 (Milepost 154.5)

Access from Tunnel Hill Road (See #19 above). Numbering of lock due to fact that Lock 65 was not built to save money.

21. Lock 64 2/3 (Milepost 154.6)

Access from Tunnel Hill Road (See #19 above). Numbering again due to Lock 65 was not built.

22. Lock 66 and Carpenter Shop Site (Milepost 154.7)

Access from Tunnel Hill Road (See #19 above).

23. Paw Paw Tunnel {Downstream End/North Portal} (Milepost 155.2)

Access from MD Route 51 via Malcolm Road to Tunnel Hill Road (See #19 above).

24. Larkin Tract/Barn

Park owned farm on the right-hand side of MD Rt. 51 South before crossing Potomac to Paw Paw WV. Barn is visible from Rt. 51 (Tract 83-113 used under a Agricultural SUP).

25. Paw Paw Tunnel {Upstream End/South Portal} (Milepost 155.8)

Access from MD Route 51. From Paw Paw WV, to access towpath, do not turn into parking area for tunnel, go past and take first left to towpath access gate. From Oldtown, will be right turn before getting to parking area entrance. Parking area, camping area, and historical park building (section house) located here. This area as known as the Abraugh Tract.

26. Kessler Tunnel {Western Maryland Railway} (Milepost 155.95)

Access from Tunnel Hill Road. Go one mile pass access gate for Tunnel Hill Trail to WM RY ROW to access Tunnel. Tunnel blocked so vehicles cannot drive through it.

27. Western Maryland Railway Bridge #8 (Milepost 156.4)

Access from Rt. 51. at towpath gate. This is the 6th WM RY bridge over the Potomac.

28. Purslane Run Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 157.4)

Access from Gorman Road South off of Rt. 51, towpath access gate here. Location of canal laborer's cemetery which is in private hands, no public access to cemetery. Cemetery is accessible from towpath.

29. Lock 67 and Sykes Cabin (Milepost 161.8)

Access off of MD Route 51, watch for signs for Town Creek Aqueduct, former Western Maryland Railway roadbed here open for vehicle access to aqueduct, towpath access gate located here. For Sykes Cabin (Park owned building), take Rt. 51 South, cross Town Creek bridge, take first right at top of hill. Cabin schedule for destruction sometime in the future.

30. Town Creek Aqueduct and Hiker-Biker Campsite & Roeder Barn (Milepost 162)

Off of Route 51, drive along open section of former Western Maryland Railway roadbed for 1 mile to Aqueduct, campsite located .3 miles from downstream end of aqueduct. Canal rewatered from here up to Lock 71. This rewatered area known as Three Mile Level. Roeder Barn (Park owned) located off WM ROW near aqueduct.

31. Lock 68 and Potomac Fork Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 164.8)

Access from Rt. 51, from Oldtown, take second right past SHA Maintenance Facility (Dome) and proceed one mile to access gate. Stegmaier Tract located here, along with lockhouse. Once damaged culvert below Oldtown is repaired, best access will be to use the towpath from Oldtown, foot access is possible from Oldtown.

32. Lock 69 (Milepost 166.5)

Access from Oldtown, proceeding downstream via towpath.

33. Lock 70 {Oldtown} (Milepost 166.7)

From MD Route 51 at either end of Oldtown, drive through Oldtown on Main Street and turn onto Green Spring Road, follow to parking lot. Lockhouse (18901 Green Spring Rd SE), picnic area, maintenance facility (18907 Green Spring Rd SE), and Moore House {park owned residence} (18904 Green Spring Rd SE) located here.

34. Lock & Lockhouse 71 (Milepost 167)

Access from Lock 70, proceeding upstream on towpath.

35. Pigmans Ferry Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 169.1)

Access via towpath from Oldtown proceeding two miles upstream or from Spring Gap proceeding four miles downstream on towpath.

36. Zihlman Barn/Tract & Buckley Crossover (Milepost 170.8)

Access via towpath from Spring Gap, proceed downstream on towpath for two miles. Park owned farm, Tract 49-103, used under a Agricultural SUP. Buckley crossover is designated hunter access to Buckley Island.

37. Spring Gap Use Area (Milepost 173.3)

Access off of MD Route 51. Campground, boat ramp, picnic area, and parking lot located here. Towpath can be access here by emergency vehicles for travel in both directions.

38. Lock 72 and Lockhouse (Milepost 174.4)

Access from Spring Gap or from North Branch.

39. Lock 73 & Iron's Mountain Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 175.4)

Access at North Branch.

40. Lock 74 {North Branch} (Milepost 175.5)

Access from Rt. 51, turning onto PPG Road. Cross railroad tracks, turn left onto River Road before Canal Boat turnoff. Picnic area and parking area located here. Towpath can be access here by emergency vehicles.

41. Lock 75 & Lockhouse (Milepost 175.6) {North Branch}

Access by turning off of Rt. 51 onto PPG Road. Picnic area, and parking lot located here. Canal Boat located here has been moved to Cumberland Visitor Center.

42. Mexico Farms (Milepost 179)

Towpath can be access here by emergency vehicles, turn onto Mexico Farms Road off of MD Route 51.

43. Evitts Creek Hiker-Biker Campsite (Milepost 180.1)

Access from Offutt Street, proceed downstream for 1 mile.

44. Evitts Creek Aqueduct & Cumberland City Limits (Milepost 180.7)

Access from Offutt Street.

45. Candoc Area {Offutt Street} (Milepost 181.8)

Access from Offutt Street in South Cumberland. Offutt Street can be reached off of Industrial Blvd. (MD Rt. 51) by turning onto Virginia Ave. Emergency Vehicles can access towpath here.

46. Western Maryland Railway Bridge over Canal (Milepost 182)

Access by Rt. 51 (Industrial Blvd.) to Virginia Ave. to River Ave. to Ford Ave. Bridge abandoned, but still owned by CSX.

47. Western Maryland Railway Bridge (Milepost 183)

Inactive railroad bridge over canal. Access by getting on towpath at Elizabeth Street and proceed downstream.

48. Stop Lock {Elizabeth Street} (Milepost 183.3)

Access to towpath for emergency vehicles. Directions- In South Cumberland, use Virginia Ave. to Offutt Street to Lexington Ave. to Elizabeth Street.

49. Wineow Street (Milepost 184.38)

Access gate to towpath. From MD Rt. 51 North (Industrial Blvd.), turn right on Wineow Street (part of proposed Canal Parkway Project) and follow to towpath. From MD Rt. 51 South (also Industrial Blvd.), turn left across Rt. 51 North to Wineow Street and follow to towpath.

50. Canal Terminus {Cumberland} (Milepost 184.5)

Visitor Center (13 Canal Street) located in former Western Maryland Railway Station, now known as Western Maryland Station Center on Canal Street, off of Mechanic St. Towpath can be access by vehicles via access gate on Wineow Street off of MD Rt. 51 (Industrial Blvd.). Canal Boat moved to this location from North Branch.

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