

Directions to Frequently Visited C & O Canal Locations

Seneca Creek – Montgomery County, Maryland

From Washington, DC: Follow River Road West from I-495 toward Potomac, Maryland. Pass town of Potomac and Falls Road and continue west to Seneca Rd. Turn left on Seneca Rd. and continue west to Rileys Lock Rd. Turn left on Rileys Lock and follow it till it dead ends in to the C&O Canal. Park in lot.

Monocacy River and Potomac Shoreline

From Washington, DC:

Follow I-270 North to Route 28

Follow Route 28 west/north bound toward town of Dickerson

Pass through Dickerson and continue west toward Tuscarora

Approximately two miles past Dickerson look for signs for the C&O Canal – Mouth of the Monocacy Park Entrance.

Turn left (south) and follow road into the Park.

Meet at the parking area near the boat launch

Lock 5 C&O Canal, Bethesda, Maryland

From Washington, DC: Follow Clara Barton Parkway west from Georgetown

Pass Chain Bridge and continue on Clara Barton Parkway. Pkwy. Becomes a divided road at this point. Follow pkwy. to Cabin John exit.

Exit Pkwy. and reenter Clara Barton Pkwy. Eastbound.

Look for signs for Lock 5 parking area.

Limited parking in Lot. Car pooling encouraged.

Directions Lock 6 Parking area (C&O Canal NHP):

From Georgetown: Take M St. out of Georgetown until you get to Canal Rd. Take Left onto Canal Rd. Follow Canal Rd past Chainbridge. Lock 6 parking area will be the first parking area on your left. It is approximately 1 mile past Chainbridge.

From VA 495 beltway: take exit 41 (Carderock). Travel east towards the city. This will be the Clara Barton Pkwy. The pkwy will change names to Canal Rd. The Lock six parking lot will be on your right.

From MD 495 Beltway: take exit 40 Cabin John Parkway toward DC. Travel east towards the city. Then take the Clara Barton Pkwy towards DC. The pkwy will change names to Canal Rd. The Lock 6 parking lot will be on your right.

Lock 10 -- C&O Canal, Cabin John, Maryland

From Washington, DC: Follow Clara Barton Parkway west from Georgetown Pass Chain Bridge and continue on Clara Barton Parkway. Pkwy. becomes a divided road at this point. Follow pkwy. past Cabin John and Beltway exits to Carderock exit. Exit Pkwy. and reenter Clara Barton Pkwy. eastbound. Look for signs for Lock 10 parking areas. Park in either. Limited parking in Lot.

Directions to Great Falls Tavern Area

Directions to the Great Falls Picnic Area in Potomac, MD

From Beltway take exit 41 Clara Barton Parkway West toward Carderock. Take the Clara Barton parkway all the way to the end and take a left at stop sign onto Mac Arthur Blvd. Take MacArthur all the way to the park entrance. Proceed to the fee booth in the park and ask for the picnic area. We will meet in the picnic area near the concession.- Tell the fee booth collector you are there for a volunteer project and the fee will be waived.

From DC- Take M street out of Georgetown. Take left onto Canal Rd. At Chain Bridge bear right and proceed on the Clara Barton Parkway. Take the Clara Barton several miles until it dead ends. Take a left at the stop sign onto MacArthur Blvd. Take MacArthur all the way to the park entrance. Proceed to the fee booth in the park and ask for the picnic area. We will meet in the picnic area near the concession.

Angler's Inn

Access Point for: Marsden Tract Campsite

From Beltway: Take exit 41 Clara Barton Parkway West toward Carderock. Take the Clara Barton parkway all the way to the end and take a left at stop sign onto MacArthur Blvd. Angler's Inn is approximately 1 mile down MacArthur Blvd on the right.

From Washington, DC: Take M street out of Georgetown. Take left onto Canal Rd. At Chain Bridge bear right and proceed on the Clara Barton Parkway. Take the Clara Barton several miles until it dead ends. Take a left at the stop sign onto MacArthur Blvd. Angler's Inn is approximately 1 mile down MacArthur Blvd on the right.

- To access Marsden Tract, take footbridge located on opposite side of MacArthur Blvd from Angler's Inn.

Pennyfield Lock, Potomac, Maryland

From Washington, DC: Follow River Road West from I-495 toward Potomac, Maryland.

Pass town of Potomac and Falls Road and continue west to Pennyfield Lock Rd. Turn left (south) on Pennyfield Lock Rd. and follow till it dead ends into the C&O Canal. Park in lot and meet at Muddy Branch boat launch (toward right of entrance).

Swains Lock, Potomac Maryland

From Washington, DC: Follow River Road West from I-495 toward Potomac, Maryland. Pass town of Potomac and Falls Road and continue west to Pennyfield Lock Rd. Turn left (south) on Swainslock Rd. and follow till it dead ends into the C&O Canal.

Violettes Lock (Lock 23) and Feeder Dam #2

From Washington, DC: Follow River Road West from I-495 toward Potomac, Maryland. Pass town of Potomac and Falls Road and continue west to Violette's Lock Road. Turn left onto Violette's Lock Road. Road ends at parking and picnic area.

Rileys Lock (Lock 24) and Seneca Aqueduct

From Washington, DC: Follow River Road West from I-495 toward Potomac, Maryland. Pass town of Potomac and Falls Road and continue west to Riley's Lock Road. Turn left onto Riley's Lock Road. Road ends at parking lot.

Fletcher's Cove, Washington, DC

<http://www.fletchersboathouse.com>

Fletcher's Boat House is located 2 miles North of Key Bridge and 1 mile South of Chain Bridge, at the intersection of Reservoir Road and Canal Road. You will know you have reached the entrance to Fletcher's when you see the Abner Cloud House, an old stone building, which is adjacent to the canal.

From Georgetown (before 9:45 am if during the week): M St. will change into Canal Rd. Follow Canal Rd. to the stoplight at Foxhall Rd intersection. Continue straight on Foxhall Rd. At the next light, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Turn left onto Reservoir Rd. At the stop sign, cross over Canal Rd to the entrance to Fletchers Boathouse

From VA 495 Beltway: take exit 41 (Carderock). Travel east towards the city. This will be the Clara Barton Pkwy. The pkwy will change names to Canal Rd. Go through intersection at Chain Bridge. Go through intersection at Arizona Bridge. Fletchers Boathouse will be the next right turn. Because of the angle of the entrance, it is better

to turn left onto Reservoir Rd, which is directly across from the Fletchers entrance. Travel 1 block and make a U-turn. Cross over Canal Rd. into the entrance at Fletchers. We will meet in the lower parking lot, which is through the tunnel.

From MD 495 Beltway: take exit 40 Cabin John Parkway toward DC. Travel east towards the city. Then take the Clara Barton Parkway towards DC. The parkway will change names to Canal Rd. Go through intersection at Chain Bridge. Go through intersection at Arizona Bridge. Fletchers Boathouse will be the next right turn. Because of the angle of the entrance, it is better to turn left onto Reservoir Rd, which is directly across from the Fletchers entrance. Travel 1 block and make a U-turn. Cross over Canal Rd. into the entrance at Fletchers. Use caution driving through one way tunnel to lower parking lot.

From 66 East, take the Rosslyn exit to Key Bridge. Take a left onto Canal Road after crossing over Key Bridge. Bear left at Foxhall to stay on Canal Road, and continue onward until the entrance of Fletcher's at Canal and Reservoir.

Directions to The C&O Canal National Park—Carderock Recreation Area

Directions From Downtown DC:

- Take Pennsylvania Ave NW
- Bear LEFT (West) onto M St NW
- Turn LEFT (South) onto US-29 [Francis Scott Key Bridge]
- Turn RIGHT (West) onto Ramp and Continue (West) on George Washington Memorial Pkwy [GW Pkwy]
- Merge onto I-495 [I-495 Innerloop] (North) toward Maryland
- As you cross the bridge over the Potomac get in right lane
- Take Clara Barton Parkway exit ramp and bear left (west) toward Carderock
- As you get close to the exit, you will see the Naval Training Center, which is a dome-like structure on your right side
- Take the Carderock exit off Clara Barton and turn left at stop sign
- Go back over Parkway and follow Carderock signs down into park going through tunnel
- At stop sign, turn right and follow road to last parking lot

Directions From VA :

- Take I 495 (west/north) to Maryland
- As you cross the bridge over the Potomac get in far right lane
- Take Clara Barton Parkway exit ramp and immediately bear left (west) toward Carderock

- As you get close to the exit, you will see the Naval Training Center, which is a dome-like structure on your right side
- Take the Carderock exit off Clara Barton and turn left at stop sign
- Go back over Parkwy and follow Carderock signs down into park going through tunnel
- At stop sign, turn right and follow road to the last parking lot

Directions From MD :

- Take I 495 (west/south) to Virginia
- Take the Clara Barton Parkway exit (should see a sign for Carderock/Great Falls)
- Bear RIGHT (West) onto Clara Barton Pkwy
- As you get close to the exit, you will see the Naval Training Center, which is a dome-like structure on your right side
- Take the Carderock exit off Clara Barton and turn left at stop sign
- Go back over Parkwy and follow Carderock signs down into park going through tunnel
- At stop sign, turn right and follow road to the last parking lot
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Directions to Antietam Creek Campground Host From Interstate 70

From the EAST and the WEST

Take Exit #29 for MD Route 65 South from I-70. Follow MD Route 65 past Antietam National Battlefield and into the town of Sharpsburg, Maryland.

As you enter the town, you will approach a stop sign (the intersecting road is MD route 34). Make a RIGHT onto MD Route 34.

You will travel less than a ¼ mile to the town square (brick square in the pavement) – make a LEFT at the square onto Harper’s Ferry Road. Travel on Harper’s Ferry Road for 2.8 miles to Canal Road.

At the Canal Road intersection, turn RIGHT onto Canal Road. You will travel 0.2 miles to reach Antietam Creek Campground. The Campground Host site will be on your RIGHT, and the campground and C & O Canal towpath will be on your LEFT.

Lockhouse 49 from Interstate 81

- Take I-81 to I-70 West toward Hancock, Maryland.
- Take Exit 18 for Clear Spring, Maryland.
- Bear RIGHT off exit ramp for MD Route 68 West.

- Turn LEFT on 40 West (East Cumberland Street).
- Turn LEFT on Martin Street (at the traffic light).
- Travel 2.7 miles, then make a left on Four Locks Road
- Travel 0.7 miles, then bear right and follow signs to Four Locks Boat Ramp Parking Area.
- Park your car, then walk across the towpath to Lockhouse 49. It is a brick building (base is painted white) that will be up on the hill.

Directions to C&O Canal Headquarters

To get to C&O Canal headquarters in Hagerstown, MD, take I-270 from Washington to Frederick, MD. Take I-70 west at Frederick to Hagerstown exit 32B (Rt. 40 west to Hagerstown). Headquarters is located at 1850 Dual Highway about ½ mile from I –70. It is a brick building and is on the right side just past the Four Points Sheraton. Do not park in the spaces directly in front of the building since these have a time limitation and the building owner monitors them closely. Enter the front of the building; the reception area is on the right.