



C&O Canal

National Historical Park

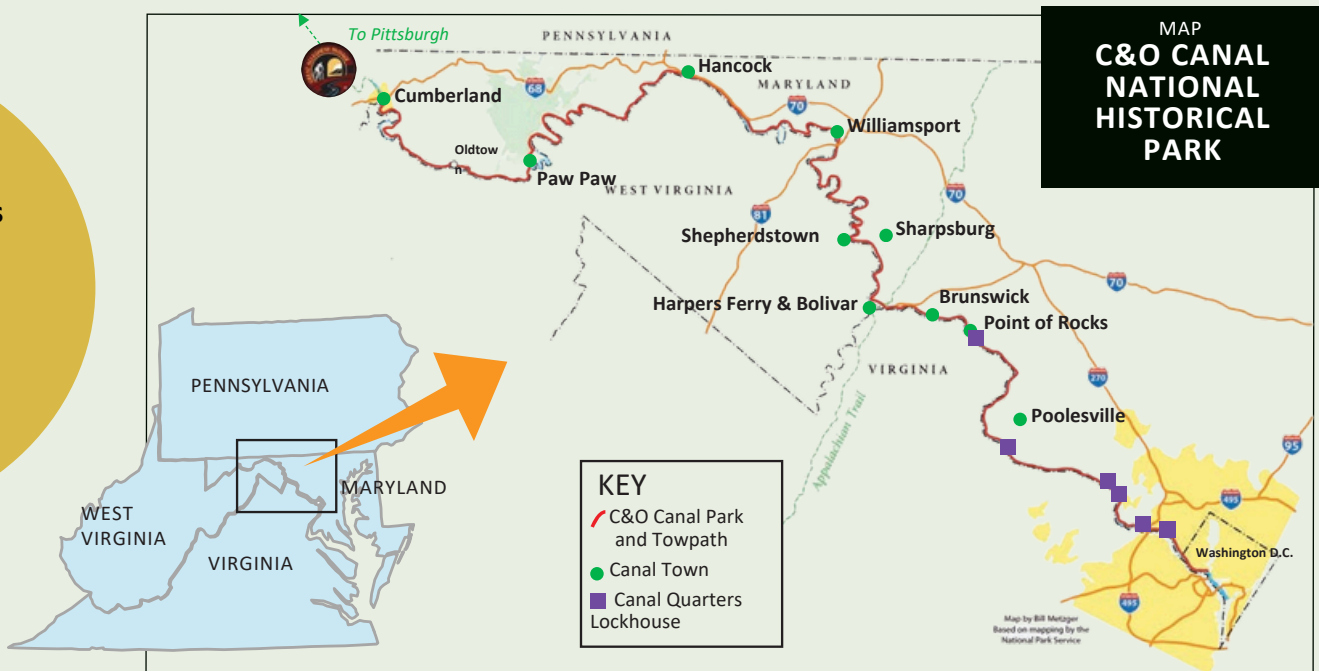
Over 20,000 acres of historical, natural, and recreational treasures

The C&O Canal should be on everyone's national park bucket list!

- Established in 1971 as a National Historical Park
- One of the most visited national parks in the nation
- 184.5 miles of towpath for walking and cycling from the District of Columbia to Cumberland, MD, connecting to the Great Allegheny Passage in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Park Visitor Centers are located along the length of the canal.

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RECREATION



The C&O Canal National Historical Park offers a wealth of outdoor recreational activities including:



Hiking



Biking



Camping



Kayaking



Photography



Fishing



Horseback Riding



Rock Climbing

Download our App!
C&O Canal Explorer



The C&O Canal Explorer app has over 800 points of interest mapped for you in a searchable format, allowing you to find hiking trails, campgrounds, history, trailheads, parking, and more at a glance.

HISTORY & NATURE



The Park preserves and protects over 1,300 historic structures, each serving as a reminder of the significance of the C&O Canal in our nation's early transportation history. The C&O Canal is one of the most biologically diverse parks, with over 100 rare, threatened, and endangered plant species.

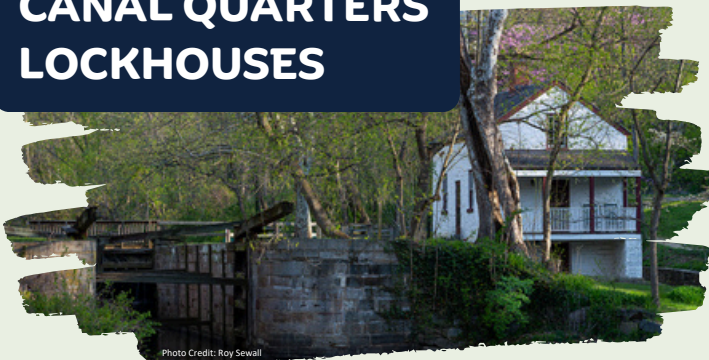
CANAL TOWNS



Eleven charming towns lining the canal offer visitors unique food, shopping, and lodging options for a night off the trail or a getaway weekend.

www.CanalTowns.org

CANAL QUARTERS LOCKHOUSES



To date, seven historic lockhouses along the C&O Canal towpath have been restored and are available to guests for interpretive overnight stays. Each lockhouse sleeps up to eight people and has been furnished to depict different time periods in the Canal's history. This authentic experience transports guests back in time!
www.CanalQuarters.org

HERITAGE AREAS & SCENIC BYWAY



The C&O Canal is part of multiple Heritage Areas, which showcase the unique history and heritage of the areas they encompass, and also has a Scenic Byway that parallels the length of the Park.