

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!

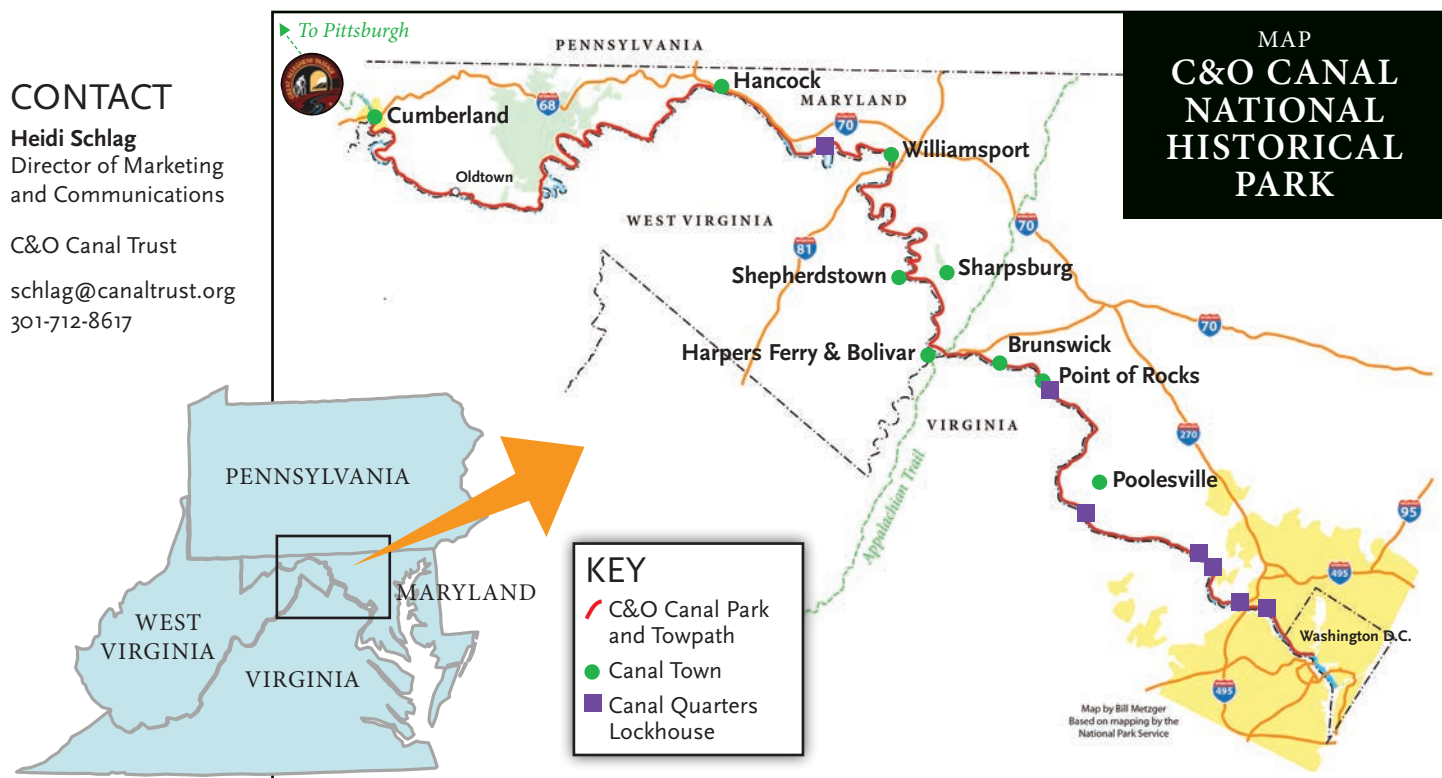
- 11th most visited national park in the nation
- 184.5 miles of towpath for walking and cycling
- Connects to the Great Allegheny Passage for trips from Washington D.C. to Pittsburgh
- The 50th anniversary of the canal becoming a national park is in 2021.
- A variety of events and activities are being planned for the anniversary year.

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RECREATION

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

- Hiking
- Cycling
- Paddling
- Horseback riding
- Rock scrambling
- Rock climbing
- Camping
- Fishing
- Bird watching
- Nature photography



HISTORY

The Park preserves and protects the history and stories of Mid-Atlantic Maryland:

- Life along the canal
- Western exploration
- Transportation
- Engineering innovation
- Immigration
- Native American
- Civil War
- African American
- Civilian Conservation Corps



CANAL QUARTERS LOCKHOUSES

Seven historic lockhouses along the C&O Canal towpath have been restored and are available to guests for overnight stays. Each lockhouse sleeps 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



CANAL TOWNS

Ten 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

- Poolesville, MD
- Point of Rocks, MD
- Brunswick, MD
- Harpers Ferry, WV
- Bolivar, WV
- Shepherdstown, WV
- Sharpsburg, MD
- Williamsport, MD
- Hancock, MD
- Cumberland, MD



HERITAGE AREAS & SCENIC BYWAY

The C&O Canal is part of three 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:

- Heritage Montgomery Heritage Area
- Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area
- Passages of the Western Potomac Heritage Area
- C&O Canal Scenic Byway



MOBILE APP

To help visitors explore all 184.5 miles and 20,000 acres of the C&O Canal National Historical Park, the C&O Canal Trust has developed the "C&O Canal Explorer" mobile app, which features over 600 points of interest mapped in a searchable format, with distances to nearby amenities and historic sites. www.CanalTrust.org/app