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C&O Canal News Release

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Spring Events at C&O Canal National Historical Park

HAGERSTOWN, Md. – Spring is a wonderful time to explore the wonders of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal). Come for a visit and bike or walk the towpath, stop by a visitor center, enjoy the arrival of spring, or attend one of our special events. The park is open daily, and visitors are welcome to join rangers for the following special events and programs, March through May:

March 16 - *Women's History on the C&O Canal*, 11:00-12:00, Great Falls Tavern, Potomac MD. Canal historian Karen Gray will discuss the vital role of women who worked on the C&O Canal.

March 16 - *Music from the 19th Century*, 12:30-3:00, Great Falls Tavern, Potomac MD. Join the Mountain Dulcimers of Northern Virginia for live music and try your hand at playing this unique instrument

April 13 - *Celebrate the Potomac River*, 10:00-3:00 Great Falls Tavern, Potomac, Md. Visit the Chesapeake Bay Roving Ranger Mobile Visitor Center. Learn how you can help maintain this beautiful area.

April 13 - *Potomac River Watershed Cleanup*, Various locations across the Park - Join the 31st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Learn more and sign up: <http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org>

April 27 - *Canal Pride Days*, 9:00-1:00, Paw Paw Campsite, Oldtown, Md. Join the C&O Canal Trust for a day of service and fun. Space is limited! Learn more and sign up: www.canaltrust.org/programs/canal-pride-days.

May 4 - *Canal Pride Days*, 9:00-1:00, Great Falls, Potomac, Md. Join the C&O Canal Trust for a day of service and fun. Space is limited! Learn more and sign up: www.canaltrust.org/programs/canal-pride-days.

May 18 - *Canal Pride Days*, 9:00-1:00, Cushwa Basin, Williamsport, Md. Join the C&O Canal Trust for a day of service and fun. Space is limited! Learn more and sign up: www.canaltrust.org/programs/canal-pride-days.

May 25 - *Williamsport Launch Boat Tours*, Cushwa Basin, Williamsport, Md. These FREE 1-hour programs include riding in a historic replica canal launch boat from the Cushwa Basin to Lock 44 and back to the Cushwa Warehouse. Reservations are taken by phone at (301) 582-0813, 7 days in advance, starting May 18, 2019.

May 25 & 26 - *Spring in the Park*, 9:00-4:30, Great Falls Tavern, Potomac, Md. Outdoor activities include Leave No Trace Workshops and dog friendly Bark Ranger programs. Music by the National Capital Chapter of the Music Box Society International (Sunday only).

***The programs at Great Falls Tavern are free, but there is an entrance fee to the park of \$15 per single vehicle.**

C&O Canal Spring Visitor Center and Lockhouse Hours

Stop in one of our visitor centers to speak with a ranger or volunteer and learn about the park.

Abner Cloud House

4940 Canal Road, NW, Washington, DC 20007
First Sunday Each Month 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Brunswick Visitor Center (301) 834-7100

40 West Potomac St., Brunswick, MD 21716
Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cumberland Visitor Center (301) 722-8226

Western Maryland Railway Station, 13 Canal St., Room 100, Cumberland, MD 21502
March - Open Daily 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
April - December - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center (301) 767-3714

11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac, MD 20854
Wed.-Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hancock Visitor Center

439 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750
May 25 - September 1, 2019, Sat. and Sun., 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., staffing permitting

Lockhouse 24

Milemarker 22.8 (in Poolesville, Md.)
Late April - early June, Sat. and Sun., 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Lockhouse 44

Milemarker 99.30 (in Williamsport, Md.)
For hours of operation, call (301) 582-0813

Lockhouse 70

Milemarker 166.70 (in Oldtown, Md.)
May 25 - September 29, 2019, Sat. and Sun., 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lockhouse 75

Milemarker 175.60 (in Cumberland, Md.)
May 25 - August 31, 2019, Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., staff permitting

Williamsport Visitor Center (301) 582-0813

205 W. Potomac St., Williamsport, MD 21795
Wed.-Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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ABOUT THE C&O Canal: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park preserves and interprets the historical, natural and recreational resources of the C&O Canal. Over 5,000,000 visitors a year enjoy the opportunities for recreation and understanding that the Park has to offer. For more information, visit the Park's website at www.nps.gov/choh.