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Washington County to host World Canals Conference, C&O Canal National Historical Park Celebrates 50th

By Roxann Miller

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It's a big year for the C&O Canal and Washington County tourism.

On Aug. 30, the World Canals Conference will return to the Potomac River Valley in Hagerstown to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of C&O Canal National Historical Park.

After much debate about whether or not to hold the conference this year, due to COVID-19, Bill Holdsworth, chairman of the World Canals Conference Organizing Committee, said a decision was made at the end of May to move forward with the annual event.

Approximately 100 people are expected to attend the event, scheduled for Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 at The Maryland Theatre in Hagerstown.

Several promising factors – including vaccination rates increasing in the United States and reduction of COVID-19 cases – tipped the scale in favor of holding the global event, according to Holdsworth.

Still, precautions will be in place. Masking will be required, and masks will be provided to those who need one. Each venue and tour bus will allow for adequate social distancing.

Since international travel regulations are still restrictive, the early-bird discount for international travelers to the conference was extended to July 1. The gathering attracts canal enthusiasts, canal professionals and tourism professionals from all over the world, Holdsworth said.

Last year's event was to be held in Germany but was postponed due to the global pandemic.

The conference started in 1988 with a North American focus, but over the years has grown into an international event sponsored by Inland Waterways International.



Cushwa Basin on C&O Canal. BETSY DEVORE.

'A great artifact'

After attending several conferences in Europe, Holdsworth said he thought it would be a great idea "to show off the beauty of the C&O Canal."

"I thought, 'We can do this. We've got a lot to show people,'" he said. "The C&O is a great artifact. It's the only in-

tact, 19th-century canal in the country. We're lucky to have our canal preserved – all 184.5 miles – along the river and preserved as a national park. So, in addition to having this nice refuge, you've got historic structures from the 19th and early 20th century that tell the history of the canal and how important it was and still is to the area."

The price for the conference ranges from \$475 to \$625 (excluding hotel accommodations) and features presentations on canal-related topics on the mornings of Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, followed by "study tours" in the afternoon, when groups visit various sections of the canal. For a list of speakers, go to wcc2021.org/program.

"During the morning presentations, you'll learn about other canals and the history of other canals. And then, you'll get a well-guided tour of wherever we visit along the (C&O) canal. If you've been in this area, you've probably been along the canal, but it's a nice, well-guided tour that highlights some features for you," Holdsworth said.

Some of the locations that conference attendees will visit include Great Falls, Monocacy Aqueduct, Antietam National Battlefield, Williamsport and the Paw Paw Tunnel.

There also will be evening events and dinners.

"It's a chance to rub shoulders with other people from other areas who are interested in canals. We'll have interesting speakers during the confer-

ence, and The Maryland Theatre is a nice venue. And you'll be led on some well-guided tours with good tour guides who will highlight points of interest. When I visit a place, it's great to visit with a good tour guide because you see things that you wouldn't see on your own," Holdsworth said.

Celebrating the park's 50th anniversary

As the conference winds down, the park's 50th-anniversary celebration will continue throughout the year with various activities.

Christiana Hanson, chief of interpretation, education and volunteers for the park, wants people to get excited about the historic gem in Washington County.

Many of the in-person activities planned for the anniversary celebration moved to the digital realm. The goal is to bring the park to people, no matter where they are during the pandemic, Hanson said.

As the National Park Service continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the C&O Canal is working to increase in-person services this summer. Visitors will be greeted by rangers and volunteers at pop-up tables outside the visitor centers, where park information, passport stamps and information about Junior Ranger activities will be available. In Great Falls and

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World Canals Conference comes to Washington County, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2

By Jennifer A. Fitch

When the World Canals Conference comes to Washington County Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, locals will mix with visitors from around the world to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal being named a national park.

Presenters from as far away as Germany are planning to attend the conference, but because of travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, will make their presentations virtually. The conference will focus on educational and recreational opportunities associated with waterways. The canals that at one time allowed for the important movement of goods today provide coveted tourism for communities.

For historian Tim Snyder, attending the conference will provide a chance to share creativity and ideas related to the preservation, recreational use and future of canals across the globe. He is looking forward to the study tours that will show off the restored lockhouses, towpath and modern-day uses of the C&O Canal that served the Mid-Atlantic when railroading was in its infancy, particularly when it came to transporting coal.

"Transportation was very slow and very costly because of the conditions of roads. But, the coal from Western Maryland was considered a high-quality, soft coal," Snyder said.

Speakers at the conference include Karen Gray, who will address legal wrangling over the canal's ownership after a flood in 1889. She wants to use documents to dispute claims the B&O Railroad took control of the canal.

Gray said earlier researchers did not have access to all the sources now available, including digitized documents and regional newspaper articles that focused on sales, drownings, shipping news and political issues.

"History is not the past," she said.



Canal boat rides were featured during the Conococheague Aqueduct Restoration project in 2019. SCOTT CANTNER

"History is our current understanding of it at any given time based on the resources available."

Gray enjoys that the World Canals Conference from Inland Waterways International is bringing together people who can discuss potential inaccuracies in writings and park historical studies from the late 20th century, including some of her own work from that time that she now realizes had errors. She first started walking on the towpath in 1977 when

a resident of Washington, D.C., and still enjoys showing off parts of it — particularly Little Slackwater above Dam 5 — to family and friends now that she lives in Hagerstown.

The trio of local historians doing today's research into the canal are Snyder, whose focus is on the Civil War era; Gray, who studies the ownership and trusteeship; and William Bauman, who writes about the shipping and family histories.

The C&O Canal is the longest in-

tact 19th-century canal in the United States, providing conference attendees 184 miles to explore.

Headquartered at The Maryland Theatre, the World Canals Conference features a full schedule of presentations to be coupled with exhibitions, networking, tours and social programs. The schedule includes visits to the Paw Paw Tunnel, Fort Frederick, Monocacy Aqueduct, Cushwa Basin, Antietam National Battlefield and Olmsted Island.

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C&O Canal National Historical Park Celebrates History Through Conservation

By Jennifer A. Fitch

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal served communities along the Potomac River starting in 1828. For almost 100 years, the canal acted as a backbone of commerce, providing a method of getting coal and lumber from Point A to Point B along the Potomac River.

The Industrial Revolution was hard for the C&O Canal as railroads provided competition and flooding damaged sections of the infrastructure. New life was found when national historical park distinction was bestowed on the canal in 1971 following a push from Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

tourism and other related industries," said Jeff Cline, President of the Washington County Commissioners.

Supporters of the canal are celebrating its 50th anniversary as a linear park with a global conference, new apparel, food and spirits trails, student video contest, and challenges to hike or bike anywhere from five kilometers to the full 184.5 miles as the hardest members of Douglas' group did.

"Since the canal is so long, you can always hop in your car and see many parts of it," said Heidi Glatfelter Schlag, director of communications and marketing for C&O Canal Trust.

Due to precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19, some 50th anni-

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The C&O Canal, once part of our economic past with trade goods, is now part of our economic future, with tourism and other related industries.”

JEFF CLINE, PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Navigational use of the canal had ended years before it was acquired by the government in 1938. The canal languished in neglect until Douglas started encouraging protection and preservation of the canal, which he called "a refuge, a place of retreat, a long stretch of quiet and peace" in his writings.

The judge, whose likeness can be viewed in a portrait at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, organized a hike of the area to publicize efforts to conserve it. Nine people finished hiking with him as they trekked the length of the canal across four counties at an average pace of four miles per hour. That initiative led to the canal being named a National Historical Park by President Richard Nixon almost two decades later in 1971.

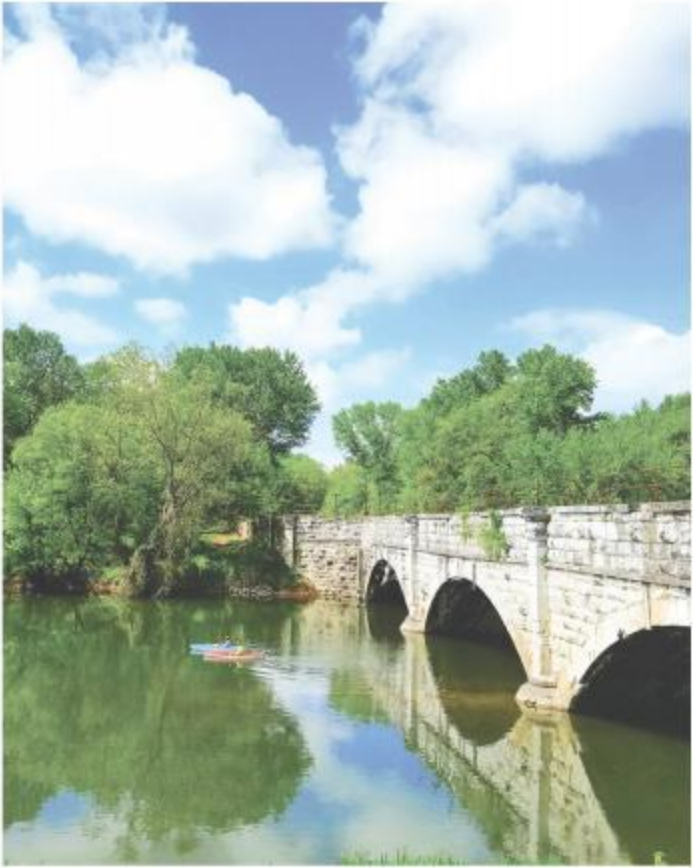
"The C&O Canal, once part of our economic past with trade goods, is now part of our economic future, with

versary events were moved outdoors and adapted to accommodate social distancing. For instance, an existing fundraiser for the C&O Canal Trust became a catered picnic in the park scheduled for Sept. 12.

"All in all, it is a great celebration of the 50th. It just turned out differently than we first planned," Glatfelter Schlag said.

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

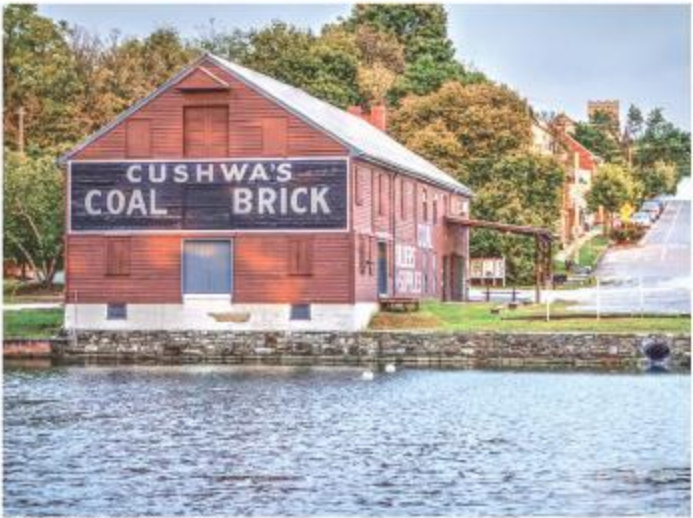
- Aug. 28: 45th Annual C&O Canal Days, Williamsport
- Aug. 30-Sept. 2: World Canals Conference
- Sept. 11-12: Heritage Days Festival, Cumberland



Conococheague Aqueduct. M.J. CLINGAN



C&O Canal in Hancock. BETSY DEVORE



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C&O Canal Visitors Find Much To Do in Area Locales

By Jennifer A. Fitch

The C&O Canal provides for hiking, birdwatching, bicycling and other recreation, but those who finish a day in the park are often looking for additional activities or a place to spend the night.

A study commissioned by the Maryland Office of Tourism Development found that 1.31 million people traveled more than 50 miles each way to visit the C&O Canal National Historical Park in 2019. The park welcomed a total 5.1 million visitors that year.

Of those visitors traveling the longer distance, 85 percent of them also visited towns or cities in the region. The top towns listed by visitors were Frederick, Hagerstown and Potomac.

Dan Spedden, president of Visit Hagerstown, described the C&O Canal's designation as a national park as an important aspect of promoting the area to people, particularly those who want to disconnect from urban life for a day or weekend.

"You don't have to go to Wyoming to see a national park," Spedden said. "We have them right here."

The average age of visitors to C&O Canal National Historical Park in 2019 was 40. The visitors spent an average of \$105 a day on things like lodging, shopping, food/beverage, and recreation/entertainment.

Rockport Analytics, the authors of the study for the Maryland Office of Tourism Development, estimated the total economic contribution of the park to be \$254 million a year.

Experiences along the canal

To capitalize on the revenue to be found from tourists, Visit Hagerstown (the Hagerstown & Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau) is highlighting a variety of experiences people can have on the banks of the canal and in the sur-



Western MD Rail Trail in Hancock. JOHN CANAN



Lock House 49 Clear Spring. CREDIT MJ CLINGAN

rounding communities. Visitors can even book an over night stay in one of seven restored lockhouses, each of which represent a different time period and can sleep eight guests. The lockhouses feature furniture and informational presentations from their designated time period. For instance, visitors to the lockhouse in Cabin John can learn about the New Deal and Civilian Conservation Corps.

"This is the only place in North America where you can find all these restored and working aqueducts and locks," Spedden said. "When I walk the canal, I'm fascinated by the history of it."

Other history buffs visiting the C&O Canal have quick access to Civil War battlefields at Antietam in Sharpsburg, Monterey Pass in Blue Ridge Summit and Gettysburg. They can visit Harpers Ferry, W.Va., to learn more about John Brown's 1850 raid attempting to start a revolt of enslaved people, and while there, trek to the midpoint of the Appalachian Trail or visit Harpers Ferry National Park.

For Visit Hagerstown's director of marketing, Betsy DeVore, the C&O Canal offers an opportunity to hone her photography skills.

"The bird watching and the wildlife there are amazing," she said.

Fellow photographers can find rock formations in Point of Rocks, Civil War cannons on Doubleday Hill in Williamsport, and the picturesque, preserved town of Sharpsburg.

Canal Towns Partnership created the guide "Towpath to Town" to help visitors learn about their options from Georgetown to Cumberland. The guide can be downloaded at canaltrust.org/programs/canal-towns and features a map to help visualize where activities are available.

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Libations Trail, Sweet & Savory Trail Provide Visitors Options Along the Canal

By Jennifer A. Fitch

For Brunswick's Smoketown Brewing Station, the creation of a "Libations Trail" along the C&O Canal gave the brewing team a chance to come up with a whole new offering.

Fog Holler Hazy Pale Ale was crafted by hand using American ingredients, which the brewery says is reminiscent of how the canal itself was made. The name evokes fog settling on the banks of the canal, and the bottle's label uses a historic image of a lockhouse from the C&O Canal.

"We have a lot of people who love the beer itself. It's great as a talking point to say, 'This is what it is all about,'" said Jake Blackmon, director of operations for Smoketown Brewing Station.

A pair of new experiences has been debuted for the 50th anniversary of the C&O Canal becoming a national historical park. Those new experiences are the Libations Trail featuring 11 breweries, wineries and distilleries, and a Sweet & Savory Trail featuring more than 20 restaurants, bakeries and ice cream parlors.

Desert Rose Café & Sweet Shoppe in Williamsport offers customers a Boatman's Bean Soup adapted from a recipe served by the canal's lock keepers. It was found in a book from the early 1900s. Desert Rose also serves a Muddy Mile Marker Milkshake as part of the Sweet & Savory Trail.



Rose Harris, owner of Desert Rose Café, prepares Boatman's Soup. PHOTO BY SCOTT CANTNER

Rocky Point Creamery, Tuscarora, Md., created a "mule food" sundae to recognize the mules that pulled boats in 1870 and still do in modern times as an attraction at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center.

Beans in the Belfry, Brunswick, offers

the C&O Canal Sandwich, which has gyro-like ingredients on flat bread.

Abbie Ricketts, chairwoman of the Canal Towns Partnership, described how a committee of Maryland tourism officials and representatives of counties along the C&O Canal started meeting in early 2020 to plan for the 50th anniversary. However, the meetings switched to Zoom as COVID-19 spread and the initial concepts started to adapt.

"Like anyone else trying to plan events, there were some unknowns," Ricketts said. "You didn't know what would be open and how people would react (or) if they would come out."

The Libations Trail and Sweet & Savory Trail provide visitors options for ways to enjoy the communities at their own pace. Recreational usage of the C&O Canal towpath grew exponentially during the pandemic as people sought ways to get outside.

"It's really busy around here on weekends, which I think has really helped the restaurants downtown and the brewery," said Ricketts, who works in Brunswick.

For more information on the Libations Trail and the Sweet & Savory Trail, go to www.canaltrust.org.

LOCAL BREWERY OFFERINGS

Cushwa Brewing Company

Lock 44 Lager: Kellerbier Style Lager

Lock 44 is a tribute to the many wonderful sights that are within a short walk of each other in Williamsport: The Cushwa Basin Warehouse, Conococheague Aqueduct, and Lock 44 and its lockhouse.

Homaide Brewing

Captain Myers: Red Rye IPA

Captain Myers is named for the canal boat captain who accidentally hit and destroyed the stone wall at the nearby Conococheague Aqueduct in 1920. This aqueduct was restored in 2018 and is one of the showpieces of the C&O Canal in that section of the park.

Boatman's Bean Soup

Credit: Rose Harris, Owner of Desert Rose Café in Williamsport, Maryland
Available at the Café throughout this 50th anniversary year.
Inspired by the book *Home on the Canal* by Elizabeth Kytle.



SERVES 6 (large, hearty bowls)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound great Northern beans or navy beans
- 2 quarts water (I never measure the water exactly, but use enough to cover the beans with 1/2 inch to 1 inch of water)
- 2 medium Irish potatoes, diced
- 1 large onion, chopped (I use a yellow onion)
- 1 large ham bone or ham hock (cut lean meat off)
- 1 pint of canned tomatoes or 4 large ripe tomatoes, cut up
- Leafy garnish

TWO THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE HAM BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Using dried and salted meat is important, because the salt from the meat will season the stew and give it a nice flavor. Ham bone and ham hock can be found at many local grocery stores or butcher shops. This recipe can also be made without meat, but you'd need to use additional herbs and seasonings for flavor.
- When you add the ham hock or ham bone, you can add the entire thing without removing the meat first, then remove the meat from the bone once it's cooked. (You'd keep it in the soup while removing the bone.) Alternatively, you can remove the meat from the bone first, then add both the meat and the bone to the soup. Remove the bone once the soup is done.

DIRECTIONS

1. Soak beans overnight and drain.
2. Put beans in a soup pot and add water. I like to cook the beans in the water for 5 to 10 minutes before adding the other ingredients to soften them a bit. When they're cooked with the rest of the ingredients, that creates a creamier base for the soup. (Note that you may need to add some additional water along the way, as the beans cook throughout this process.)
3. Add potatoes, onion and ham bone and cook covered and at a gentle simmer, until the potatoes are done but still firm. This will take around 15 to 20 minutes.
4. Add tomatoes and cook for 30 more minutes.
5. Season to taste. If you use a salted dried meat, make sure to try the soup before adding more salt. I often do not add any seasoning, though I would imagine that some fresh thyme would be a nice touch.
6. Garnish as desired.



From left, Dan Spedden, President of Visit Hagerstown & Washington County; Heidi Gladfelter Schlag, of C&O Canal Trust; Betsy DeVore, Director of Marketing & Communications, Visit Hagerstown & Washington County; and Jeff Cline, President of the Washington County Commissioners; enjoy Boatman's Bean Soup at Desert Rose Café.

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C&O Canal Brings Thousands of Visitors to Hancock Each Year

By Jennifer A. Fitch

The heavily visited section of the C&O Canal in Hancock, combined with the town's proximity to a half-dozen other trails, led to its designation as "Maryland's Trail Town" from Gov. Larry Hogan in 2020.

"All these trails make the Town of Hancock unique in the State of Maryland and draw millions of visitors every year. The trail traffic, of which the Town of Hancock is an indispensable element, represents a huge boost to our state's economy. Hancock embraces the footsteps of ancestors and inspires new generations to step, hike and bike into the future," the proclamation states.

Roughly 230,000 people visited the C&O Canal in Hancock in 2019. There, they found the historic Bowles House operated as a visitors center. (It is now closed due to COVID-19 pandemic constraints.) The building was constructed by William Yates in 1785 as a family home, where the occupants could watch the C&O Canal being created in Hancock in 1839. The home transferred ownership several times and was still in use as a private residence until the 1980s.

Development of the canal brought both an economic boom and immigrants to Hancock. Gen. Stonewall Jackson attempted to take control of the town, but failed due to harsh weather that hampered his efforts.

"The C&O Canal was an important means of commerce while in operation. Today, it brings thousands of visitors to the Town of Hancock. Hancock is a welcomed break for many of the trail's users, offering free in-town camping, hotel accommodations, restaurants and unique shopping opportunities," said Bill Valentine, a development coordinator for Del. Mike McKay.

Hancock remains a hub between Pennsylvania and West Virginia with easy access to metropolitan areas and highways that crisscross the Mid-Atlantic. Its proximity, though, does not disrupt its small-town charm, which includes the well-known fruit pies sold at Blue Goose Market.

2021 brought about the first Hancock Trails Day to help people walking, hiking or biking the C&O Canal get linked with food and vendors offered on Main Street. Information for self-guided trail hikes was created for the occasion.

"I believe COVID has actually increased trail traffic. People are turning to healthy, outdoor activities that can be enjoyed," Valentine said. "Hancock is offering more and more areas for relaxation for trail users. We are fortunate to have united a beautiful section of re-watered canal."



Bikers ride along the C&O Canal near Hancock. SAM JUDGE



C&O Canal Hancock Visitor Center. SAM JUDGE



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Georgetown, the park and its nonprofit partner Georgetown Heritage are working to bring back rides on replica canal boats.

Other events include ranger talks, manual demonstrations of the 19th-century lift locks and the popular "Meet the Mules" event, during which

and in crowded outdoor spaces. Visitors who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks.

"In 2020, getting outside and connecting with nature – having space in the outdoors to relax and rejuvenate – was really essential to all of our wellness. It's an easy-access location where you can come to just take a moment to breathe, relax and recenter," she said.



Canal near Cushwa Basin. BETSY DEVORE.

visitors can meet the modern mule team and learn about the role mules played on the canal. For a complete list of events, go to nps.gov/choh.

"The C&O Canal has this rich transportation history, but it goes beyond that. There have been people living along the Potomac River, where the C&O Canal is, for thousands of years. So, the history we hold in our park is really the history of this area – of people coming in and frequently fighting against nature, struggling to survive, struggling to thrive," she said.

Aside from the historic value, Hanson said a lot of people use the park for recreational purposes.

People today enjoy diverse recreational opportunities at the park, such as hiking the trails, biking on the towpath or kayaking on the canal, she said.

Hanson reminded outdoor enthusiasts to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by following park guidelines. All visitors are asked to follow the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's social-distancing guidelines. Those who are not fully vaccinated should wear masks indoors

At every turn, the C&O Canal keeps giving back to Washington County, said Daniel Spedden, president of Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"In addition to the tourism that it generates, it preserves our history and culture and provides a valuable recreation resource for all of our Washington County citizens. It's a great asset to have and it is our No. 1 tourist attraction (in the county), by far, attracting millions of visitors a year," he said.

The C&O Canal National Historical Park contains more than 20,000 acres of historical, natural and recreational treasures, he said.

It is the eighth most visited national park site in the nation, with more than 5 million visitors a year – more than Yellowstone, Yosemite or the Grand Canyon, according to the C&O Canal Trust.

For more information about the park's 50th-anniversary events, go to canaltrust.org/plan/co-canal-experience/50th-anniversary-events.

For details about the World Canals Conference, go to wcc2021.org.



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 - Monocacy
 - Antietam
 - Tonoloway
- Of the canal's 184.5 miles, what percentage is in Washington County?
 - 11%
 - 24%
 - 30%
 - 43%
- During the Civil War, Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson made three attempts to breach which dam?
 - Dam Number 3
 - Dam Number 4
 - Dam Number 5
 - Dam Number 6
- On April 20, 1920, Captain Frank Myer's Canal Boat Number 73 breached the wall of this aqueduct
 - Conococheague
 - Monocacy
 - Antietam
 - Tonoloway
- The flood of what year permanently halted canal navigation?
 - 1877
 - 1889
 - 1924
 - 1936
- In his memoir, escaped slave James Curry described how in 1837 he traveled at night along the canal towpath, then under construction, and left the canal at this river town on his journey to freedom.
 - Sandy Hook
 - Sharpsburg
 - Williamsport
 - Hancock
- After the flood of 1889, this transportation rival gained legal control over the C&O Canal Company.
 - B&O Railroad Company
 - Cumberland Valley Railroad Co.
 - Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
 - Chesapeake and Delaware Canal
- The C&O Canal Company completed work on this structure over a 14-year period.
 - Conococheague Aqueduct
 - Monocacy Aqueduct
 - Dam Number 5
 - Paw Paw Tunnel
- How many of the canal's eight dams are located in Washington County?
 - 0
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
- Of the Canal Company's dams, numbered 1 to 8, which one was never built?
 - Dam Number 1
 - Dam Number 4
 - Dam Number 7
 - Dam Number 8
- During the working period of the canal, what was the most significant trade article?
 - coal
 - lumber
 - flour
 - fertilizer
- In what year was legislation signed that created the C&O Canal National Historical Park?
 - 1948
 - 1953
 - 1967
 - 1971
- Which jurist, preservationist and environmental activist played a significant role in preserving the C&O Canal as a national park?
 - John Muir
 - Theodore Roosevelt
 - William O. Douglas
 - Izaak Walton
- At Four Locks, the canal company built four lift locks in close proximity to overcome a change in elevation of how many feet?
 - 8
 - 12
 - 25
 - 33
- Canal Company regulations directed that a canal boat should move no faster than ___ miles per hour.
 - 2
 - 4
 - 8
 - 10
- What does the term "Puddling" mean on the canal?
 - common name for a mule
 - type of food common to boatmen
 - slang for pocket change
 - the clay liner used to seal the canal prism

Canal quiz questions and answers provided by Historian Tim Snyder

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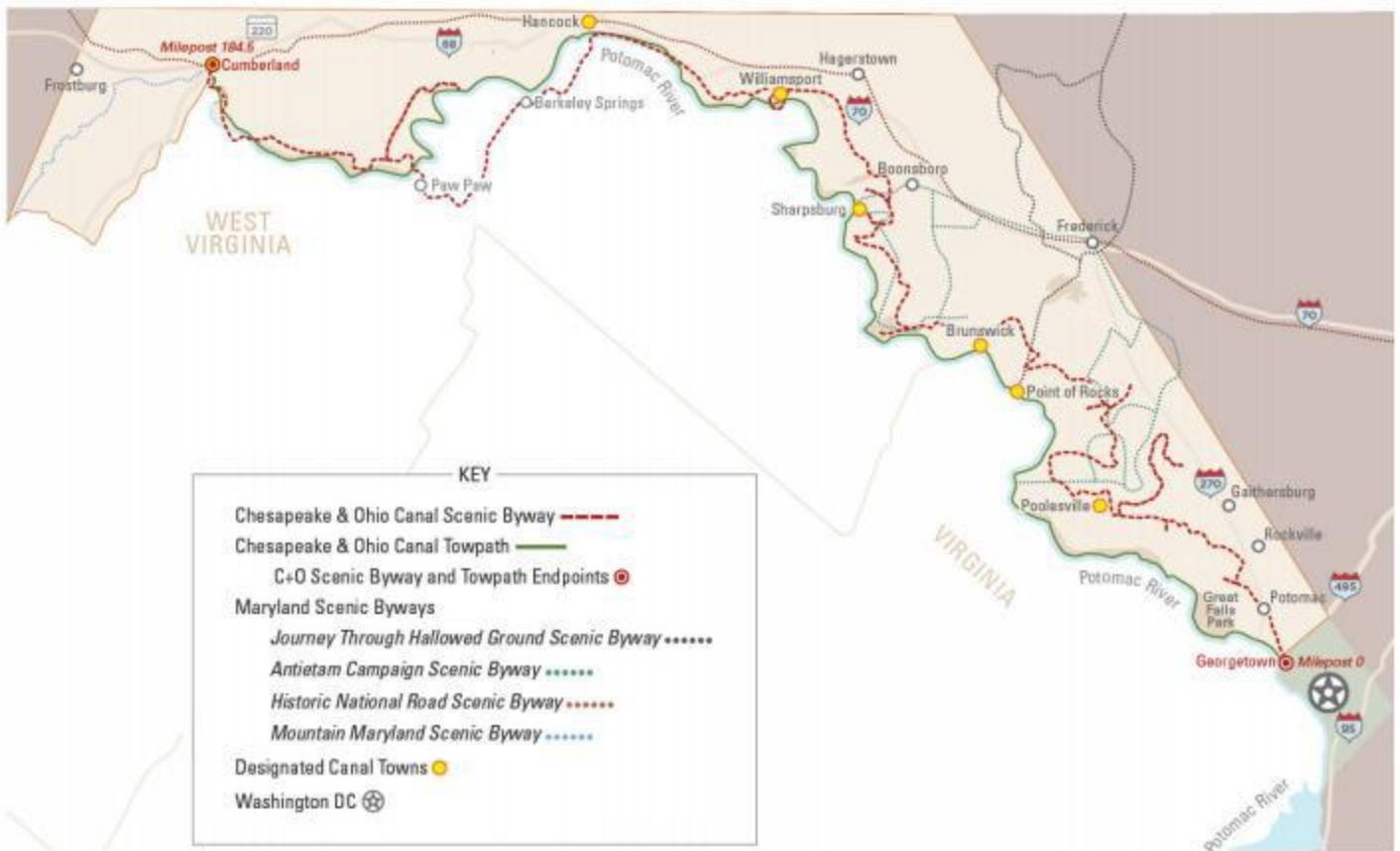
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1. b. Monocacy
2. d. 43%
3. c. Dam Number 5
4. a. Conococheague
5. c. 1924
6. c. Williamsport
7. a. B&O Railroad Company
8. d. Paw Paw Tunnel
9. d. 4
10. c. Dam Number 7
11. a. coal
12. d. 1971
13. c. William O. Douglas
14. d. 33
15. b. 4
16. d. the clay liner used to seal the canal prism

HOW DO YOU RANK?

13 to 16 correct:

Boat captain - You're ready to navigate the canal!

9 to 12 correct:

Lock keeper - You know a lot, and you keep things moving!

5 to 8 correct:

Mule driver - Where would the boats be without you? Keep it up!

0 to 4 correct:

Dock worker - What an important role! Keep learning!

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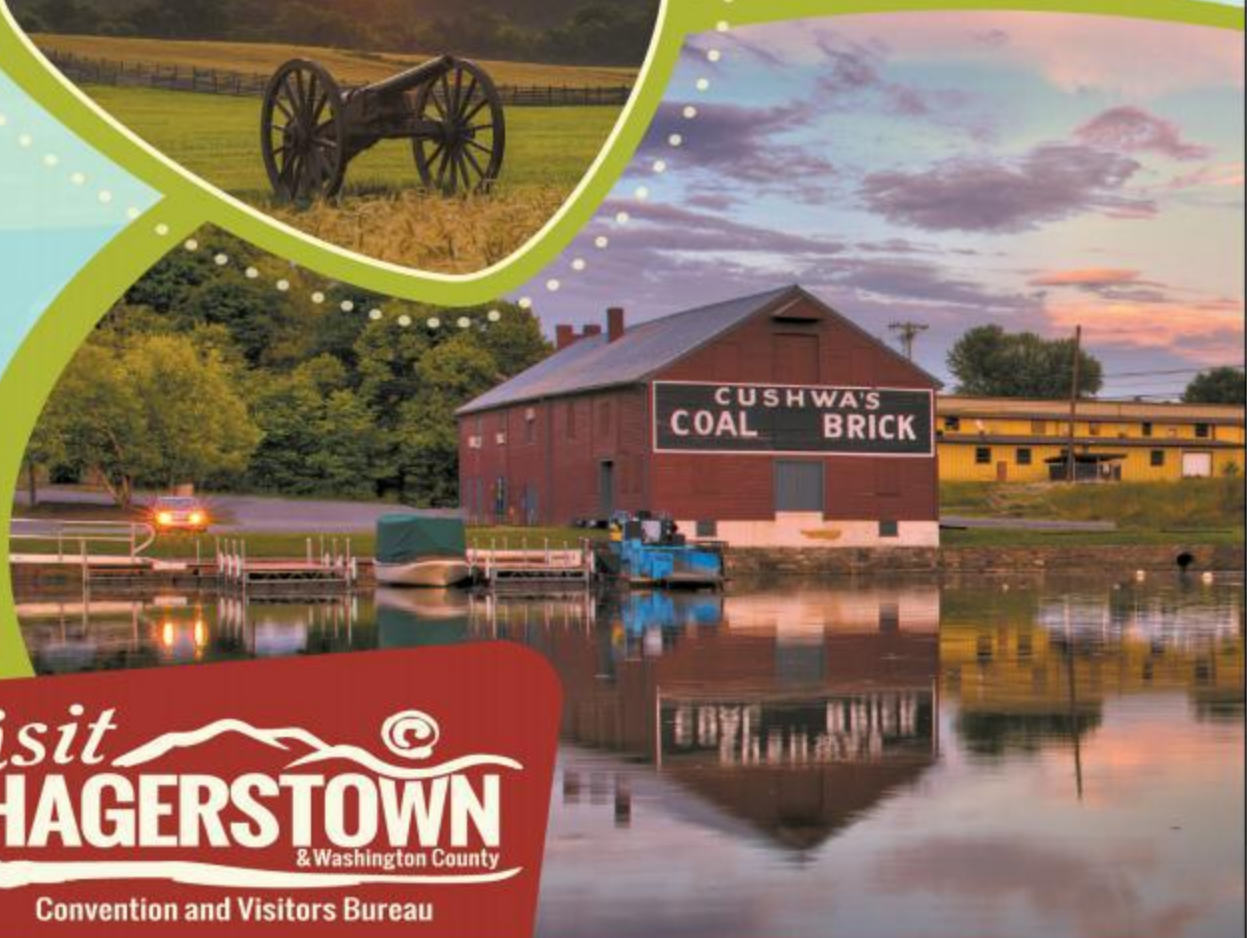
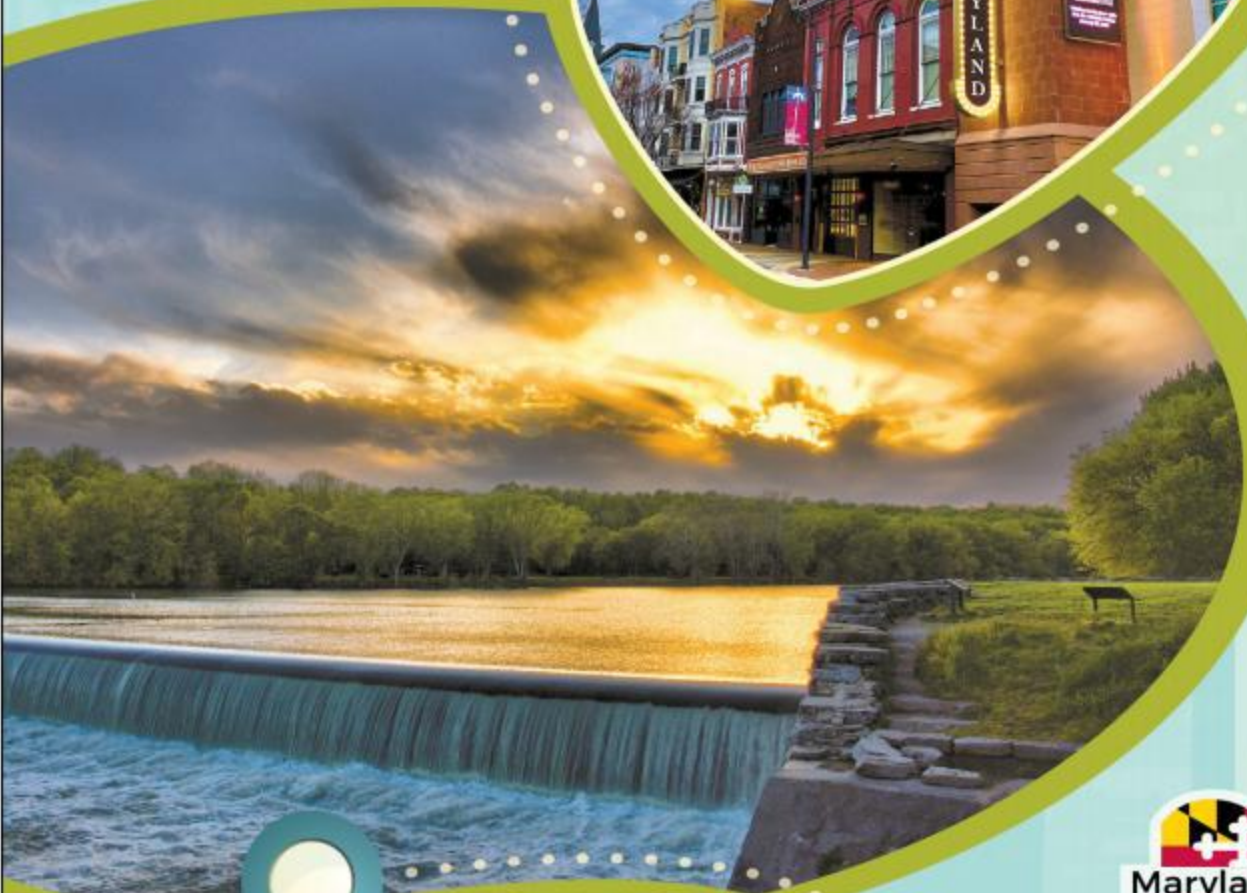
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