

C&O Canal Scavenger Hunt

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Hidden along the C&O Canal are countless marvels of natural and cultural significance. By utilizing [Canal Discoveries](#) online, one can virtually explore the C&O Canal towpath, and find amazement in what's uncovered!

Directions:

Each of the following clues hints at a single park location as the answer, but are you sure you know where to look? [Canal Discoveries](#) possesses all of the definitive answers, so let it be your guide! **Hint*: As the clues proceed, they consistently continue in a westbound direction. The answers can be checked on the last page of this document, towards the bottom.

Now... Are you ready? Get set... GO!

East District

1. Mile Post 0 is erected nearby this canal structure, which served to separate the canal from tidewaters.
2. The original endpoint of the C&O Canal was at this location, which coincides with which modern-day Canal Quarters Lockhouse?
3. This steep, looping trail showcases the remnants of a long-ago industry, which – in spite of its title – very hardly prospered.
4. While many U.S. presidents have visited the C&O Canal, former President Grover Cleveland was known to have a special affinity for one park location in particular, which he would routinely frequent in order to fish.
5. Which park location features a combined aqueduct and lift lock, the only structure of its kind along the entirety of the canal?

Middle District

6. The C&O Canal carves through four geological regions, including a small (but tough!) strip of the Blue Ridge province. Both the C&O Canal Company and its competitor – the railroad – were met with challenges when trying to construct through this region's restrictive geology. Which park location was at the center of a four-year right-of-way battle due to these circumstances?
7. For approximately three miles in southern Washington County, which popular National Scenic Trail overlaps with the C&O Canal towpath?

8. This park location possesses a multitude of significant stories, predominantly tying to the Civil War and African American history. Identify this 19th century hotspot for transportation and commerce, which once boasted river travel by ferry, and also being in close proximity to a historically significant ford river crossing.
9. Damming sections of the Potomac River provided the water to fill, and thus operate, the C&O Canal. The consequential pooling of water behind a dam could also be utilized for short segments of relatively calm canal boat travel. Identify the fittingly titled park location where boats – past and present – frequently enter the Potomac River.
10. Which modern day Canal Town flaunts more canal features within its entire half mile stretch than any other half mile along the towpath?

Western Maryland

11. With a nearby geologic formation named for its daunting appearance, the remains of this once prosperous business along the canal include several limestone kilns - a reminder of the once thriving canal industries.
12. Fueling the history of transportation rivalry, this structure along the Western Maryland Rail Trail serves as one of the largest bat hibernacula in the state of Maryland.
13. Although it is now a serene portion of the C&O Canal showcasing a beloved local landmark, this location was once the home of several labor riots towards the end of canal construction era.
14. While this seemingly endless feature attracts many visitors, this location also boasts a stunning and challenging trail and former Superintendent Section House.
15. This final “Gateway to the West” served as a major transportation and trading hub, giving insight into a larger world while fueling a growing society.

ANSWER KEY

1. Tide Lock
2. Lockhouse 6
3. Gold Mine Trail
4. Pennyfield
5. Riley's Lock/Seneca
6. Point of Rocks
7. Appalachian Trail
8. Ferry Hill
9. Big Slackwater
10. Williamsport
11. Round Top Cement Mill
12. Indigo Tunnel
13. Little Orleans
14. Paw Paw
15. Cumberland