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A Complete C&O Towpath Guidebook

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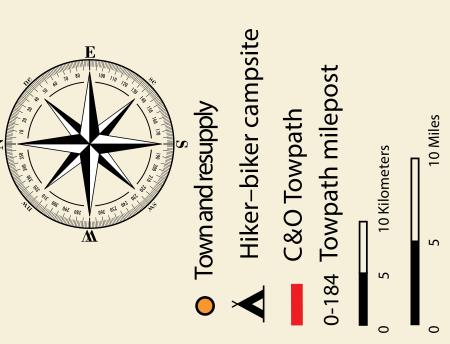
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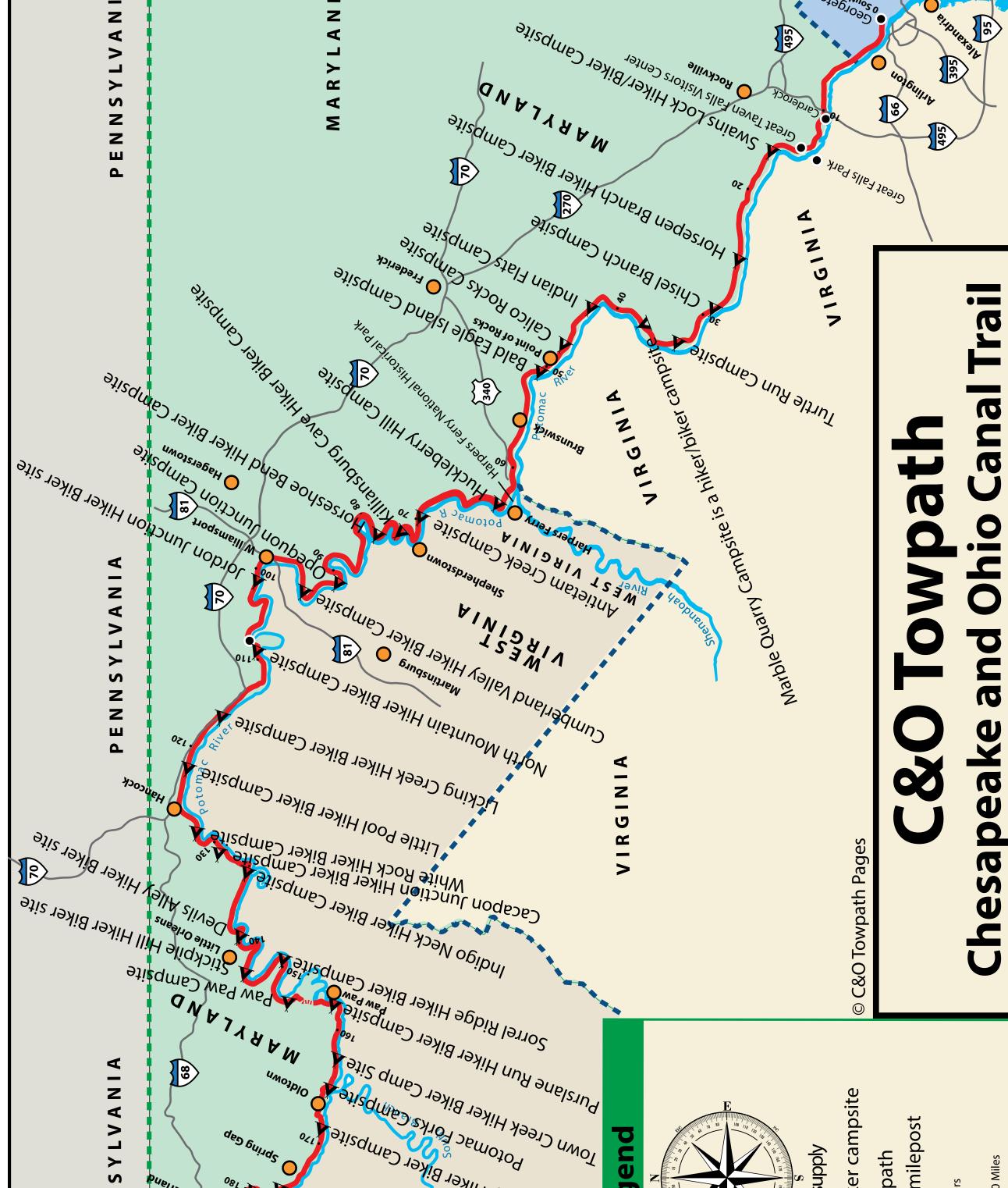
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* * * * See notes and establishments listed below this entry. Source of drinking water. Water is always listed first

Seasonal water source, not always reliable (unreliable)

辜 Intersection, junction, side trail, connecting trail or adjoining trail. {x} LT Shelter, Lean-to, or Lodge and (capacity)

Å {x} Tent sites, may sometimes be listed with (capacity) or tent platforms

Possibilities for hammocks available. In some cases you may have to expand up to 100 feet beyond the area to find trees but you can hang. Availability of hanging also depends on the growth of the underbrush. When using a hammock, please use LNT procedures.

 \mathbb{Q} Privy, port-a-potty

Bicycle shop, repair shop, or rentals 00

Power line, pipe line or electrical wires

Direction and miles to next shelter South or North. This does not include the mileage distance the shelter is off the trail.

Views, overlooks or photo opportunities

Lookout, fire tower or observation tower

Footbridge, or any other bridge

Road

5 Gravel or dirt roads, logging roads, wood roads, USFS roads, forest roads, fire roads, or any other non-paved roads

B Waterfalls

Attractions, important or historical features, other photo opportunities

{x} Parking. Vehicle capacity, and fee inside parenthesis. If there is a fee there will be a "\$". Coordinates should get you within eyesight of parking area. Always check ahead for parking safety.

Places that require fees

\$ **A** Warnings or things that you need to be aware of [] GPS coordinates are listed inside of descriptions

CHOS TOO Railroad crossing, tracks **₹** Swimming possibilities

Picnic Table or picnic area 不 Trash can usually available

Boating or boats available for use Ŀ

Ĥ Hostel

Lodging. Prices may not include tax.

Post Office =

Mail drop location \bowtie Email address \mathbf{m} Vet or Kennel **...** Pet Friendly **8**

No Pets/Not Pet Friendly ځ Laundry

Computer available for use

WiFi available WiFi Shower available

Shuttle, bus, or taxi

Bank/ATM

Long term resupply (enough food to get to next resupply point)

Short term resupply (snack, odds & ends) X Anywhere that serves food for a fee

I need your help finding these coordinates. **^?^**

Telling you Pooleville, MD.

Please use the following link to help:

Pay phone or public phone

Charging station for phone and accessories

₱ Ice cream * Hardware store * Public Restroom

▼ Pharmacy

≫ Barber

Information Area

▼ Purchase or serves alcohol

First Aid, doctor, hospital or urgent care

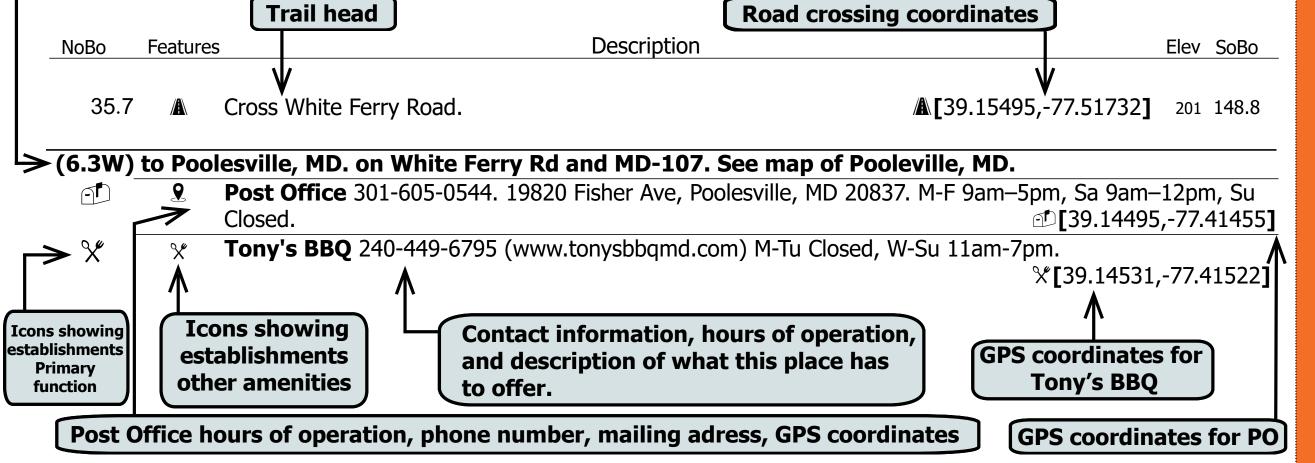
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Airport or airfield Bus or bus station

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Getting to the southern terminus

From downtown DC, take 16th Street NW for 5 miles and then merge onto Military Road NW. Then turn right onto Glover Road NW. Stay left when the road splits at Picnic Grove #13 and continue up the hill and turn left at Rock Creek Nature Center and Rock Creek Horse Center farm. Follow signage to the left to access the parking lots. These parking lots are not long term parking.

From Silver Spring, MD, take US-29 S/Georgia Avenue into the District, then turn right on Alaska Avenue NW. At just under a mile, turn left onto 16th Street NW, then stay right onto the ramp for Military Road W/Connective Avenue. Merge onto Military Road, which turns into Glover Road, and follow directions above.

Some bikers have started off by using the Capital Crescent Trail. Follow the Capital Crescent either from Georgetown or Bethesda until you reach Fletcher's Boathouse. At Fletcher's Boathouse you can easily hop over to the Towpath.

Access to the C&O using the Capital Crescent Trail

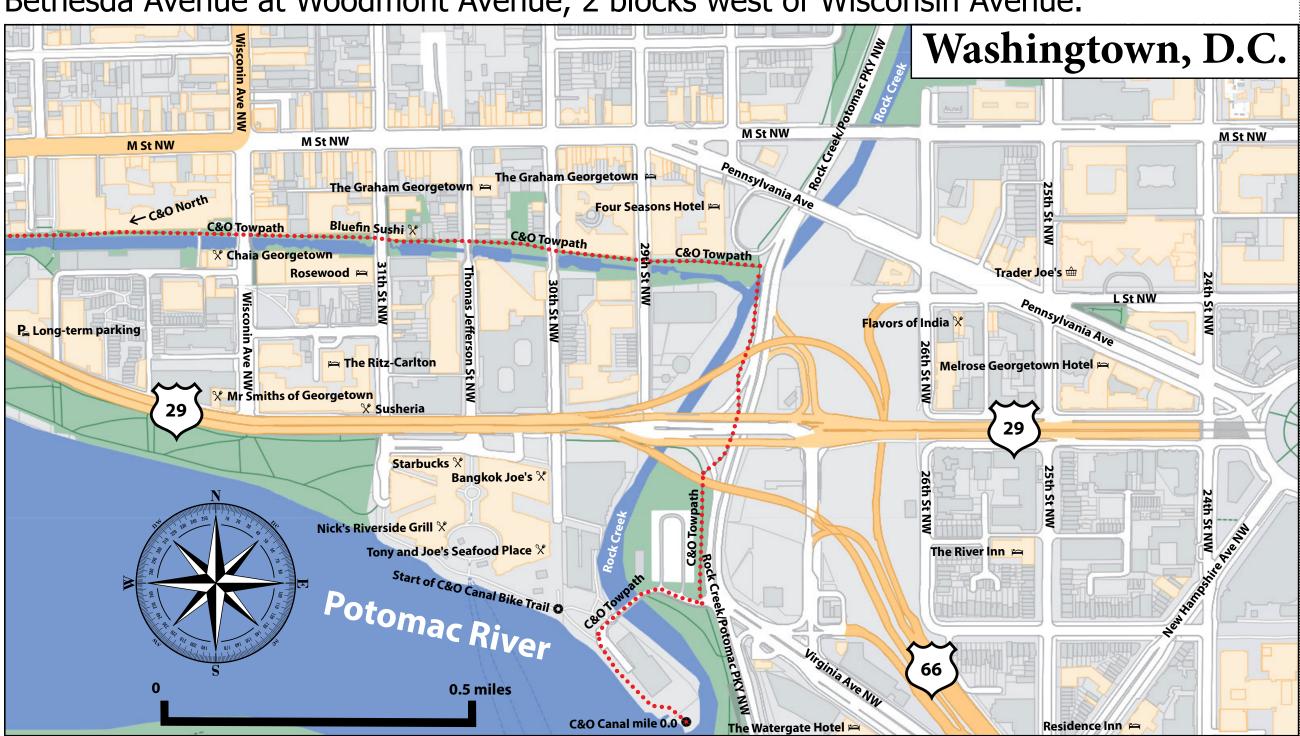
Getting to the Capital Crescent Trail at the Georgetown trailhead

The heart of Georgetown at Wisconsin Avenue and M Street can be reached from the Maryland Beltway via. Route 355 (Wisconsin Avenue) or via. the Clara Barton Parkway and Canal Road. From Virginia use I-66 to Lee Highway into Rosslyn, left onto Lynn Street and across Key Bridge, then right toward Wisconsin Avenue.

From the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street, go down Wisconsin Avenue to its end under the Whitehurst Freeway at the bottom of the hill, and turn right onto Water Street. The CCT begins at the end of Water Street. Street parking is usually available along Water Street on weekends. On weekdays you may have to use one of the several pay lots along Water Street/K street.

Getting to the Capital Crescent Trail at the Bethesda trailhead

From the Capital Beltway (I-495) take the Route 355 (Wisconsin Avenue) exit south toward Bethesda. In downtown Bethesda, turn right onto Bethesda Avenue. The CCT crosses Bethesda Avenue at Woodmont Avenue, 2 blocks west of Wisconsin Avenue.



Parking options for the southern terminus

The best option is to use one of the many underground parking garages. The closest is at the corner of M and Water St was charging \$28 per day.

(www.ecolonial.com/park-with-us/parking-locator/?detail=1&loc=en&id=1068) 1000 Potomac St NW, Washington 20007.

Another option is long-term parking lot at Reagan National Airport. This lot charges about \$25 per day. It can be reached easily from the George Washington Memorial Parkway and I-395. It is five miles from the Georgetown trailhead.

(www.flyreagan.com/parking-transportation/parking-information/terminal-parkinggarage-bc)

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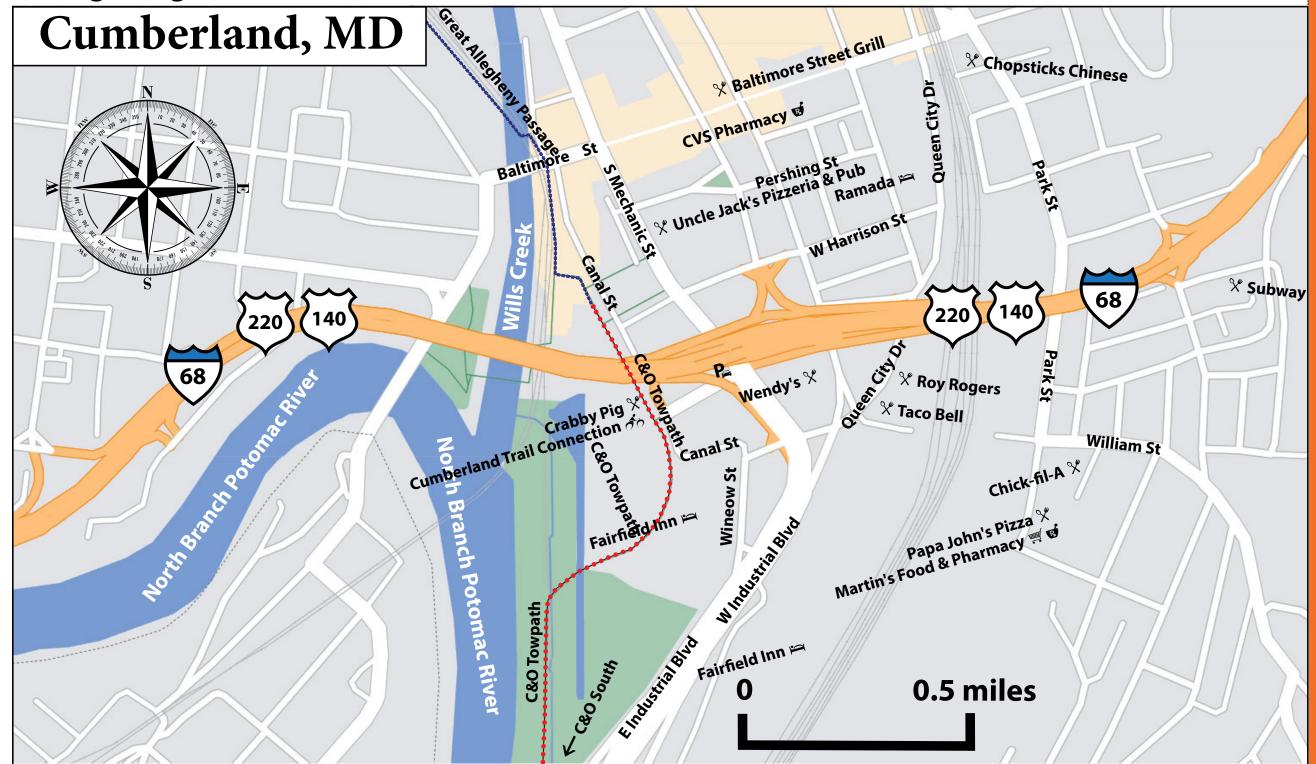


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Getting to the northern terminus

Take exit 43C off I-68. Follow signs to the Harrison to the Visitor Center, it is (0.2) form once getting at the end of the exits of 43C.



Parking options for the northern terminus

Gap Trail Overnight Parking

The lot next to the Footer Building on Howard Street, it is free all day with free overnight parking available for trail users.

The parking garages in Cumberland are now all by permit parking only. You can call or email and see if they may make an exception. 301-759-6473

(www.ci.cumberland.md.us/278/Office-of-Parking-Enforcement)

Shuttle Services

C&O Bicycle 301-678-6665 (www.candobicycle.com) / candobicycle@gmail.com call or email for more details.

Open 8am to 6pm daily. Provide shuttle service for up to six riders (including bikes and gear) by appointment. They can take you anywhere along the C&O (Chesapeake & Ohio) Canal, Great Allegheny Passage (GAP), and Western Maryland Rail Trail (WMRT) that is accessible by vehicle. Please call or email at least 48 hours in advance. When reserving your shuttle, we need to know the date, time, and location of pickup and/or drop-off points, and how many riders there are in your group.

Cumberland Trail Connection

Shuttles to and from DC. 301-777-8724 (www.ctcbikes.com). M-Tu Closed, W-Su 1-am-5pm.

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<u>5.7</u> 7.3	拿 P	Little Falls Pumping Station, east. Side trail leads east over canal and to small parking lot.	9 [38.94972,-77.12698]	52 178.8	
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9.5	•	Cross over Rock Run.	▲ [38.97183,-77.18235]		
9.6	韋	Billy Goat Trail Section C leads west.	零[38.97156,-77.18460]		
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		for civic/scout organizations only. \$20/night. Call for permit. ♦ W	• •		
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		ed area.	P [38.98183,-77.22749]		s s
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14.0		Lock 17 to east.	9 [38.99621,-77.24798]	149 170.5	
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14.2 14.3	iÔ	Locks 19 to the east. Lock 20, operational. (225FT N) Observation Deck for Washington		<u>157 170.3</u>	∅ ≥
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		(180FT E) Great Falls Tavern Vistors Center 301-767-3714.	•		
14.4		Paid parking available. Bridge over canal to the east.	9 [39.0002] 9 [39.0002]	7,-77.24814] 168 170.1	40
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▲ 🌣 🕆 🏋		(196FT E) Great Falls Snack Bar center and snack bar with hot dogs and burgers. (temporarily closed in 2022). *[39.00199,-77.24728]	Title	
16.5		Lock 21. Across lock to ♦ water and P parking.		
	P _A A	(82FT W) of lock Swains Lock Hiker/Biker Campsite 301-739-4200. (www.canaltrust.org/pyv/swains-campground). Potable water may not be available at		
		each campsite. This is the only campsite that has city water. Water is turned off from		
		November 15 to April 15 each year. This can be croweded on weekend.		
17.4	 孝	零[39.03123,-77.24361] ▲[39.03134,-77.24382] 187 168.0 Side trail leads west to Montgomery County Pumping Station, closed gate.	Content & more	
	an a	孝[39.03850,-77.25607] 178 167.1		
19.7	(P	Lock 22 to east. (0.1E) to \mathbb{C} port-a-potty and \mathbb{R} parking. $$\mathbb{R}[39.05366,-77.28880] \mathbb{R}[39.05661,-77.29330] 178 164.8$	Preface	
20.9	幸	Kayak Portage leads east.	Ticiacc	
22.1	≠ ₽ ҈(Lock 23. A Picnic area to west. P Parking, Port-a-potty to east. The end of the watered canal basin. Basin is mostly abandoned upstream.	Book	
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22.8	客 一舟	Cross Seneca Creek on bridge. Riley's Lock. One of eleven aqueducts along the towpath.	_	
	₽	(100FT E) on south side of bridge leads east to \mathbf{R} parking, \mathbf{A} picnic area, \mathbf{C} Port-a-pot-ty.	Legends	
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23.7 25.9		Side trail leads (115FT W) to the Upper Potomac River.	Get to	
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27.1 30.5	AACA	Sycamore Landing Boat Ramp.	Shuttle Providers	
		(www.canaltrust.org/pyv/chisel-branch-campsite). The Chisel Branch Campsite is a hik-		
		er-biker campsite named after for a stream that crosses beneath the canal approximate-	_ C&O	
		ly half a mile from the site. Amenities include @ Port-a-potty, \ water, \ water is treated with	Towpath	
		iodine. Please plan to have water purification tablets with you. Water is turned off from		
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31.9		Cross Broad Run Aqueduct on bridge. Ruins. 2 [39.11627,-77.48449] 199 152.6	_	
34.5		Turtle Run Campsite 301-739-4200 (www.canaltrust.org/pyv/turtle-run-campsite). Hand pump, Port-a-potty. Potable water may not be available at each campsite. ▲	Journal	
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25.7	/A\	ter is turned off from November 15 to April 15 each year	Campsite	
35.7 		Cross White Ferry Road. [39.15495,-77.51732] 201 148.8 (472FT W) White's Ferry Grill 301-250-3077 (www.whitesferrygrill.com). Located right off the tow-	Campsice	
	/C 25) to 1	path. M Closed, Tu-Su 9am-6pm. \(\chi \)[39.15477,-77.51895]		
	(6.3E) to F	Poolesville, MD. on White Ferry Rd and MD-107. See map of Pooleville, MD. Post Office 301-605-0544. M-F 9AM-5PM. Sa 9am-12pm, Su Closed.	Author	
	0.4	19820 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837.		
	*	Tony's BBQ 240-449-6795 (www.tonysbbqmd.com) M-Tu Closed, W-Su 11am-7pm. %[39.14531,-77.41522]		
	R	CVS Pharmacy 301-349-9805. M-Th 8am-10pm, F-Sa 8am-11pm, Su 8am-10pm.		
	X	© [39.14348,-77.40901] Cuginis Resturant and Bar 301-349-5800 (www.cuginisrestaurantbar.com) M-Sa 11am-9pm, Su		
		12pm-8pm. \times \mathbb{\cappa_{\text{[39.14356,-77.41027]}}		
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	*	Oriental Gourmet 301-349-9898. M 11:30am-8pm, Su Closed, W-Su 11:20pm-8pm.		
		%[39.14512,-77.41045] Mexican Grill 301-349-0010 (www.poolesvillemexicangrill.com) M Closed, Tu-Th 11am-8pm F-Sa		
		11am-9pm, Su 12pm-8pm. \(\chi \big[39.14448,-77.41274 \big]		
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	*	9am-6pm.		
	^	Tractor Supply Co. 301-407-0307. M-Sa 8am-8pm, Su 9am-7pm. ★ [39.14284,-77.41057]		
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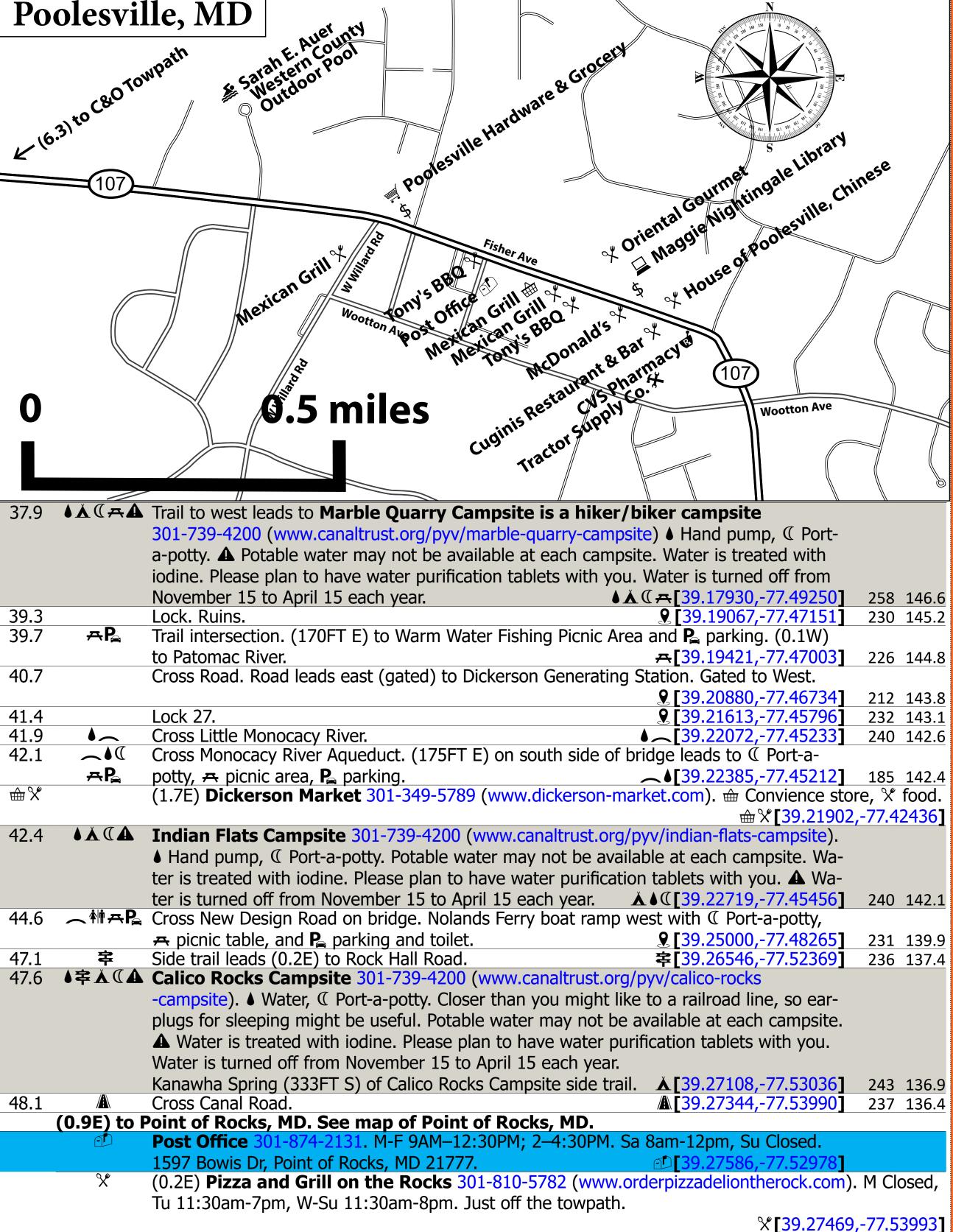
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%[39.27572,-77.52918] **Edward F. Fry Memorial Library 301-874-4560**

(www.fcpl.org/branches-hours/edward-f-fry-memorial-library-point-rocks) M-Tu 10am-3pm, W 3pm-7pm, Th-F Closed, Sa 10am-3pm, Su Closed. **4**[39.27774,-77.53823]