

Other Things Hiding for You to Seek

Birds – Listen carefully. How many different kinds of bird calls can you hear?

Insects – Carefully pick up a fallen log or a rock. How many insects can you find? (Be sure to put it back carefully so you don't disturb the things living there.)

Deer – If you are quiet you may see deer in the canal or crossing the towpath. Why do you think deer like living in the national park?



Flowers – Stand in one spot and count how many different flowers you can see. Now move down the trail and see if you can find more. What colors of flowers can you find? (Please do not pick the flowers. Please leave them for others to enjoy.)

Nest – Can you find a tree with a nest in it? Do you think it is a nest for a bird or a squirrel?



Thanks for helping us find all this cool stuff along the C&O Canal! See you next time on the trail.

TRACK your hike at
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 and get **FREE** prizes!



Thanks for joining us on the trail today! Visit our website to find more TRACK Trail™ adventures near you!

The next generation of stewards will help preserve the world's plants, animals, natural lands and our heritage. What will you do to make a difference?



Kids in Parks...

Providing a network of fun-filled adventures that get kids and families active outdoors and connected to nature.



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**Chesapeake & Ohio Canal
 National Historical Park**

Conococheague Aqueduct Scavenger Hunt



Before trains and trucks, it was difficult to transport goods long distances. Boats were used on this canal for nearly 100 years to transport goods between Washington, D.C. and the mountains of Western Maryland.

Explore the C&O Canal Towpath and see what treasures you can find hiding here!



Conococheague Aqueduct TRACK Trail

Treasures on the Conococheague "Ka-na-ca-jig" Aqueduct TRACK Trail

History and nature can be found together here in the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Follow along the trail and discover just a few of the stories this park has to tell.



Conococheague Aqueduct

This was a "water bridge" that carried canal boats over the Conococheague Creek. There were 11 of these aqueducts along the C&O Canal. In 1920, Captain Myers' canal boat accidentally bumped the stone wall, causing the wall and his boat to spill into the creek!

Towpath

Mules and their handlers walked on the towpath as they pulled the canal boats. The handlers were usually children who were 8-12 years old. If you were walking with mules back then what would you like about being a handler?



Open Field

An open field provides habitat for different kinds of animals. Explore this open space. What do you see?

Draw what you see.

Close your eyes. What do you hear?

Conococheague Aqueduct TRACK Trail

Aqueduct stones

C&O Canal

C&O Canal Towpath

Milepost 100

open field (power line)



Aqueduct Stones

Can you find the big rectangular shaped stones laying in the dry canal? These were once part of the aqueduct wall but were dragged here from the creek once the wall fell apart. How many stones do you think there are?

C&O Canal

The C&O Canal is a long "ditch" that stretched from Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Maryland. Some sections still contain water, but here you can see that small plants and trees have taken over. What do you think this part of the canal will look like in 100 years?

Milepost 100

Posts like this one mark the canal at every mile. They helped **canawlers** (canal boat captains) calculate the distance covered. The C&O Canal is 184.5 miles long from Georgetown to Cumberland. How far are you from the beginning of the canal?

How far are you from the end of the canal?



Conococheague Creek