

## Other Things Hiding for You to Seek

**Turtles** – Turtles enjoy sunning themselves on floating logs. How many can you see?

**Water birds** – ducks, geese, herons and other water birds make the C&O Canal their home. Do you see a bird floating or flying around?

**Well** – If you see a round brick structure on the side of the canal you have found the water well for the lockkeeper. How long do you think it would take to carry water from the well to the lockhouse?



**Powerplant** – The big modern structure next to the canal is a coal-powered electric plant that was open between 1923 and 2012.

**Launch boat dock** – If you are visiting in the summer months, you may be lucky enough to get a ride on a small canal launch boat. Ask a ranger if boat rides are available.



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  
**kidsinparks.com**  
 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?



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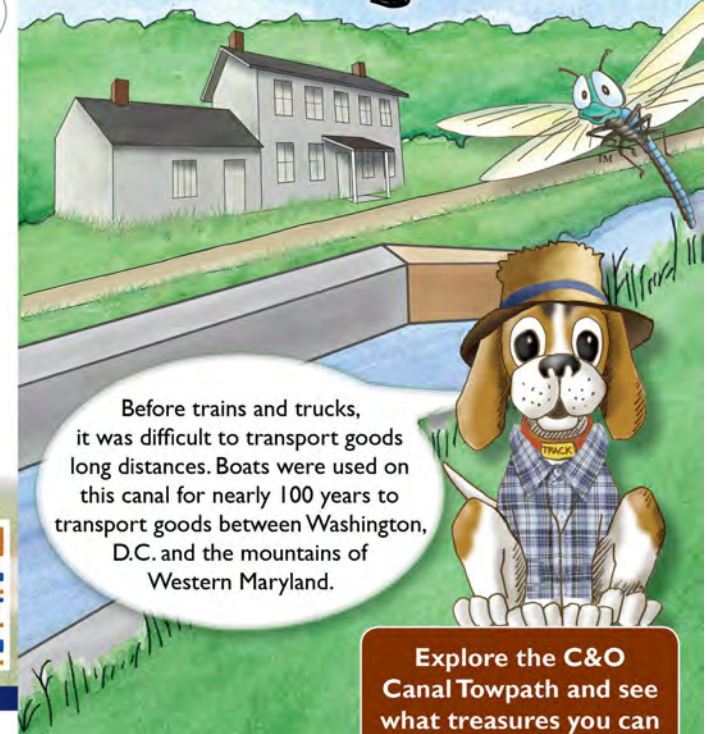


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**Chesapeake & Ohio Canal  
 National Historical Park**

## Lock 44 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!

**Lock 44  
 TRACK Trail**

# Discover treasures on the Lock 44 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.

## Cushwa Warehouse

Before the C&O canal was built, the Cushwa Warehouse sold flour and animal feed. After the canal opened in the 1830s, the warehouse sold coal, bricks, flour, iron, cement and plaster. The coal sent from here to Hagerstown and further inland made Williamsport a booming community. Circle where on the building the goods were loaded and unloaded from the canal boats.

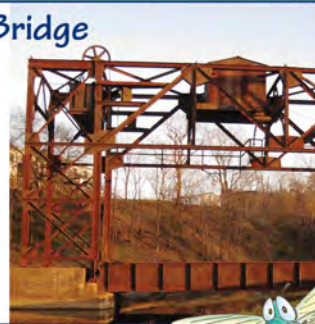


## Turning Basin

When the canal was open, Williamsport was a busy town with a lot of boat traffic. Since canal boats were around 90 feet long (that's three school buses parked bumper to bumper) it was important to have a place for the boats to turn around after loading or unloading.

## Railroad Lift Bridge

This bridge was built in 1923 by the Western Maryland Railway so coal could be transported to the power plant. The bridge operated like an elevator, lifting up the railroad tracks so canal boats could pass underneath.



C&O Canal

C&O Canal Towpath

Lock 44 TRACK Trail

Lock 44 & Lockhouse

Milepost 99



## Lockhouse 44

Lockkeepers had to be available 24 hours a day to help maintain traffic flow on the canal. It was their job to safely move boats through the locks. The lockkeeper was given a salary, a rent-free house and an acre of land for livestock and a garden. Lockhouse

44 is one of only a couple dozen still standing along the C&O Canal. Which would you want to be: a lockkeeper or a canal boat captain (canawler)? Why?

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## Lock 44



There were 74 locks along the C&O Canal that lowered and raised boats 8 to 10 feet when the elevation along the canal changed. Look down the towpath at the hill. That elevation change would have been too steep for the boats without a lock. Look for the wooden gates that were opened and closed to operate the boat-locking system. How do you think the lock worked?

## Milepost 99

Mileposts like this one mark the canal at every mile along the canal. They helped canawlers calculate the distance covered during a given period of time. 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?

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