

Destination Maryland

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Lockhouses

Stay the Night, Remember Forever



Lockhouse #22 was a retreat for President Grover Cleveland who fished in the nearby Potomac River.

George Washington's dream of a canal linking Georgetown and Cumberland, Maryland, was completed in 1850. It included 74 lift locks to take canal boats and their cargo along the Potomac River, which drops 605 feet between Cumberland and Washington, D.C. Aqueducts, incline planes, lift bridges, and tunnels were constructed to aid the lift locks in providing a smooth trip up and down the canal.

Today's visitors to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park often see the same species of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians that the mule-drivers observed during their 184.5-mile trek along the towpath hauling coal and other cargo. Visitors now share the towpath with bicyclers, joggers, and hikers.

Today, there's a new and distinctive way to experience life on the canal. You can actually rent a restored C&O Canal lockhouse for \$85.00 per night. Thanks to a partnership between the C&O Canal Trust and the National Park Service, the Canal Quarters program lets you experience what it was like to live and work along the canal. One of the nonprofit C&O Canal Trust's major goals is to ensure that the park's natural, historical, and recreational potential is fully recognized. The park's proximity to Baltimore and Washington is a major reason why the C&O Canal National Historical Park welcomes more guests each year than Everglades, Shenandoah, or Yellowstone national parks.

Four lockhouses have been restored and are available for overnight stays. These lockhouses are but a few of the park's more than 1,300 historic structures.

Each of the four lockhouses has been restored to a specific period of canal history. Both Lockhouse #22 and Lockhouse #28 are furnished to reflect a lockhouse in the early days of the canal. Lockhouse #22 has no electricity and no heat. A number of lanterns with LED lights provide adequate light to move about the house after dark. The four single beds and four trundle beds can accommodate eight people. Ropes shore up the mattresses and give them support. You "sleep tight," as the old saying goes, by tightening the ropes at night before going to sleep. The portable toilet is located about 30 yards from the house. A fire ring and a picnic table are conveniently situated behind the house.

Lockhouse #22 is also famous as a refuge for President Grover Cleveland. He came to the lockhouse to escape the pressures of the White House, spending the majority of his time fishing in the nearby Potomac River. Each lockhouse has its own stories to enhance a visitor's experience.

Lockhouse #49 and its furnishings reflect what a lockhouse and life were like around the time when the canal was being replaced by faster, more efficient railroads. Lockhouse #49 is located in an area known as Four Locks. Locks 47 through 50 were built between 1836 and 1838. Four individual lift locks were necessary to lift and lower canal boats a total of 33 feet. The average lock raises or lowers a boat about eight feet.



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