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## C&O Canal National Historical Park News Release

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### **Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Invites you to a Centennial Celebration for the National Park Service's 100th Birthday!**

Potomac, MD - Thursday, August 25 will kick off a Centennial celebration for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O) at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center. The Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center is located at 11710 MacArthur Blvd, Potomac, Maryland 20854. To celebrate the Centennial, all National Park Entrance Fees are waived from August 25-August 28.

#### **Thursday, August 25, NPS 100th Birthday Celebration**

**11:00am-12:00pm** FREE Mule-Drawn Canal boat ride. This hour long ride is limited to the first 60 people.

**12:15pm:** Ranger Talk will highlight the first 100 years of the National Park Service

**12:30pm** Blow out the candles on the NPS birthday cake and share in a piece of cake!

**1:00pm-1:30pm** Seasonal Staff and Volunteers will present a Canal-era fashion show.

The celebration will also include a photo booth for you to remember your visit and a giant birthday card to commemorate the event.

#### **Saturday, August 27 (rain date August 28), Dog Days of Summer Celebration**

**9:00am-11:00am** Guided Nature Hike exploring area near Great Falls led by author of the book *Potomac Pathways*, Napier Shelton.

**11:45am and 2:15pm** The Washington Revels Maritime Voices will perform. The Revels will present traditional songs of the C&O Canal and other canal waterways of America, as well as some songs of the sea and shore. Come and sing along!.

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**12:00pm to 4:00pm** Book signing at the Visitor Center by Napier Shelton, author of the book *Potomac Pathways*.

**Sunday, August 28 Dog Days Celebration** - Celebrate trying to stay cool during the Dog Days of Summer C&O Canal era style!

**12:15pm** Ranger program will feature Stories of the Ice Houses along the Canal.

**1:00pm-3:00pm** Historic ice cream making demonstrations.

**4:00pm-4:30pm** Seasonal Staff and Volunteers will present a Canal-era fashion show.

All events will take place at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center.

These events and all ranger programs are FREE and open to the public. Mule-Drawn Canal boat rides are also offered at 11am, 1:30pm and 3pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Prices: \$8.00 for adults (ages 16-61), \$6.00 for seniors (ages 62 +), and \$5.00 for children (ages 4-15). Children aged three and under ride free.

Check our Website and Facebook page for additional special event information and ranger-led programs. [www.nps.gov/choh](http://www.nps.gov/choh), [www.facebook.com/chesapeakeandohiocanal](https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakeandohiocanal) Join in the conversation this summer! #CandOcanal #great falls #towpath #mules #potomac #NPSCentennial. Please call 301-767-3714 for more information.

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**ABOUT THE C&O Canal:** The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park preserves and interprets the historical, natural and recreational resources of the C&O Canal. Over 5,000,000 visitors a year enjoy the opportunities for recreation and understanding that the Park has to offer. For more information, visit the Park's website at [www.nps.gov/choh](http://www.nps.gov/choh).