



National Park Service  
U.S. Department of Interior

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal  
National Historical Park

1850 Dual Highway  
Suite 100  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
301.739.4200 phone  
301.739.5275 fax

---

## C&O Canal National Historical Park News Release

Release Date: March 20, 2017

For Immediate Release

Contact: Dorothy McQuaid, [dorothy\\_mcquaid@nps.gov](mailto:dorothy_mcquaid@nps.gov), 301-739-6940

### **C&O Canal Volunteers-In-Parks Speaker Series Program Presents: “Seneca Quarry Bike Ride”**

Potomac, MD - On March 26th, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. Ric Jackson, longtime volunteer with the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal), will share his knowledge of one of the park’s hidden gems. Did you know that less than 10 miles from Great Falls, there was a sandstone quarry and stonecutting mill that provided the red Seneca sandstone for the Smithsonian Castle? Join Ric, as well as other volunteers from the park’s Bike Patrol, for a trip to the quarry ruins to see this unique site and learn its story.

The trip will feature a bike ride from the Great Falls Tavern to the Seneca Stonecutting Mill, a hike up to the Seneca Quarry, a visit to the Quarry Master’s House, and of course, commentary and knowledge from our volunteers. The bike ride will be about 20 miles round-trip on the towpath, and the hike less than an hour, on possibly rough terrain. Attendees are asked to bring snacks, water, their bike helmet, bike, and lock for their bike. The group will return to the Great Falls Tavern around 1 p.m. The event is weather permitting, if heavy rain is predicted or if the paths are too muddy it will be rescheduled. Cancellation will be announced on the park’s Facebook account no later than 8 p.m. on March 25. Because the ride will be strenuous, it is not recommended for children.

The program is free, but there is an entrance fee to the park of \$10.00 per single vehicle. Space is limited to the first 25 guests. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP with your name and how many will be in your party. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Dorothy McQuaid, Education Intern, at [dorothy\\_mcquaid@nps.gov](mailto:dorothy_mcquaid@nps.gov). The Bike Loaner Program has bikes available to borrow. If attendees need to borrow a bike, they will need to notify Dorothy in advance and arrive early on the day of the event!


The park entrance to Great Falls Tavern is located at the intersection of Falls Road and MacArthur Boulevard in Potomac, Maryland.

**-NPS-**

**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

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



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).

**EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™**

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.