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Olmsted Island Bridge and Overlook to Reopen on Weekends

Potomac, MD- The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal) is proceeding with a limited reopening of the previously closed Olmsted Island Trail to the Great Falls Overlook late afternoon on Friday, July 7, 2017. The trail will be open for **weekends only**, through July to facilitate completion of several minor work items. Once all remaining items are completed the trail will be reopened for full access to the public every day of the week.

In the short term during the weekends, as well as upon full re-opening and completion, this project provides a safe, reliable, and enjoyable trail to view the Great Falls of the Potomac River. Restoration, repair and refinishing work includes bridge railing, decking and concrete foundation. The NPS recognizes the value of this trail and overlook to the public and appreciates their patience while we continue to complete this project.

For more information on the project and Great Falls, please visit our website at:

<https://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/greatfallstavernvisitorcenter.htm> or visit our Facebook page. Be sure and tag your park posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter with #candocanal, #greatfalls and #towpath.

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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.