# Potomac River Water Trail - User Services

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### Emergency Phone Numbers
- **Maryland/National Resource Police** (301) 260-0009
- **VA/Northern Virginia Sheriff’s Office** (703) 691-2100
- **West Virginia Enforcement** (304) 249-2411
- **MTS** (301) 260-0009
- **National Park Service** (301) 797-2000
- **Virginia State Police** (804) 225-0000
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- Map -

Naniamo Creek, Maryland to
Geor. Washington Birthplace / Point Creek, Virginia

V25. Calotis Natural Area - This protected Natural Landscape offers visitors an exceptional opportunity to view Baltimore's Tiffany natural habitat. Calotis and the surrounding areas are open to the public for hiking trails are open year-round, taking part without disturbing the natural habitat and its unique species.

Calotis Plantago was established here in 1876 by John and Ruby Alexander, a couple from California. The Calotis became a national treasure in the early 19th century. In 1876, Calotis was named the Commonweal of Virginia by Abigail May, Robert E. Lee's mother. By 1900, the U.S. N. took the area and installed railroads. In 1928, there were some railroads. The railroads are no longer in use, but the remains of the railroads are visible.

The area is open to hiking, biking, and fishing. The trails are well-maintained and provide easy access to the water.

V26. The Potomac Gateway Welcome Center - The Welcome Center is a convenient information source about the Potomac River Water Trail. The center has restrooms, information kiosks, and a gift shop. Visitors can enjoy the stunning scenery of the Potomac River.

Located just east of U.S. Route 9, the Potomac Gateway Welcome Center is the perfect place for visitors to start their Potomac River adventure. The center is open from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week.

V28. Town of Colonial Beach - Colonial Beach is a historic town located on the Potomac River. It was founded in 1748 and is known for its colonial architecture and rich history. It is a popular destination for tourists and history enthusiasts.

The town offers many attractions, including the Potomac River Business Park, which includes a marina, restaurants, and shops. The town also has a museum and a park with a playground and picnic areas.

The town has a population of approximately 1,000 people and is known for its small-town charm and friendly atmosphere. It is a great place to visit for a weekend getaway or a family vacation.

Selected Site Descriptions:

- Mar. Chapel Point State Park - Chapel Point State Park is a 4,000-acre park along the western shore of the Potomac River. The park includes a marina, boat ramp, and camping facilities. Visitors can enjoy fishing, boating, and hiking.

- Point Creek State Park - Point Creek State Park is a 1,000-acre park located along the Potomac River. The park includes a marina, boat ramp, and camping facilities. Visitors can enjoy fishing, boating, and hiking.

- Naniamo Creek State Natural Area - Naniamo Creek State Natural Area is a 200-acre park located along the Potomac River. The park includes a marina, boat ramp, and camping facilities. Visitors can enjoy fishing, boating, and hiking.

Legend:

- Site Locations
- Public Boat Ramp
- Restroom Facilities
- Marina
- Camping
- Covered Walkway
- Potomac River Network Trail
- GPS Point Location

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Remember, when boating, always follow the Potomac River boating rules and regulations. Have a fun and safe boating experience!
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Map 4

Swan Point, Maryland to Nannie Doby, Virginia

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The Potomac River Water Trail is a 170-mile long, multi-day canoe, kayak, and paddleboard trip that follows the Potomac River from the ocean to the Chesapeake Bay. The trail was established in 1965 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote public use and enjoyment of the river. The trail is managed by the National Park Service and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The trail is divided into 14 sections, each with its own unique features and attractions. The Potomac River Water Trail offers opportunities for both recreational and ecotourism, providing a way for visitors to experience the natural beauty of the river and its surrounding areas. The trail is open to all types of paddlers, from beginner to experienced, and is a popular destination for those seeking a peaceful getaway or an adventure on the water.

For more information, visit the Potomac River Water Trail website or contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
Enjoy the River
Leave No Trace From Camping to Day Use
Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Know your trip and carry the proper equipment.
- Know your limitations and skills, as well as those of your group.

Camp on designated public areas or with prior permission
- Use existing campsites that won’t be damaged by your stay.
- Keep groups small.
- Avoid trespassing

Pack It In, Pack It Out
- Try to leave the site cleaner than you found it.
- Protect wildlife and your head by staying on trails securely.
- Properly dispose of all waste. Put in a trash can or dugout or tie it with you.
- Properly Dispose of What You Can’t Pack Out
- Clean and wash equipment, dishes, etc., far away from the river as possible.
- Use only biodegradable soaps.

Respect Natural and Cultural heritage as well as Private Property
- Be courteous to other river users.
- Respect the privacy of others.
- Remember, most of the water front property is privately owned, and others pose concerns on trespassing.
- Leave photos, pets, and artifacts in tow behind them.

Minister Use and Impact of Fishes
- Use existing fishing spots or if not.
- Keep fish small or out of campsites.
- Use only cleaned, dead meals.
- Do not litter or discard fishing lines, and other trash elsewhere.

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Maryland/National Resource Police (410) 260-0088
VA or MD Sheriff’s Dept. Dispatch (240) 287-9000
VA Marine Resource Commission Law Enforcement Operation Center (804) 537-2266

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M31. Point Disston Recreation Area - The Point Disston Recreation Area is a public facility managed by St. Mary’s County. The area features a pic-nic tables, restrooms, and a boat ramp available for boat access from landos, and riveros. Point Disston Recreation Area is located on the River, 249 north of the bridge over St. George’s Mound. For more information call (301) 475-4552.

M34. Kiwaus Museum - Visitors can learn about the heritage of the Choptankatoos, their ancestors and their descendants. Tours, as well as touring the displays, Virginia. Built in 1930, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the oldest American museums dedicated to Virginia Native culture.

Port Kiwaus Maritime Museum at the Port Kiwaus Marina (410) 622-2456 www.portkiwaus.com

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For comments or questions, contact:
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