

Driving Directions from One Support Station to Another for the One Day Hike

A. Thompson's Boat House, m. 0.0, to Old Anglers Inn, m. 12.3: [NOTE: you cannot take this route during the morning rush hour Mon-Fri.] From the Thompson's boat house parking lot turn left onto Rock Creek Parkway. Get into the right lane of the Parkway. Go 0.1 mile and take the first possible exit, marked "K Street - Whitehurst Freeway." Go up the ramp for <0.1 mile to the traffic light at the top. Turn right into one of the 2 lanes closest to you, for the Whitehurst Freeway. (The 2 lanes farther out go to K Street.) Go 0.8 mile on the Whitehurst Freeway to a T-intersection and traffic light. Here turn left onto M St., which becomes Canal Road. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at a traffic light onto Canal Road. Take Canal Road for 2.7 miles to a traffic light at Chain Bridge. Continue straight ahead. At this point Canal Road becomes Clara Barton Parkway. Take Clara Barton Parkway for 2.6 miles, where you encounter a tricky spot: your route goes up an ascent and is very quickly joined by a lane to your left. You need to get into that lane to continue on the Parkway, but be careful; there may be traffic coming up that lane. Get to the left to continue on the CB Parkway. Continue on the Parkway another 4.6 miles to its termination at a T-intersection and a 3-way stop. (Along the way you'll pass several exits, but just continue on the Parkway each time.) Turn left onto Macarthur Boulevard. Go 1.1 mile and you will see the sign for Old Anglers Inn on your right. Do NOT park there. Instead turn left into the unmarked parking lot on the left. If that lot is full, there is a second one about 80 yards farther along Macarthur Boulevard, also on the left. Walk downhill after you park; there are porta-potties on the lower level. Distance: 12.5 miles

B. From Old Anglers Inn, Towpath m. 12.3, to Seneca, m. 22.8: Leaving the parking lot opposite Old Anglers Inn, turn left onto Macarthur Boulevard and go 1.1 mile to a 3-way junction. Take the right fork, now on Falls Road, and go 1.9 miles to the second traffic light in Potomac, MD. Turn left onto River Road west, Rt. 190. Go 8.3 miles to a T-intersection where Rt. 190 ends. Turn left, still on River Road, and go 0.7 mile. Turn left onto Rileys Lock Road, just before a bridge, and go 0.7 mile to the Seneca parking lot. There's a large parking lot and 4 porta-potties. Distance: 12.7 miles.

C. From Seneca, m. 22.8, to Whites Ferry, m. 35.5: From Seneca go 0.7 mile up Rileys Lock Road and turn left onto River Road west. Go 0.8 mile and turn right onto Partnership Road. Take it for 3.9 miles to its termination at Whites Ferry Road. Turn left onto Whites Ferry Road and take it for 2.5 miles into Poolesville center (white town hall on your right), then continue another 6.2 miles on Whites Ferry Road, to a 3-way junction. Turn right and go about 0.1 mile more and turn right into the large gravel parking lot at Whites Ferry. There are 2 porta-potties here. Distance: 14.2 miles.

D. From Whites Ferry, m. 35.5, to Monocacy, m. 42.2: Leaving the Whites Ferry parking lot turn left at the 3-way junction onto Whites Ferry Road. Go 6.2 miles into downtown Poolesville, and turn left onto Rt. 109 north. Go 2.4 miles to Beallsville and the junction with Rt. 28; turn left onto Rt. 28 west. Go 3.5 miles on Rt. 28 and pass under the railroad track in Dickerson; continue another 0.3 mile on Rt. 28, and turn left onto Mouth of Monocacy Road. Go 1.3 miles and come to a Y-junction; take the left

fork, marked for Monocacy Aqueduct. Go 0.1 mile to the road's end at a temporary parking lot. There are 2 porta-potties here. Distance: 13.9 miles.

E. From Monocacy, m. 42.2, to Point of Rocks, m. 48.2: Go 1.4 miles up Mouth of Monocacy Road and turn left onto Rt. 28. Go 7.6 miles on Rt. 28 and pass the lower entrance to the railroad station parking lot in Point of Rocks. Continue another 0.5 mile on Rt. 28 and turn left onto Commerce Street (just before Rt. 28 ends at US 15), where a brown sign points left for the C&O Canal Park and Trail, and go about another .15 mile. You wind downhill, parallel the railroad tracks briefly, then turn right and cross over the tracks and over a bridge that goes over the canal and towpath. The road turns right, go down the road about 20 yards. There are parking spaces along the paved road. Distance: 9.7 miles.

F. From Point of Rocks, m. 48.2, to Brunswick, m. 55.0: Wind your way back up to Rt. 28, turn left and go about 50 yards, and curve right onto US 15 north. Go 1.0 mile on US 15; turn left onto Rt. 464 west. Go 7.0 miles on Rt. 464 west to a 4-way junction, and turn right to stay on Rt. 464 west. Go 1.1 mile more on Rt. 464 west; about 100 yards after passing the Brunswick Shopping Center on your left, turn left at a 4-way junction onto Rt. 17 south, Petersville Road. Go 0.9 mile on Rt. 17 to a traffic circle, go 3/4 of the way around the circle, and exit onto A Street. Take A Street about .15 mile and take the first possible right turn, which puts you onto Maple Street. Go 0.2 mile, crossing an intersection, then the upper railroad tracks, then through the MARC commuter parking lot, then cross the lower railroad tracks. Immediately beyond the lower tracks, turn right and go 0.3 mile farther, on a paved road that soon becomes dirt/gravel, winding down under a high highway bridge, to a large paved parking lot, at m. 55.0. There is one porta-pottie there. Distance: 10.9 miles.

G. From Brunswick, m. 55.0, to the Bolivar Community Center, Harpers Ferry: From the Brunswick parking lot go about 0.3 mile uphill to the MARC lot, turn left and continue uphill through the MARC lot and Maple Street for 0.2 mile and turn left onto A Street. Go about .15 mile to the traffic circle, enter the circle, and immediately exit right onto Rt. 17 north. Go 0.9 mile to a 4-way intersection. Turn left with Rt. 17 north. Go 1.0 mile to a traffic circle (24-hour Sheetz on the left if you need snacks), and continue on Rt. 17 for 0.2 mile, then turn left to enter US 340 west. Go 6.5 miles on US 340 west, crossing the Potomac River, continue another 1.7 miles, then cross the Shenandoah River, still on US 340. Go 0.9 mile farther beyond the bridge to Washington Street.) Turn right at the light onto Washington Street and into the town of Bolivar. After 0.6 miles turn right onto Panama Street, where the Bolivar Community Center (BCC) is on the right at #60 Panama Street. Note that the limited parking near the BCC is reserved for volunteer vehicles and immediate pickups. Additional shortterm parking may be found nearby by continuing on Washington Street past Panama Street and making the next left (0.7 miles from US340) onto Cleveland Street, and then left into the parking lot. Distance: 10.7 miles.