C&D Canal Conservation Area

Location Map

Legend

- State Park Land
- Summit North Marina
- Municipal Park
- Fish & Wildlife Land
- Dog Training Area
- Water
- Trailhead Parking
- Municipality
- Paved Road

Pathways and Trails

- Michael Castle Trail (12.1 miles)
- Branch Canal Trail (0.4 miles)
- Ben Cardin Recreational Trail (1.8 miles)
- Other Existing Trails

About the Area ...

The C&D Canal Conservation Area consists of nearly 5,000 acres of protected lands lining the north and south shores of the Delaware portion of the C&D Canal. The 14-mile long canal owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides a direct shipping route between the Chesapeake Bay and the Delaware River. The Conservation Area lining its shores is managed by the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife for hunting, fishing, and recreational trail use.

About the Trail ...

Michael Castle Trail

The paved shared-use recreational trail provides visitors with a spectacular view of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The trail runs west along the north side of the canal from the Branch Canal just south of Delaware City to the Maryland State Line. From the state line visitors can continue along the canal into Chesapeake City on the Ben Cardin Recreational Trail. The completed trails provide nearly 15 miles of continuous trail connecting Chesapeake City, Maryland with Delaware City. Visitors can access the trail at the Biddle Point, Lums Pond South or St. Georges Trailheads in Delaware or the trailhead near the town dock in Chesapeake City, Maryland. Parking for the trailhead in Maryland is located under the Route 213 Bridge.

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