



Canal Quarters Fact Sheet

Offering one of the most unique ways to spend the night in history, the C&O Canal Trust manages a collection of seven historic buildings that allow visitors to experience an overnight stay in a 200-year-old lockhouse. Unlike the lock keepers of the 19th and early 20th centuries, though, [Canal Quarters](#) guests are not expected to raise and lower the the locks peppered along the canal.

THE LOCKHOUSES

- At one time there were 74 lockhouses along the canal – one for each lock – but today 26 of the buildings remain.
- Seven of those have been rehabilitated into lodging. These are not proper hotels or B&B's, but rather a version of camping in a historic building.
- Three (Numbers 6, 10 and 21) are full-amenity lockhouses that feature electricity, heat and air conditioning, indoor plumbing, and kitchens. Those kitchens are equipped with refrigerators and stoves, and these Canal Quarters are also professionally cleaned between visits.
- Three (Numbers 22, 25 and 28) are rustic lockhouses that have no electricity, heat or air conditioning, or indoor plumbing. There is an outhouse at each site.
- One (Number 49) is a half-amenity lockhouse with electricity, plus fans and baseboard heating. There is no indoor plumbing, but there's an outhouse and water pump on site.
- Each lockhouse has been rehabilitated and furnished to reflect a particular period in American history.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The houses can be rented for one to three nights.
- Each house accommodates up to 8 overnight guests, and day guests can be on site until sunset. No pets are permitted at Canal Quarters.
- The lockhouses are available for special events including weddings and birthday parties.
- With the exception of Lockhouse 28, which is a ¾-mile hike from a parking area, all Canal Quarters are within a short walk of a public parking lot.
- Guests must provide their own linens.
- All lockhouses are stocked with firewood for outdoor use.

RATES

- All rental fees are used to maintain these historic homes and to rehabilitate other lockhouses and convert them into future Canal Quarters.
- Low season is November through April, and high season is May through October. Visitors can stay at all three types of lockhouses throughout the year; they simply have to choose the level of amenity that most appeals to their group.
- Full-amenity houses range in price from \$135 per night in low season to \$175 per night in high season. In addition, there's a one-time cleaning fee of \$80 per rental.
- Rustic houses range in price from \$75 per night in low season to \$120 per night in high season.
- The half-amenity lockhouse ranges in price from \$90 per night in low season to \$135 per night in high season.

WHAT TO DO NEARBY

- The main attraction is, of course, the historic C&O Canal towpath, which stretches 184.5 miles from Georgetown in Washington, DC, in the east to Cumberland, Maryland, in the west.
- The towpath is a popular hiking and cycling route that runs parallel to the Potomac River. It offers incredible glimpses of nature and unparalleled scenery.
- Pack your binoculars, because the entire towpath offers great opportunities for birdwatching. If this is of particular interest, the Canal Quarters team can offer counsel about which houses offer the best watching opportunities in each season.
- There are also opportunities to kayak or fish all along the Potomac River, which runs parallel to the canal.
- At sites along the canal, it's possible to take a horseback ride or embark on a rock-climbing expedition.



FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION

- Learn more at <https://www.canaltrust.org/philanthropic/canal-quarters/>.
- Contact the C&O Canal Trust at cq@canaltrust.org or call 240-202-2625.

Photo: Lockhouse 28, "Point of Rocks" / Credit: C&O Canal Trust