

The Goose Creek & Little River Nav. Co. Canal (+) AOP's Crossing of the Potomac, June 1863 BRCWRT Tour Marching Orders

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Subject Matter: The ill-fated canal alongside Goose Creek that was designed to enable the transport of goods to the seaports of Georgetown and Alexandria. In addition, visit Edward's Ferry, where the Union's Army of the Potomac crossed the Potomac River under horrendous conditions in an effort to catch up with Bobby Lee and his army during the Gettysburg Campaign.

Tour Guides: Jim Lewis & Brian McEnany

Gathering Time/Assembly Location: **9:00 AM** / Riverpoint Dr. Trailhead in Lansdowne (43942 Riverpoint Dr., Leesburg, VA 20176)

- Physical directions from Rte. 7: Turn onto Belmont Ridge Rd. (North), cross Riverside Pkwy (road name changes to "Upper Belmont Pl."). Upon reaching a circle (roundabout), encircle the roundabout and turn right at the 3rd exit onto Riverpoint Dr. Drive through the neighborhood for 1-mi. and then turn left into the entrance of the Riverpoint Dr. Trailhead between two houses. Make a rather steep descent into the park's parking lot.

Tour Start Time: **9:30 AM**

Tour Duration: 2 ½- hrs.

Lunch (targeted 12:00 PM): "T'Kila Mexican Kitchen & Bar" (Individual tabs)

Mode of Transportation / Clothing: Walking tour - not for the those who are mobility challenged / Hiking attire with walking stick

Tour Sites include:

1. **Deserted Village of Elizabeth Mills:** The village that dates back to the early 1800s. View its associated ruins, including the mill and bridge/road that crossed Goose Creek. Also see an impressive portion of the canal and stone locks.
2. **Double-Stone Lock:** The gem of the GC & LR Canal Co.'s canal navigation system has been preserved and is still viewable.
3. **Edwards Ferry:** At the confluence of Goose Creek and the Potomac River, and where Hooker's entire Army of the Potomac crossed the river under horrendous conditions in an attempt to catch up with Lee and his army during the Gettysburg Campaign.

Cost: Free to All

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