

# **A BRCWRT Walking Tour**

## **Goose Creek & Little River Nav. Co. Canal**

### **(+) AOP's Crossing of the Potomac, June 1863**

### **Saturday, Nov. 8**



**Subject matter:** Walk amongst c. 1850s traces of the ill-fated Goose Creek & Little River Navigation Co.'s canal, an effort to render 20 miles of Goose Creek navigable to the Potomac River. View the associated stone ruins of the village of Elizabeth Mills, its mill, bridge and abutments. Finally, immerse yourself where the Union's Army of the Potomac made its arduous crossing of a swollen and swift-currented Potomac River late-June 1863, in an attempt to catch up with the Army of Northern Virginia.

**Three Primary Sites:** (1) The deserted village of Elizabeth Mills, its mill and road / bridge abutments, (2) remnants of a magnificent stone lock, and (3) Edward's Ferry (where the AOP crossed the river)

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

**Tour Start Time/Duration:** 9:30 AM / Approx. 2½ Hrs.

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

**Physical Requirements:** 2-mi. total over forest trails interdicted by several ravines. Not recommended for those who are mobility challenged.

- Recommend hiking attire and walking stick

**The tour is FREE! If interested in attending, please sign up via BRCWRT's website or at the October BRCWRT Membership meeting**