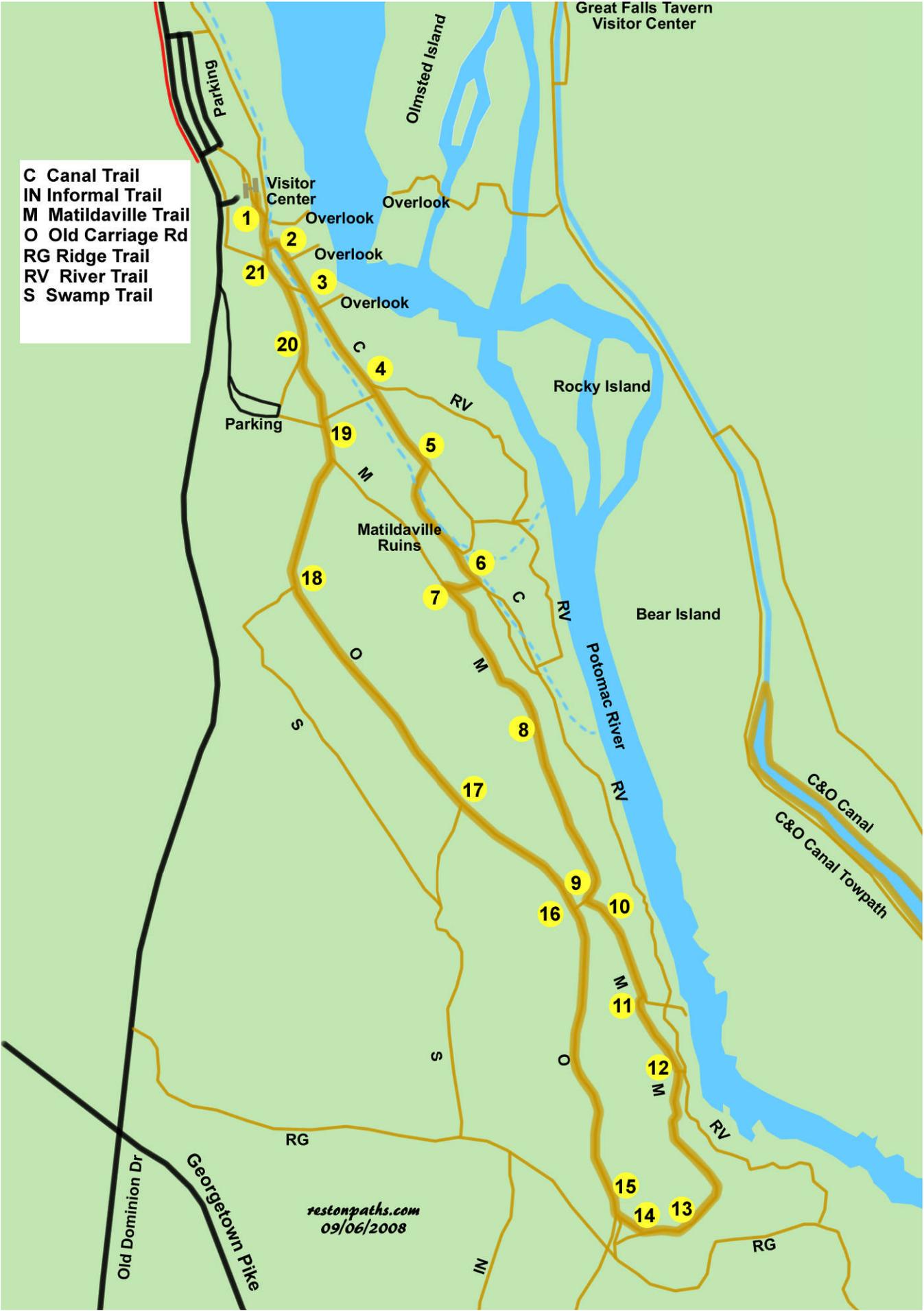


- C Canal Trail
- IN Informal Trail
- M Matildaville Trail
- O Old Carriage Rd
- RG Ridge Trail
- RV River Trail
- S Swamp Trail



This walk will take you along most of the Matildaville Trail with a return route via the Old Carriage Road. Near the Ridge Trail the Matildaville Trail climbs over 100 feet up a slope but logs are placed to provide sure footing. The trail has been in excellent condition on all our visits over many years.

There are side trails to 3 overlooks on this route. They are not part of the walk route but you will probably enjoy making side trips to the views of the falls.

1. The walk starts from the south side of the Visitor Center. Walk south to pass the first trail to the left leading to an overlook.
2. Turn left at the next trail intersection to cross a bridge over the canal bed and turn right to continue south. Pass the trail on the left to the next overlook.
3. The trail passes a third side trail to an overlook. We saw a team from CNBC photographing members of the Nature Conservancy here.
4. A side trail on the left is part of the River Trail. Continue straight on the present trail. Just before entering a wooded section you will cross another trail leading from a parking area to the River Trail.
5. Turn right at the first trail intersection after entering the wooded area. You will then cross a bridge over the old canal bed and turn left. Notice the ruins of some of the Matildaville buildings on the right.
6. A trail intersects from the left. Continue straight on the present trail as it jogs slightly to the right. The canal bed will now be on your left. Take a sharp right at the next trail intersection. You will be walking slightly to the north for a short distance.
7. After a short distance turn left at the next trail intersection. You are now on the Matildaville Trail and will begin to climb a slight slope into the woods.
8. There will be no intersecting trails for some distance but the trail is in good shape here as it passes through the woods.
9. The trail turns right and goes down a hill to a trail intersection. Take the first trail to the left into a clearing. The other trail is part of the return route.
10. The trail enters a clearing. Notice the rock wall on the far side of the clearing.
11. The trail enters the woods. Turn right at the first trail intersecting and cross a stream on a bridge. The trail turns left after the bridge.
12. A trail intersects on the left leading to the River Trail. Stay to the right on the Matildaville Trail.

13. The trail climbs a steep hill for over a hundred feet here. Logs have been placed on the trail to act as steps.
14. The trail splits at the top of the hill. Take the trail to the right.
15. At the next trail intersection take the trail to the right to join the Old Carriage Road and it starts down the hill.
16. Stay straight on the Old Carriage Road at the next trail intersection. You walked the other trail earlier.
17. A shortcut from the Swamp Trail intersects on the left. Continue straight on the present trail.
18. The end of the Swamp Trail intersects on the left. Continue straight on the present trail.
19. The Matildaville Trail intersects from the right. There are rest rooms at this trail intersection. Continue straight on the present trail with the rest rooms on your right. Another trail crosses your trail just past this point. Continue straight on the present trail.
20. A side trail intersects from the left. Turn slightly to the right to continue on the present trail.
21. Trails intersect from the right and then the left. Continue straight on the present trail to return to the Visitor Center.