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## RALLY TO OPEN THE ROCK CREEK TRESTLE!

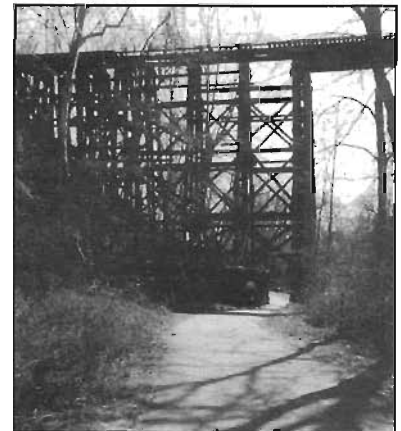
Saturday, April 29, 1:30 p.m.  
Ray's Meadow Park, Ballfield #1  
(south side of the trestle)

### CCCT HOSTS RALLY TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE COMPLETION OF THE GEORGETOWN BRANCH/CAPITAL CRESCENT TRAIL

*By Wayne Phyllaier, Chair/Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail*

Saturday, April 29 is an important date for all trail lovers. The big push is on to get the Montgomery County Council's 2001-02 budget to include funds to rebuild the Rock Creek trestle, a long-abandoned railroad trestle linking the eastern (Silver Spring) portion of the Georgetown Branch /Capital Crescent Trail (GB/CCT) with the western section (Chevy Chase/Bethesda). **Now more than ever, the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail needs your support and presence at this important event.** The start time is 1:30 p.m.

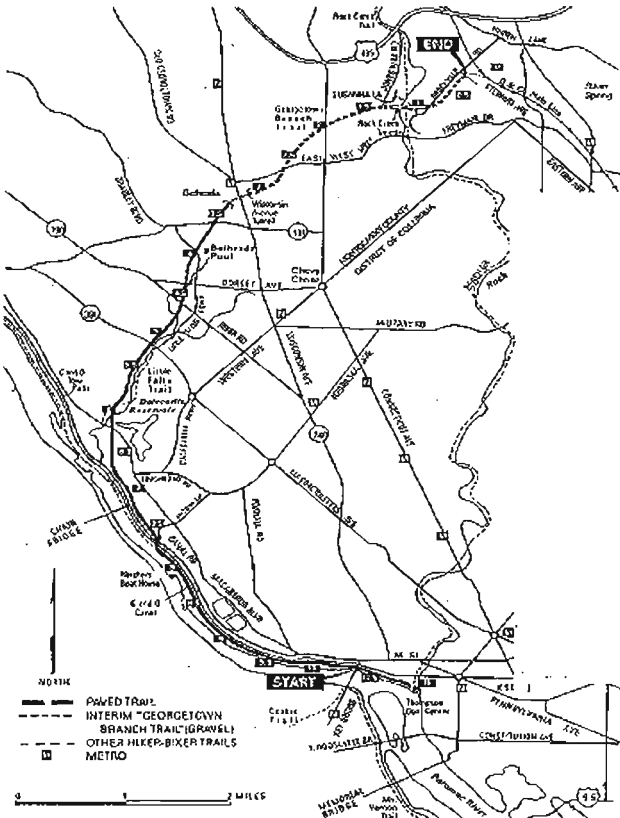
The CCCT has been lobbying the Montgomery County Council to provide funding that would rehabilitate and reopen the trestle to make it available to trail users. In addition, the CCCT wants to complete the GB/CCT into downtown Silver Spring thereby providing trail users with a **level, direct and safe recreational and commuting route.** In a surprise appearance last October during a CCCT trestle rally, County Executive Doug Duncan spoke in favor of completing the Trail into Silver Spring and to include funding to rebuild the trestle in the 2001-2002 budget. Executive Duncan challenged the Coalition and rally participants to get the support of five Council members needed to pass the budget. As part of that advocacy effort, the Coalition began a petition



*The trestle, viewed from the Rock Creek hiker/biker trail.*

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District of Columbia & Montgomery County, Md.



February 25, 2000

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He'll process your request.

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## BETTY ANN KRAHNKE -- A TRAIL CHAMPION

The Coalition has lost a good friend and ally in the Montgomery County Council with Betty Ann's decision to leave the Council on April 17 for health reasons. She was preeminent among those Montgomery County leaders who made the Capital Crescent Trail happen.

When the Coalition was formed in 1986, Councilmember Krahnke immediately recognized the importance to the County of acquiring the Georgetown Branch right-of-way, and she supported the approval of the Georgetown Branch Master Plan outlining its merits. She was then a strong backer of efforts to bring the right-of-way into public ownership; the Council voted to acquire the right-of-way for \$10.5 million in December 1988.

Betty Ann was instrumental in every significant Trail development in subsequent years. Her influence with the County Council was repeatedly brought to bear in support of funding to build the Trail and in support of federal ISTEA financing for such essentials as the River Road Bridge. Her advocacy of the Trail as a great community asset has been persistent and persuasive.

We owe to Betty Ann Krahnke thanks for many of our successes. She has enjoyed those successes too, and has always spoken at ceremonies inaugurating segments of the Trail. She gave the Coalition the ultimate compliment at the ceremony opening the River Road Bridge, saying "The Coalition gives lobbying a good name."

We would return the compliment by noting that Councilmember Krahnke gives local politics and public service a good name. A model elected official, always courteous, she has shown that one can deal with difficult community issues through careful analysis and an open mind. Thank you, Betty Ann!

--John Dugger, CCCT Chair, 1996-1999



Betty Ann Krahnke at the August 1998 dedication of the Wisconsin Avenue tunnel, with then-CCCT Chair John Dugger, Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan, and County Council Chair Isiah Leggett.

## DIAL UP TRAIL CONDITIONS AND EVENTS

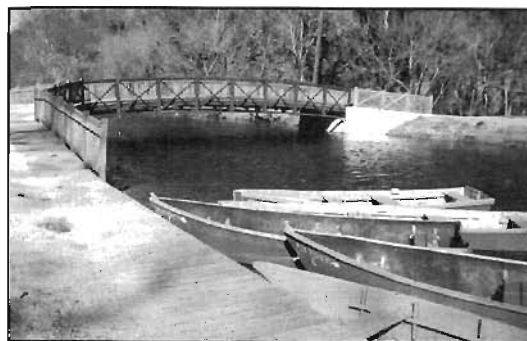
Be the Coalition's eyes and ears the next time you're out on the Trail – Call the CCCT Information Line at **202-234-4874** and press box "8." Leave a message on trail conditions you've encountered, or on any issue which might impact the Trail. The hotline message provides trail users with weekly updates on trail conditions and Coalition events.

*If you're new to the Capital Crescent Trail, leave your name and address to receive a membership brochure and our latest newsletter. After consideration, we hope you'll support the CCT and become a member of the Coalition.*

## CCCT INFORMATION LINE, 202-234-4874

*Use your touch-tone phone to access one of our mailboxes:*

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Background of the CCT   | 5. Volunteer activities   |
| 2. Coalition meeting dates | 6. Other messages         |
| 3. Membership information  | 7. [Inactive]             |
| 4. Obtain a CCT map        | 8. Trail hotline & events |



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*Pausing near the trestle, CCCT Chair Wayne Phyllaier (left wearing knapsack) addresses participants of a Coalition-sponsored hike of the Georgetown Branch Trail. During the January 8th hike, CCCT distributed "Open the Trestle" petitions and other materials, including the buttons modeled by Frances Hawkins and her "owner" Holly.*



drive and will present the signatures to the County Council this spring before the budget vote. The April 29 rally is part of the Coalition's ongoing efforts to keep the focus on completing the Trail.

But this issue has been entangled in an ongoing debate focused on building a transitway along this 4.5-mile corridor that runs from Bethesda to Silver Spring. In the Coalition's view, this debate may not be settled for many years. Since Montgomery County purchased this right-of-way in 1985 in large part for recreational trail use, **trail users should not be denied use of the trestle and forced onto dangerous detours while the transit debate continues.** In addition, engineering studies commissioned by the Coalition have determined that **the trestle can be repaired and opened at a fraction of the cost of building a new bridge**, without damaging environmentally sensitive Rock Creek Park. In the event transit comes to this corridor in the future, the investment in opening the trestle will have already been recovered by many years of heavy trail use. In addition to its practical applications as a recreational and commuting route, **the trestle would also provide a scenic vista and historic point of interest for trail users.**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON APRIL 29.** Bike rides and hikes to the rally will leave from the Silver Spring Metro station and the Bethesda Avenue trail head - - details will follow in a special postcard mailing. Ray's Meadow Park is on the Rock Creek Hiker/Biker Trail, one mile north of Candy Cane City. It is also on the Georgetown Branch Trail (Interim Capital Crescent Trail) two miles east of Bethesda. Check the CCCT information hotline at 202-234-4874, box 8, or our web site, [www.cctrail.com](http://www.cctrail.com), for information on group rides/hikes to the rally. If you choose to drive, take East-West Highway to Meadowbrook Lane (just one block east of Beach Drive/Jones Mill Road at Rock Creek) and go north on Meadowbrook, then one block to the parking lot behind the synagogue.

**YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT US BY WRITING THE COUNTY COUNCIL.** Votes on the 2001-02 budget will be taken soon! Let them know how important the trestle is for providing a direct, level and safe trail connection between Bethesda and Silver Spring and that a greatly improved Interim Trail should be built now without waiting years for transit construction. **Each letter has an impact.**

Montgomery County Council Members are:

Michael L. Subin, At-Large (Council President); Isiah Leggett, At-Large,  
Blair Ewing, At-Large; Steven Silverman, At-Large;  
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***The CCCT has long maintained that the GB/CCT should be completed into Silver Spring, with the Rock Creek trestle. The opportunity to complete this portion has arrived! SEE YOU AT THE RALLY!***



*The Rock Creek trestle's west end*

*The original wood support structure was knocked out by Hurricane Angles in 1972. Eventually, the trestle was shored up with the steel beams that remain today.*



## Safety on the Trail

Parents with small children, walkers and joggers, elderly people, some of whom are hearing-impaired - - These are among the trail users we hear from that tell us stories of bicyclists and rollerbladers who pass without giving any audible warning. Besides being required by law in Montgomery County and D.C., warnings are important for safety and is the courteous thing to do, appreciated by those being overtaken.

The Capital Crescent Trail has been an enormous success and with the advance of warmer weather and longer days can be very crowded with users of all sorts. Toddlers and children present a whole new set of concerns, as their actions can be unpredictable.

For the past fourteen years, the Coalition has led efforts to create this wonderful greenway and to achieve the best possible amenities to make the Trail safe and attractive. As part of our commitment, we regularly sponsor "Bells & Whistles" events throughout the year. Two more will be held this spring - - Look for us at the Bethesda trail head.

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### Trail safety and courtesy means:

- ALL USERS should stay to the right side of the trail except when passing.
  - Passing other trail users to their left, allowing at least two feet clearance.
  - Always look ahead and behind before passing.
  - Give an **audible voice or bell warning** at least two seconds before passing.
  - Travel at reasonable speed in a consistent and predictable manner.
  - Keep all pets on a short leash (required by law).
  - Move off the trail when stopped to allow others to pass.
  - Yield to others when entering or crossing the trail.
  - Use lights and reflectors after dusk or before dawn.
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# Norton Endorses Rock Creek Traffic Plan

*Rick Morgan/People's Alliance for Rock Creek (PARC)*

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton has joined the chorus of local political leaders calling for the National Park Service to close upper Beach Drive on weekdays on a trial basis. "I believe the time is ripe for moving forward with a trial closure of upper Beach drive on weekdays," Norton told NPS director Robert Stanton in a letter. A similar measure has been recommended to D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams by the departments of Health and Public Works. DC Councilmembers Jack Evans, Kevin Chavous, David Catania, Phil Mendelson, Jim Graham, and Sharon Ambrose also favor a trial of recreation zones on upper Beach Drive.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service is poised to release its long-overdue "general management plan" for Rock Creek Park. Despite growing demands from community and political leaders for traffic reductions and other changes, NPS is unlikely to endorse the weekday traffic-free recreation zones on upper Beach Drive favored by WABA and other members of the People's Alliance for Rock Creek (PARC). Instead, NPS's "preferred alternative" is expected to maintain the status quo except for some trail improvements and traffic measures. Rather than restrict the torrent of commuter traffic through the heart of the Park, the plan will likely be limited to traffic calming measures and enforcement of speed limits.

The Park Service plan will be released for public comment as early as this spring. PARC is seeking endorsements for the test closure of upper Beach Drive from political leaders in the District of Columbia and Montgomery County.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Send a letter to uncommitted councilmembers urging them to support measures to reduce commuter traffic in Rock Creek Park (see sample letter). If you'd like to be notified when the Park Service begins taking comments on its plan for Rock Creek Park, contact PARC at <PARC@waba.org> or 628-2500. For more information: <http://www.waba.org/wabadoocs/parc.htm>

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## SAMPLE LETTER

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_  
Council of the District of Columbia  
One Judiciary Square, 7th Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_:

I am concerned about excessive commuter traffic in Rock Creek Park. High-speed automobile traffic harms the Park's natural environment and diminishes recreational opportunities for park users. Please urge the National Park Service to set aside portions of Beach Drive for recreation on weekdays, at least on a trial basis. Rock Creek Park should be a real park — seven days a week.

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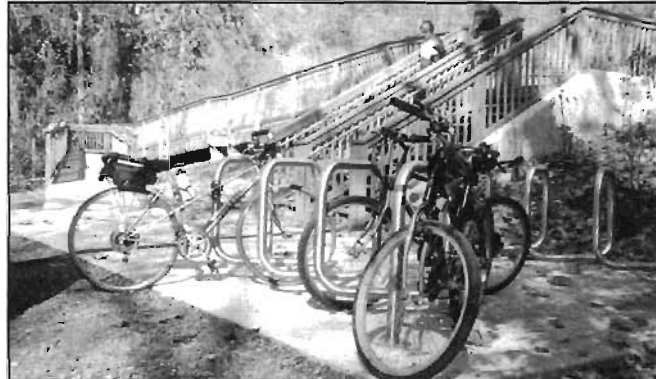
## “The Innovative Path,” May 21, 2000

An informative bicycle tour highlighting innovations in bicycle facility design, construction, and management will take place on Sunday, May 21st. Called “The Innovative Path,” this event is sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Lemelson Center for the Study of Innovation and Invention.

The tour will begin and end at the Museum with two 20-mile options, including the Capital Crescent Trail. The Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail will staff four interpretive locations with historic displays and volunteers for answering questions from participants. Historic photographs of the Trail as a B&O branch line, courtesy of local photographer William DuVal, will also be on display.

The tour is part of the Smithsonian’s calendar of events for Bike Month in May. For more information, call WABA, 202-628-2500, or visit: [www.waba.org/wabadocs/tours.htm](http://www.waba.org/wabadocs/tours.htm).

*Funding for this bicycle rack at Fletcher’s Boathouse was provided by the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail.*



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## Along the Trail...

### 5 Years Ago...

CCCT donates \$5,000 to Montgomery County Parks for the development of an information kiosk and other amenities at the Bethesda Avenue trailhead.

Fourteen CCCT volunteers plant wildflowers donated by the America the Beautiful Fund near the Bethesda Pool.

### 10 Years Ago...

CCCT volunteers and Montgomery County Conservation Corps members install wood decking on the Arizona Avenue Trestle. The Rails-To-Trails Conservancy provides materials for the project. In May, the National Park Service (NPS) installs cable to block access to the trestle, citing it as an “attractive nuisance.” Passage is not effectively prevented.

### 15 Years Ago...

The Washington Post reports that CSX Railroad values the D.C. portion of the CCT right-of-way (Dalecarlia to Georgetown) at \$15 million, and threatens to develop the land if it is not purchased by the National Park Service. NPS official responds, “The only federally owned park property in Washington worth \$15 million is the Mall.”

### 20 Years Ago...

CSX Corporation (CSX) is created from the merger of B&O Railroad, C&O Railroad, and the Seaboard Coast Line.

### 110 Years Ago...

Metropolitan Southern Railroad Company (MSRC) is chartered in Maryland. Two years later, MSRC completes first two-mile section of the Georgetown Spur from the B&O main line in Silver Spring (at the Talbot Avenue bridge) to Chevy Chase. An all-wood trestle, 1400 feet long and 67 feet high, is built to carry rail line over Rock Creek. [Note: This historic trestle (the “Rock Creek Trestle”) is a vital link in our efforts complete the Trail into Silver Spring.]

# Tales of Rails to Trails, Reckless Youth, and Odd Vegetables

Edited by Charlie Wellander

*This is the first of an occasional series of personal stories about the history of the Capital Crescent Trail. This recollection is told by Mr. Louis R. Maxwell, who now lives in Jackson, Mississippi.*

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I am very pleased that the old B&O spur line right of way is now being used for such a good purpose. I was born and raised in Montgomery County and spent the first twenty-three years of my life on Leland Street in Chevy Chase. Since I left the area in 1960 to go out and live my life, I have been back several times to live in Montgomery County. I have also ridden the trail many times on my bike. It has been a joy to do this!

As a child, I spent many happy days with my friends playing in woods and fields that are now subdivisions and office buildings. On one occasion a boyhood friend and I dared each other to crawl *under* the train bridge on Wisconsin Avenue, where the Air Rights Building is now located. We wanted to see if we could stay there until the train, pulled by a steam locomotive, had passed completely through. That locomotive put out plenty of smoke when it passed under the bridge! We quickly discovered that the only fresh air was about six inches off the ground. We both made it and were pleased with ourselves at being so "brave." (To our young readers, *please don't ever do this!*)

Between the Rock Creek Trestle and the present day Jewish synagogue there was then a rifle/pistol shooting range. It was about 200 yards in length and shooters would fire directly into the railroad bank to the right of the trestle, as a backstop. When no one was firing, we kids would go down there and collect empty shell casings. One time, we even found some live .45 caliber rounds, which we promptly took home and placed in my friend's refrigerator. We were fearful lest they fire by themselves. I never did find out what his parents thought of this addition to their milk and vegetables. I bet if one were to dig into that old bank under the right of way there would be plenty of lead!

P.S. Perhaps in your next newsletter, you may want to ask the old timers like myself to recall any experiences in and around the B&O right of way. I'm sure there are *plenty* of stories out there.

*So, friends of the Capital Crescent Trail, how about it? Are there any more "Tales of Rails to Trails" out there? Send your recollections to us, or e-mail to [john\\_campanile@paramount.com](mailto:john_campanile@paramount.com).*



## Litter Begets Litter

The Capital Crescent Trail is beautiful and has been nearly litter-free. The National Park Service and the Montgomery County Departments of Parks and of Transportation have no regularly scheduled clean-ups of the Trail, due to personnel limitations.

Therefore, it bears repeating: Litter begets litter. There are a number of unsung heroes who pick up litter on a regular basis, and they do a great service to the beauty and maintenance of the Trail. Those efforts are very much appreciated.

Carrying a plastic grocery bag with you when you're out on the Trail and taking your trash with you makes their efforts easier.



## Washington Aqueduct Cancels Tunnel Dig

As a result of actions initiated by the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail, the Washington Aqueduct Authority has abandoned their plans to run two large diameter pipes and an electric duct bank through the trail's Dalecarlia Tunnel, located near the Trail's 6-mile marker.

Besides a prolonged daytime closure period of 8 to 10 weeks during construction, the Coalition was also concerned in the potential for irreparable damage to this historic tunnel, built in 1910, and expressed the need to study alternative routing for the pipelines before proceeding with this project. As reported in last fall's *Crescent*, Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan's office and the County's Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT) requested that the Authority postpone this project for a year, and study all alternatives before concluding that the tunnel dig was the only reasonable option. The County Executive's office and DPWT agreed to all of the issues and concerns presented by the Coalition. Since that time, the Authority has decided not to use the tunnel for the pipelines.

The Coalition has expressed its thanks to the Authority for agreeing to not dig in the tunnel.



## Washington Gas drops CCT as pipeline route

Washington Gas has proposed a new route for the controversial underground pipeline it hopes to build through Bethesda to bring more natural gas to the National Institute of Health (NIH). In making this announcement during a February closed-door meeting of its newly organized Route Advisory Committee, the company also said that it has dropped the Capital Crescent Trail as a possible route because too many trees would be destroyed by the project. A Washington Gas spokesperson said the company is looking at a total of three routes, and will issue a final report within year's end.

Since this project was first announced last October, Washington Gas has run into opposition from a number of grassroot neighborhood groups who do not believe that a high-pressure gas pipeline should run through any residential streets. One of these routes, since dropped by the company, would have run the pipeline alongside the Trail from River Road to Little Falls Parkway, and would have closed the Trail during the construction period. The Coalition went on record as being opposed to this alignment.

At a public hearing held at Bethesda Elementary School last January and attended by representatives of the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail, many in the audience urged the NIH to step back and explain why the pipeline is necessary if no growth at the campus is contemplated. The public outcry has forced NIH to put off signing a contract for the 12-inch pipeline and agree to carry out requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, with about two years of environmental studies and public comment.

Washington Gas will hold three more meetings of its advisory committee through April. Future meetings will be open to the public and press.

*Taken from news reports*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are rain or shine, unless noted. To confirm any CCCT event, call the Events Hotline, **202-234-4874, box 8, or on the web: [www.cctrail.org](http://www.cctrail.org).**

## CCCT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, Mondays, April 10 & May 8,

7:00 p.m. at the Bethesda Regional Library on Arlington Rd. in the accessible first floor meeting room (bring your bikes in!). Bethesda Metro.

**Saturday, April 29**, CCCT "OPEN THE TRESTLE" RALLY, see page 1 article. 

**Thursdays, May 4-25**, FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS, 12 p.m., Bethesda Place Plaza, Old Georgetown Rd. & Woodmont Ave. FREE EVENING CONCERTS, 6:00 p.m., same dates, Veteran's Park, Woodmont & Norfolk Aves. Contact Bethesda Urban Partnership, 301-215-6660; [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).


**Friday, May 5**, WABA ANNUAL BIKE TO WORK DAY, 8:00 a.m., Freedom Plaza (14th & Penn. Avenue, NW). Ride in one of 14 bicycle convoys, including the CCT, that will converge downtown for a rally. Breakfast provided. Contact WABA, 202-628-2500; [www.waba.org](http://www.waba.org).

**Fridays, May 12-26**, FREE DANCE CONCERTS, 6:00 p.m., Bethesda Metro Plaza, Old Georgetown Rd. & Wisconsin Ave. Contact Bethesda Urban Partnership, 301-215-6660; [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Sunday, May 21**, "THE INNOVATIVE PATH" TOUR, sponsored by the Wash. Area Bicyclist Assoc. and the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. See article, page 7.

**Saturday, June 3**, NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION. American Hiking Society, 301-565-6704.

**Sunday, June 11**, BETHESDA GRAND PRIX OF CYCLING, 9:00 a.m., Woodmont Triangle (approx. one-mile from CCT Bethesda trailhead). One kilometer, closed-course race. Children can also compete in a "Kids' Sprint" race. Contact Bethesda Urban Partnership, 301-215-6660; [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Monday, June 12**, CCCT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 6:00 p.m., Elm St. Park (adjacent to the east end of the Wisconsin Ave. tunnel). Bethesda Metro. Playground available. Food & drink provided. 

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## Celebrate spring at the Audubon Nature Fair!

Take a day off to enjoy the outdoors at the **Audubon Nature Fair on Sunday May 7, 2000 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.** The Washington area's largest family nature fair will take place at the 40-acre Woodend preserve of the Audubon Naturalist Society, 8940 Jones Mill Road in Chevy Chase.

There'll be something for everyone. You can enjoy a guided hike through Rock Creek Park, relax by the pond, meet an owl at Scales 'n Tales, or watch Audubon nature travel videos. Craft making for kids is also part of the day's events. And, for you trail-lovers, the **Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail** will be there exhibiting trail information.

The fair can be reached by following the Georgetown Branch Trail from Bethesda or Silver Spring until it intersects the Rock Creek hiker/biker trail. Take the Rock Creek trail north for approx. 0.2 miles to the signed Audubon Society footpath on the left. Bike parking will be available near the fair entrance (Fair organizers say that on-site parking is limited, so they're offering \$1.00 off admission if you bring your bike).

Free parking for a shuttle bus to Woodend will be available from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Metro Red Line's Medical Center station (Center Dr. lot at NIH), and at North Chevy Chase Elementary School on Jones Bridge Road. Entry fees are \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and younger, and free for those under 2.

Festivities will take place rain or shine. Performances will be sign interpreted, and the fair is handicap accessible. For more information, call 301-652-9188.

## Yes! I want to help complete the Capital Crescent Trail and make it safer and more pleasant to use!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ New member \_\_\_ Renewing member

### Individual Contributions:

\_\_\_ Basic Individual \$10, includes newsletter subscription, action alerts.

\_\_\_ Sustaining \$30 " " " " " "

\_\_\_ Sponsoring \$60, newsletter subscription, action alerts, and T-shirt (IF DESIRED, PLEASE CIRCLE SIZE: M L XL)

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Membership is good for one year from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month that you join.

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Detailed four-color map of the Capital Crescent Trail with historical perspectives is free to new members.

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**Thanks for your efforts on behalf of the Trail! Here's an additional contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

We do not share our membership list with any organization except our affiliate organization, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

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