



Canal Crossings

Fact: Construction of the C&O Canal began on July 4, 1828 and was completed in October 1850.

The Potomac River had multiple ferries, fords, and bridges that during the antebellum years were used by residents and travelers as crossings between Maryland and Virginia.

During the Civil War these crossings, which connected to the C&O Canal, were used by Union and Confederate forces during numerous campaigns.

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