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Engineers. Chesapeake City boasts charming boutiques and several exceptional restaurants. The city also provides a free ferry service from April through October to the south side of the community located on the opposite side of the canal. On this bank, you'll find a delightful and important museum about the canal. Be sure to check current ferry schedule and rates before planning your day.

Maryland's Ben Cardin C&D Canal Recreational Trail links to Delaware's [Michael Castle Trail](#); both run along the north bank of the Chesapeake and Delaware (C&D) Canal and meet at the state line. The combined route takes travelers from the historical, quaint canal town of Chesapeake City to Delaware City.

The trailhead for the C&D Canal trail is located on the trail's western end at the base of Lock Street in North Chesapeake City. From there, the paved pathway runs along the waterfront for 1.8 miles to the Delaware border. The trail is named after U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, whose efforts made the trail a reality.

The C&D Canal was dug in the early 1800s and widened in the early 1900s. It is overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of



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States: Maryland

Counties: Cecil

Length: 1.8miles

Trail end points: Lock Street (Chesapeake City) to Michael Castle Trail at the Delaware/Maryland state line

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline
Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair
Accessible,Walking

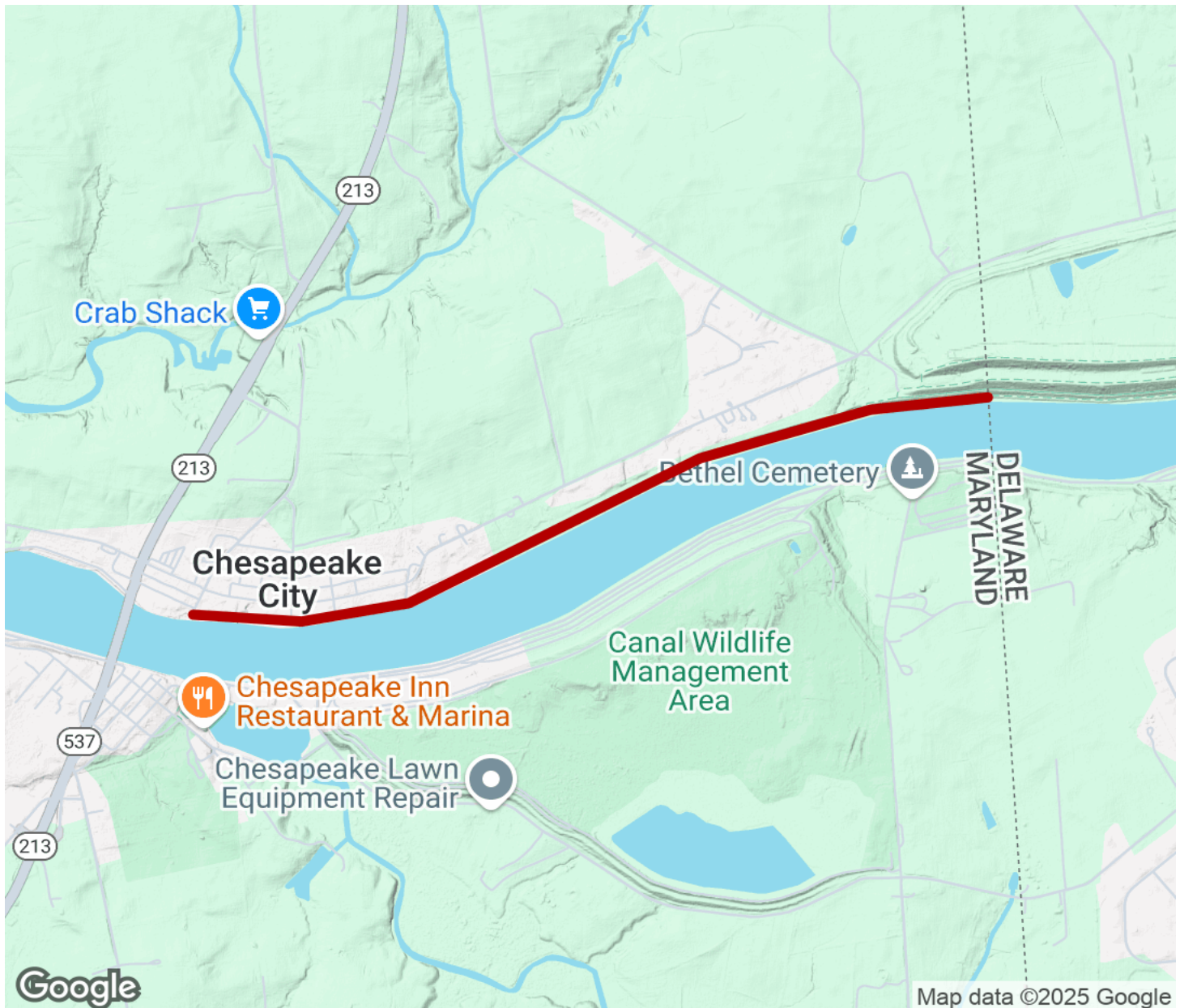
Parking & Trail Access

Take Route 40 (Pulaski Highway) to Maryland Route 213 southbound. It's approximately 6 miles to the entrance of North Chesapeake City. Do not cross the Route 213 bridge over the canal. Turn left into the entrance and follow Lock Street to Biddle Street. Follow the signs directing trail-goers to parking. The trailhead is located at Lock Street and the C&D Canal.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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