

WALKING FIELD TRIP: The Low Line and Canal Walk: Connecting People to Nature along the Virginia Capital Trail

Led by Frazier Armstrong and Lucy Meade

MAXIMUM 15 participants

Meet at 1 p.m. on April 8 at the main entrance to the downtown Hilton. Take bus to Virginia Capital Trail's Great Shiplock Park

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During this tour, participants will visit the “Low Line,” a 5.5-acre green oasis along the historic waterfront following the Virginia Capital Trail and the Canal Walk, comprised of 32 acres of riverfront residential and commercial redevelopment. The Low Line is an urban park along the James River and Kanawha Canal that utilizes native plants and green infrastructure to mitigate storm water runoff. The Canal Walk features four centuries of our state capital’s history depicted through statues, signage and exhibits. Participants will travel to the Low Line by bus and back by foot along the Canal Walk, which stretches 1.25 miles along the James River and the Kanawha and Haxall Canals.

Participants will need to-

- Travel by bus to the trailhead at Great Shiplock Park
- Stand or sit for several interpretive talks over a 1-hour period
- Walk 2 miles back to hotel, most of the way along the scenic Canal Walk

Things to know and bring

- Monitor the weather, dress in light layers and WALKING shoes. Bring water. The walk itself is not long, but weather is unpredictable

Specific meeting point: Main Entrance to downtown Hilton: 37.5421° N, 77.4375° W

Give yourself time to park and register at the hotel before meeting promptly at 1 p.m.

This an easy walking tour--most of the walk is basically flat on asphalt with some stairs. The trip back will involve a long uphill climb from the river back to the hotel. If you will need a ride back, please notify Jennifer Wampler (Jennifer.wampler@dcr.virginia.gov).

This field trip is sponsored by Capital Trees (<https://capitaltrees.org>) and Venture Richmond (<https://www.venturerichmond.com>).