

The Boat Launch

Conowingo Dam's boat launch can be accessed from the downstream end of Fisherman's Park parking lot.

Here are distances to nearby attractions from the launch:

- **Conowingo to Havre de Grace:** Located at the corner of Union Avenue and Otsego Street - 9 miles to Jean Roberts Memorial Park - Fisherman's sits at the mouth of the river just before crossing under the Amtrak bridge in Havre de Grace.
- **Fisherman's park to Lapidum Boat Ramp** in Susquehanna State Park is 5 miles.
- **Lapidum to Havre de Grace** is 4 miles.

CONOWINGO VISITOR CENTER

4948 Conowingo Road
Darlington, MD 21034
(410) 457-2426

For more information, call or visit the Conowingo Visitor Center!

WE ARE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9AM-5PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 10AM-3PM

Fisherman's Park Location



Award for Outstanding Conservation Engineering

In September 2010, the **Conowingo Dam Fishing Enhancements Project** in Darlington, Md., received the **Award of Merit** from the Carl Anderson Conservation Project Engineering Awards. This organization recognizes outstanding projects in conservation engineering.

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The Fisherman's Wharf

The 160-foot-long fishing wharf was built in 2009. It includes a concrete wharf ramp and provides easy access to the river for fishing. Many anglers wade into the water to fish **forbass, shad, catfish, walleye** and more. The park has picnic tables, ample parking, an accessible fishing wharf, boat ramps, a viewing platform and a hiking trail.

Fishing licenses are available close to the Fisherman's Park area.

Shure's Landing Wildflower Trail

Shure's Landing Wildflower Trail (at the downstream end of the parking lot), offers 2.2 miles of easy hiking trail along the Susquehanna River, providing beautiful views of the river, flowers and other scenery.

This trail follows the path of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal, an important link between central Pennsylvania and the Chesapeake Bay from 1840 until 1892. Portions of this canal are visible today. A railroad was along this route in the 1920's to bring materials to the Conowingo Dam construction site from 1926 to 1928. The railroad spur was damaged severely during Hurricane Agnes in 1972 and has since been abandoned. This trail is known for beautiful wildflowers, scenic river views and bird watching, and its route forms a link in the Mason Dixon Hiking Trail. Wildflowers include Dutchman's breeches, wild ginger and trillium in the spring. In the summer and fall, visitors can see goldenrod, asters and other wildflowers.

Peak Viewing Times For Eagles

Peak viewing times for Eagles is from **November to February**. At least 170 species of birds have been observed and recorded at the dam. Large groups of great blue heron and bald eagle, sometimes well over 100 of each species, have been observed at the dam. October through mid March is a popular time of year for viewing eagles but eagles can be spotted year round.

The largest numbers of eagles are present in November, and the largest numbers of herons are present in the winter months. When the turbines are running, water and fish exit through the tailrace, providing excellent feeding for the birds. This makes Fisherman's Park a very popular place to view the eagles particularly at the base of the dam.

Photographers

Conowingo is considered to be one of the best places to watch Bald Eagles for its large concentration of eagles, with the sun nearly always behind the viewer. The generation schedule can be accessed by the following phone numbers.

Amenities Etc.:

Hours: open everyday of the year from an hour before sunrise to an hour after sunset.

Public Restrooms are located at the base of the dam at the Pavilion.

Exelon Recreation Telephone Numbers

NEARBY AMENITIES:

A convenience store just north of the dam on US Route 1 sells gas, as well as coffee, sandwiches and other snacks. A little further north on US Route 1 on the left, there's a restaurant. There are also many restaurants located south of the dam in Port Deposit off of Route 222.

Directions

2569 SHURES LANDING ROAD,
DARLINGTON, MD 21034

FROM THE NORTH:

1. Go south on US-1 crossing into Maryland
2. Turn LEFT onto SHURESVILLE ROAD (the first left immediately after crossing the dam) go .7 miles
3. Turn sharp LEFT onto Shures Landing Rd.

FROM THE SOUTH:

1. Go north on I-95 N
2. Keep RIGHT at the fork to go on MD-24 N (13.2m)
3. Turn RIGHT onto Shuresville Rd. (7 mi)
4. Turn sharp LEFT onto Shures Landing Rd.