# Promoting Trails for Health, Recreation and Economic Development

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### By definition, promotion is:

the act of furthering the growth or development of something;

especially: the furtherance of the acceptance and sale of merchandise through advertising, publicity and/or discounting





# Tourism promotion is about...

Increasing the awareness of experiences that are fun, exciting and meaningful.

Example: War of 1812 vs. Star Spangled Banner

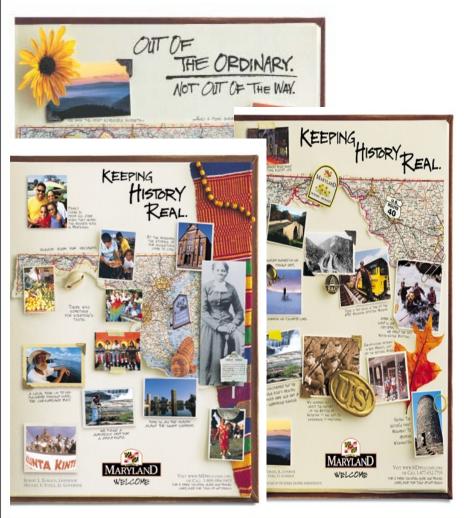




- Packaging
- Exhibiting and trade/consumer shows
  - Website Development
  - Direct mail & e-marketing
    - Fulfillment
- Welcome & Visitor Center Operations



### **Advertising**

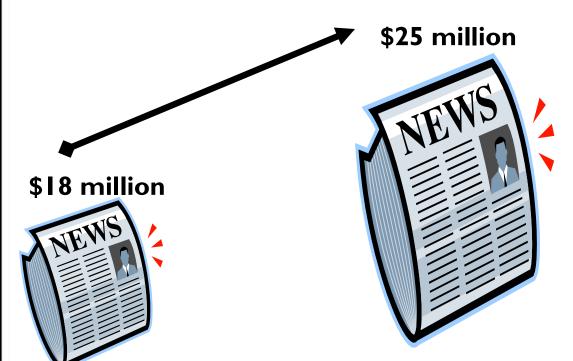


Encourages consumers to select Maryland as their travel destination.



### **Publicity**

Generated more than \$25 million in positive travel-related publicity for the State of Maryland





# **Great Allegheny Passage**

### WELCOME TO CUMBERLAND

value on a to historic Cureberland, Maryland, Neetled charmingly in the castle of the valley of the Potomac River in western Maryland, in the lunt landscape of the heart of the Appalachian Mountains, is the beautiful Vic

Downtown Cumberland, where the C&O Canal and the Great Allegheny Passagement, is filled with charming upon in by shops and boutiques, art galleries, delightful esteries, spectacular archizecture and a calender full of entertainment and events. Complete with water fountains, trees and flowerbeds, guest are greated with a warreth and friendliness that characterious Downtown Camberland.

Only a few footsteps from Town Centre is the Western Maryland Railway Station, home to the Western Maryland Scenic railroad and its 1918 fell defan issemi locomotive. The fully restored station is an integral part of Canal Place, Maryland's first certified heritage area. Calebrating Camberland's canal horse go and finite certified heritage area. Calebrating Camberland's canal Place offers a wealth of activities for visitors and residents after. A National Park Service Visitor Camber in dudes terrific interpretive displays, information, and a gift thep.

Cumberland is the kind of town that demands a little bit slower pace in order to soak up all its charm. Stop in for a visit — whether you've riding, hiking or bilding.

Find out more: Great Alleghery Passage 606-ATA-BRE (806-362-2453) www.GoostAllegheryPassage.org

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### SCHEDULE OF LOCAL EVENTS

Five After Five Music 5 – 10 PM – Town Centre May 18 – September 28

Farmer's Markets - Town Centre Thursday & Saturday 9:30 - 2:00 June - October

Saturday Livel at Canal Place Music 7 – 9 PM May – August

Sunday at Town Centre Music 1 – 3 PM June – September

> Sunday In the Park Music 7 – 9 PM Constitution Park May – August

> > Heritage Days June 9 – 10

July 4th Fireworks & Music Washington St. Historic District & Constitution Park

> Canal fast/Rail fest July 6 – 7 Canal Place

July 21 & October 20 5-8 PM Town Centre & Canal Place

Thomas The Tank Sept 21 – 22, 28 – 29 Western Maryland Railway Station

> Oktoberfest October 6, 2-10 PM Town Centre

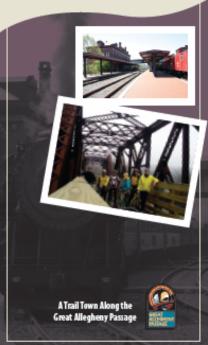
Halloween Festivities Town Centre & Canal Place 11 AM – 3 PM

> Artists Studio Tour Nov 3 - 4, 10 - 11 10 AM - 5 PM









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### Visitor Information

### Banking & ATMS

- 9. M&T Bank 10. Susquehanna B: 11. First People's Credit Union 12. Hobilitzell Bank

### Emergency & Public Services

- 13. City of Cumberland
- 14. City of Cumberland

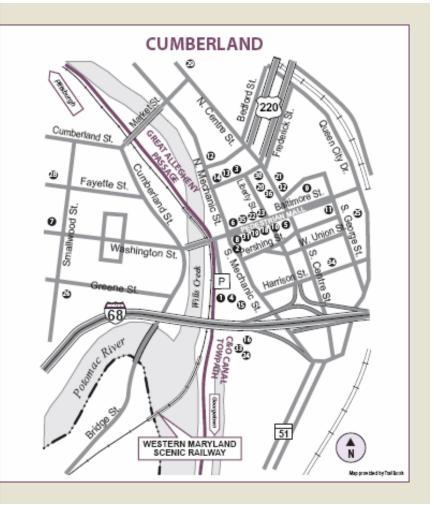
### Food & Drink

- 18. Manhattan Bar & Grill 19. City Lights 20. Curtis' Coney Island

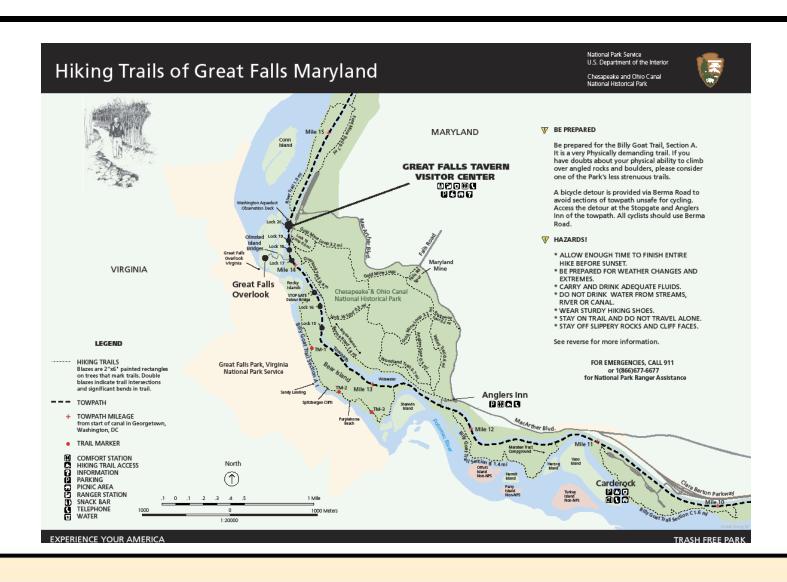
29. Cycles Œn Things 30. Potomac Sagway

- 31. Fort Cumberland

- Emporium 32. The Book Center 33. Along the Tow Path 35. Monkey Business 36. Off Centre



# **NPS Great Falls (Branding)**



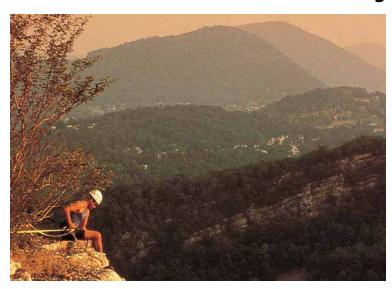
## **Beyond Promotion, Tourism includes:**

- Visitor Experience and Interpretive Product Development
  - Research
  - Workforce Development



### Words of Wisdom:

- Know your audience
- Remember your audience
- Deliver on the promotional promise
  - Talk to your visitors





### **Questions?**

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