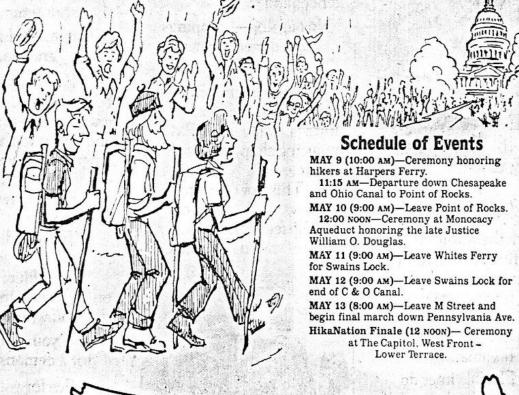
Don't miss the HikaNation finale! Join District in welcoming the Hikers!

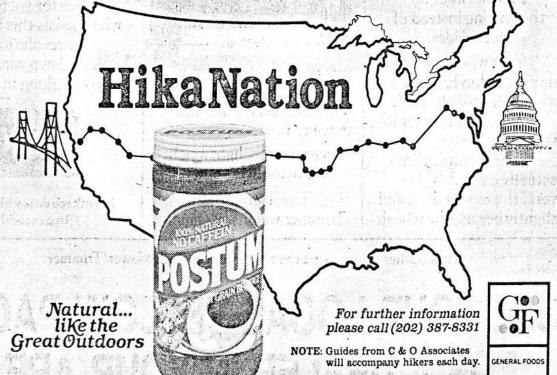
Postum' grain beverage is proud to have sponsored a group of hikers who left San Francisco in April 1980 to walk 4500 miles across America. They dramatized hiking as an ideal recreation for people of all ages.

Now, more than a year later they are nearing

their final destination-Washington, D.C.

Come out and welcome and/or join these hikers as they walk the last miles of their journey. You will also have an opportunity to enjoy Postum* grain beverage, a wholesome blend of natural bran, wheat, and molasses.





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CALENDAR OF POSTUM HIKANATION EVENTS

A noon ceremony May 13 on the west steps of the Capitol building will cap five days of hiking and special events on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal between Harpers Ferry, W. Va., and Washington.

The public is invited to attend the events and join the Postum HikaNation group for day hikes on the C&O Canal towpath.

The day hikes and events are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, May 9:

The hikers will be honored at a 10:30 a.m. ceremony at the Mather Training Center in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. The governors of West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland have been invited. Day hikers may join the group for a 12.7-mile walk from Harpers Ferry to Point of Rocks, with a lunch break at Brunswick.

Sunday, May 10: A noon ceremony at the Monocacy River Aqueduct will honor the late Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who played a key role in preserving the C&O Canal as a national hiking and biking trail. hikers will join the group for 12.7 miles between Point of Rocks and Whites Ferry.

Monday, May 11: The group will hike 19 miles from Whites Ferry to Swains Lock. There will be break points with road access at Edwards Ferry and Seneca for those wishing for a shorter hike.

Tuesday, May 12:

The hikers will walk 13.4 miles to Fletchers Boathouse in Washington, with a lunch break at Carderock.

CALENDAR OF POSTUM HIKANATION EVENTS--2/

Wednesday, HikaNation Arrival Day. The assembly for the final hike will begin at 10 a.m. at Fletchers Boathouse. The route will be along the towpath from the Boathouse to Georgetown and from there along Pennsylvania Avenue to the west front of the Capitol for a noon arrival ceremony and festivities.

The HikaNation core group will camp along the C&O Canal on the nights of May 9-11. The public is invited to join them on a day-hike basis for any part or all of the Harpers Ferry-to-Washington segment.

On May 9, persons wishing to walk from Harpers Ferry to Brunswick have access to and from the hike by Amtrak trains leaving Washington, Cumberland and points between. Amtrak has been asked to make special stops at Point of Rocks on May 9 and 10.

On May 10, a shuttle bus will operate to return hikers from Whites Ferry to Point of Rocks.

For more information, check the Postum HikaNation Arrival Hotline at 202-387-8331.

POSTUM HikaNation

C&O Canal Tow path Final Leg MAY 8 & 9 HARPERS FERRY Brunswick Point of Rocks MAY 9 POSTUM HikaNation NOLANDS FERRY overnight camp MONOCACY AQUEDUCT: Noon ceremony, May 10, Drinking honoring the late Justice William O. Douglas. Water Whites Ferry C&O Canal Tow Path EDWARDS FERRY 5 miles Poolesville Seneca POTOMAC RIVER MAY 11 SWAINS LOCK DAY HIKERS: Cannot stay at HikaNation overnight camp sites, except at Swains Lock. Great Falls

MAY 9: Leave trail at Point of Rocks

MAY 10: Leave trail at Whites Ferry

MAY 12

Arrive at end of C&O Canal. Final march down Pennsylvania Avenue to a noon ceremony at The Capitol on MAY 13

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AMTRAK SCHEDULE

FOR DAY HIKERS WISHING TO JOIN POSTUM HIKANATION

Amtrak will provide rail access from Washington, D.C. for day hikers wishing to join the Postum HikaNation hikers during their trek on Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10. The program and Amtrak schedules are as follows:

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Amtrak Schedule Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10

Leave Union Station	10:00 a.m.	Leave Brunswick	3:40 p.m.
Silver Spring	10:15 a.m.	Point of Rocks	3:50 p.m.
Rockville	10:28 a.m.	Gaithersburg	4:10 p.m.
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Point of Rocks	10:55 a.m.	Silver Spring	4:30 p.m.
Brunswick	11:05 a.m.	Union Station	4:45 p.m.
Harpers Ferry	11:15 a.m.		

Hiking Distances Between Points

Washington to Point of Rocks	12.7 miles
Harpers Ferry to Brunswick	6.8 miles
Brunswick to Point of Rocks	6.8 miles

For details on fares, connections, etc., day hikers are advised to call the Postum HikaNation Arrival Hotline: 202-387-8331.