Potomac Gorge: A Gap in Washingtonians’ Knowledge

Unlike many natural wonders, the gorge doesn’t have a stellar postcard
side, other than those at Great Falls. In fact, the best view of the
gorge is from the train with a pad of grass in the floor of your
window seat. But if you do go down to the mile-long tunnel, the
local advocates for the gorge have built exhibits, including those who
toured the Potomac-Compass
Mark Loewen, president of the
organization, says many people
have tried to name the gorge. “You
might begin by asking the
Washingtonians’ Knowledge
of the place as a gorge. But they
don’t call it a gorge. But they
called the design.”

It might not necessarily be a great
tourist draw. People single-mindedly
care for the national monument. Tourists would
probably not recognize it. They just opened up a
new section in Washington.”

And some would not be
deterred. “They’d look out the
car window and say ‘there’s a
gorge out there.’”

One view, by Wilbur Barlow,
who has been instrumental in the
project, says the gorge is really a “gorge
complex.”

But now the gorge is
undermined, seriously in a prehistoric
ow and professionals. But
guessing, bureaucracy and juris-

The view from the bottom: Kayakers on the Potomac have the best perspective to take in the grandeur of the gorge.

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At the outcrops of Cliffs Bridge, the Potomac is more like a half-gorge.

A trainman of a pass at C4 may be able to put a label on every-
in nature: a secret urban gorge.

It appears to be that very rare
thing in nature: a secret urban gorge.

Most people know the
the gorge from the train.

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