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Baltimore-Washington Parkway

Limited-access, dual lane highway between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland (approximately 20 miles, from the district line to Maryland State Route 175, maintained and patrolled by the National Park Service). Attractively landscaped banks and median strip; wooded areas; information kiosk for tourists.

Address: Catoctin Mountain Park-Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Thurmont, Md. 21788.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Monument

This example of early American transportation, begun in 1828 and operated until 1924, was acquired by the Federal Government in 1938 and has since been partially restored. Old locks and lockhouses, aqueduct, spillways, towpath; museum in Great Falls Tavern. Location: Restored area — Georgetown, D.C., to Seneca, Md.

Notes: Mule-drawn barge trips in summer, boating, hiking, fishing, picnic areas, ice skating, bicycling, guided trips.

Address: P.O. Box 158, Sharpsburg, Md. 21782.

Catoctin Mountain Park

Mountain retreat of nearly 6,000 acres overlooking surrounding countryside. Contains Civilian Conservation Center and two organized group camps with recreational facilities. Location: Thurmont, Maryland.

Notes: Camping, hiking, fishing, self-guiding nature trails.

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Fort Washington

This 342-acre park contains picnic areas, both family and group; hiking trails; playfields; and Fort Washington, a stone fortification built between 1815-1824 for the defense of the Nation's Capital. Location: 8 miles south of Washington, via Maryland State Route 210.

Notes: Small museum, guided tours of fort.

Address: National Capital Parks-East, 4900 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, Md. 20021.

Great Falls — Maryland and Virginia

See listing under Virginia.



White House

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Greenbelt Park

A natural woodland park of about 1,100 acres adjacent to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Capital Beltway interchange, 12 miles northeast of Washington. Location: Interstate 495, Bladensburg Rd. to Good Luck Rd.

Notes: Family campgrounds, picnic areas, hiking, self-guiding nature trails, modern restrooms.

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Oxon Hill Children's Farm

High on a hill overlooking the Potomac River and Washington, D.C., is the Oxon Hill Children's Farm. In the stables and surrounding pens and pastures are examples of nearly every kind of common farm animal, from chickens and ducks to pigs and cows. The hay barn, feed room, equipment shed, and work room are open; tools, farm machinery and equipment are displayed and demonstrated. Tour groups conducted by guides in farmer attire. Location: At junction of Maryland State Route 210 and Interstate 495 (Exit 37). **Address:** National Capital Parks-East, 4900 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, Md. 20021.



Catoctin Mountain Park

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Custis-Lee Mansion

Built by George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Washington, "Arlington House" became Robert E. Lee's home when he married Custis' daughter in 1831. Here Colonel Lee made his fateful decision to resign his army commission rather than bear arms against his native Virginia in 1861. Nineteenth century furnishings, museum, garden, grave of L'Enfant, view of Kennedy graves and city of Washington. Location: Arlington Cemetery.

Notes: Conducted tours.

Address: George Washington Memorial Parkway, Lynn Bldg., 1111 19th St. North, Arlington, Va. 22209.

George Washington Memorial Parkway

Scenic route along the Potomac River in Virginia from Mount Vernon to Interstate 495 northeast of Washington, and in Maryland from MacArthur Blvd. to Glen Echo. River views at parking overlooks; dogwood, redbud, and other native and cultivated trees and shrubs; Fort Marcy, Civil War earthworks; Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary; Fort Hunt recreational area; Navy-Marine Memorial.

Notes: Boating, free launching area, picnic area.

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Great Falls — Maryland and Virginia

Spectacular views of the Potomac River gorge and the falls on both sides of the river. In Virginia — remnants of old Patowmack Canal (1785) and the Matildaville ruins; picnic areas, carousel. In Maryland — old Great Falls Tavern (historical and natural history exhibits; film showings); C&O Canal locks; scenic walk to the Falls, conducted walks during summer months; fishing.

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Netherlands Carillon

Given to the people of the United States by the people of the Netherlands in appreciation of help given during World War II. The Tower holds 49 bells weighing from 40 to 12,000 pounds. Concerts are performed by carillonners on Sundays spring to fall, and on holidays. Location: Near the Marine Corps War Memorial at Arlington Ridge Road and Arlington Boulevard.

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Prince William Forest Park

Forested parkland of 17,000 acres featuring trailer and tent camping facilities, picnic areas, camps for organization use with lakes, cabins, recreation halls, and nature and foot trails. Location: Triangle, Va.

Notes: Camping, hiking, fishing, campfire programs and conducted walks in the summer.

Address: Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, Va. 22172.

Theodore Roosevelt Island

An 88-acre wilderness preserve located in the Potomac River at Washington, D.C., and dedicated by Congress in 1932 to memorialize the conservation contributions of President Theodore Roosevelt. The island is managed as a natural area but has in the north central section an impressive, formal memorial to the President. Location: Potomac River between Key Bridge and Arlington Memorial Bridge (Roosevelt Bridge crosses over the island).

Notes: Forest and swamp trails.

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U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial

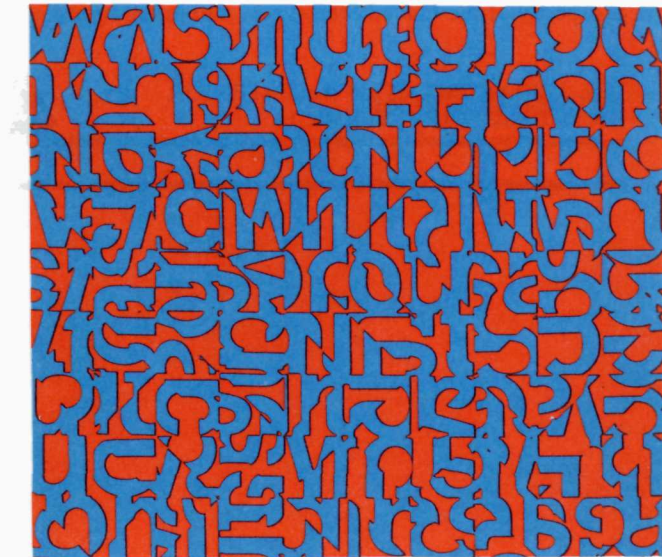
Popularly known as the "Iwo Jima Memorial" and honoring all Marines who have died for their country, this bronze sculpture group depicts the raising of the flag at Mt. Suribachi during World War II. The American flag flies 24 hours a day from this memorial; weekly sunset reviews by Marines during the summer. Location: Arlington Ridge Road and Arlington Boulevard.

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Lincoln Memorial

national parks of washington, d.c.



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Anacostia Park

Site of D.C. Stadium, home of the Washington Senators; 1,375 acres of parkland. Location: Bordering the Anacostia River in the Southeast section of the city.

Notes: Swimming, fishing, boat launching ramp, softball, golf.

Address: National Capital Parks–East, 4900 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, Md. 20021.

Battleground National Cemetery

This small national cemetery contains the graves of 41 Union soldiers who fell at the Battle of Fort Stevens, July 11-12, 1864. Location: Georgia Ave. at Whittier Place and Van Buren St. NW.

Address: National Capital Parks–North, c/o Rock Creek Nature Center, Military and Glover Rds. NW., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Monument

See listing under Maryland.

East Potomac Park

This scenic and recreational parkland of 327 acres lying between the Washington and Georgetown channels terminates at the confluence of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. Here are regulation and miniature golf courses, swimming pool, tennis courts, picnic areas, and softball and baseball fields; and in the waters bordering East Potomac Park is annually held the famous President's Cup Regatta. Location: Ohio Drive, southeast of the Tidal Basin.

Address: National Capital Parks–Central, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C. 20242.

Ford's Theatre

Restored theatre — scene of assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Museum in the basement houses valuable Lincoln exhibits including suit of clothes worn by the President the evening of the fatal event. Tours of the building conducted daily. Plays presented on seasonal basis. Location: 511 - 10th St. NW.

Address: National Capital Parks–Central, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C. 20242.



Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Monument

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Fort Dupont

Fort Dupont, selected in 1861 as part of the defenses of Washington, is located in a 393-acre park of the same name. Planned for partial restoration, the fort can be reached by way of the Alabama Avenue SE., entrance to the park. Location: Alabama Avenue SE.

Notes: Picnic areas, golf.

Address: National Capital Parks–East, 4900 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, Md. 20021.

Fort Stevens

Partially restored Civil War fort where, in July 1864, Union troops repelled a Confederate attack and saved the city. Here President Lincoln stood on the parapet under enemy fire watching the battle. Parapet, dry moat, powder magazine, guns and gun platforms. Location: 13th St. between Piney Branch Rd. and Rittenhouse St. NW.

Address: National Capital Parks–North, c/o Rock Creek Nature Center, Military and Glover Rds., NW., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Frederick Douglass Home

The last residence of Frederick Douglass, the great 19th century exponent of equal rights, is closed to visitors pending restoration. The grounds surrounding the house, however, are open to the public. Location: 14th and W Sts. SE.

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Iwo Jima Memorial

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House Where Lincoln Died

President Lincoln was carried to this house when felled by an assassin's bullet in Ford's Theatre. Here he died on the morning of April 15, 1865. The small townhouse is furnished as in Lincoln's time; room where he died and small sitting room are open to the public.

Address: National Capital Parks–Central, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C. 20242.

Jefferson Memorial

Impressive circular-colonnaded and domed marble structure containing a heroic bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson and inspirational inscriptions from his writings. Talks given by National Park Service guides April through October. Location: South bank of Tidal Basin.

Address: National Capital Parks–Central, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C. 20242.

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

Eleven acres of pools contain waterlilies, lotuses, and other pond and marginal plants; aquatic wildlife. Location: Anacostia Ave. and Ponds St. NE., on the banks of the Anacostia River.

Notes: Bird walks, guided nature walks, late May to Labor Day.

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Lincoln Memorial

A seated figure of the great man this memorial honors presides over its marbled hall. Colonnade of 36 marble columns; inside are inscriptions of Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses and descriptive murals. Reflecting and Rainbow Pools complete memorial setting and provide facilities for fly-casting, ice skating and model sailboats. Location: Foot of 23rd St. NW., at Arlington Memorial Bridge.

Address: National Capital Parks–Central, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C. 20242.

The Mall

Pierre L'Enfant's original plans for the Federal City included a "grand avenue" of majestic beauty on the central axis of the city between the U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument. Redevelopment of the Mall to conform more nearly to the original plan is underway. This mile-long panel of lawn and trees provides vistas linking the government buildings, national memorials, museums, and galleries symbolizing our American heritage.

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Old Stone House

One of the oldest structures in Washington. Restored home of pre-Revolutionary period with 18th century furnishings; colonial garden. Location: Georgetown — 3051 M St. NW.

Notes: Continuous tours through house; occasional craft demonstrations.

Address: National Capital Parks–North, c/o Rock Creek Nature Center, Military and Glover Rds., NW., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Rock Creek Park

A 1,754-acre natural woodland area following winding Rock Creek through northwest Washington. Historic Pierce Mill, Joaquin Miller Cabin, nature center, Carter Barron Amphitheater — outdoor setting for music and dance programs and variety shows with great artists.

Notes: Hiking, tennis, football, baseball, softball, golf, archery, horseback riding, soccer, volleyball, jogging and bicycle trails.

Address: National Capital Parks–North, c/o Rock Creek Nature Center, Military and Glover Rds., NW., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway

Scenic valley parkway follows Rock Creek from Arlington Memorial Bridge to Calvert Street, Northwest. Native trees, including flowering dogwood and redbud, line the parkway.

Notes: Fishing, boat center, bridle trails, picnic areas.

Address: National Capital Parks–North, c/o Rock Creek Nature Center, Military and Glover Rds., NW., Washington, D.C. 20015.



Washington Monument

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Washington Monument

Marble obelisk rising 555 feet above the Washington scene to honor the ideals and achievements of our first President. Observation windows give excellent views of city and surrounding countryside; ascent by elevator or 898 steps; 190 memorial stones inside walls. Location: Between 15th and 16th Sts., NW., south of Constitution Avenue.

Notes: Summer Shakespeare theater, concerts, and other events held on Monument grounds.

Address: National Capital Parks–Central, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C. 20242.

West Potomac Park

A lovely park with gardenlike plantings of camellias, azaleas, evergreens, and shade trees. This is the setting for the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, District of Columbia World War Memorial, Ericsson Memorial, Tidal Basin, and Japanese Cherry Trees.

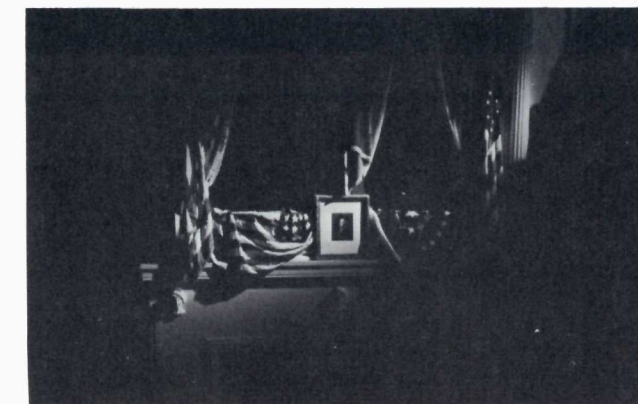
Notes: Boating, fishing, softball, cricket, soccer, football; free summer concerts at Watergate Theater.

Address: National Capital Parks–North, c/o Rock Creek Nature Center, Military and Glover Rds. NW., Washington, D.C. 20015.

White House

Of the world's great residences of state, none surpasses the charm and dignity of the White House with its simple, classical lines. Within the 18 acres comprising the Executive Mansion grounds are included the West Garden, where special groups and important guests are received, and the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden. Public rooms beautifully decorated with period furnishings are open to tour groups. Location: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Address: National Capital Parks–Central, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C. 20242.



Ford's Theatre (Lincoln Museum)

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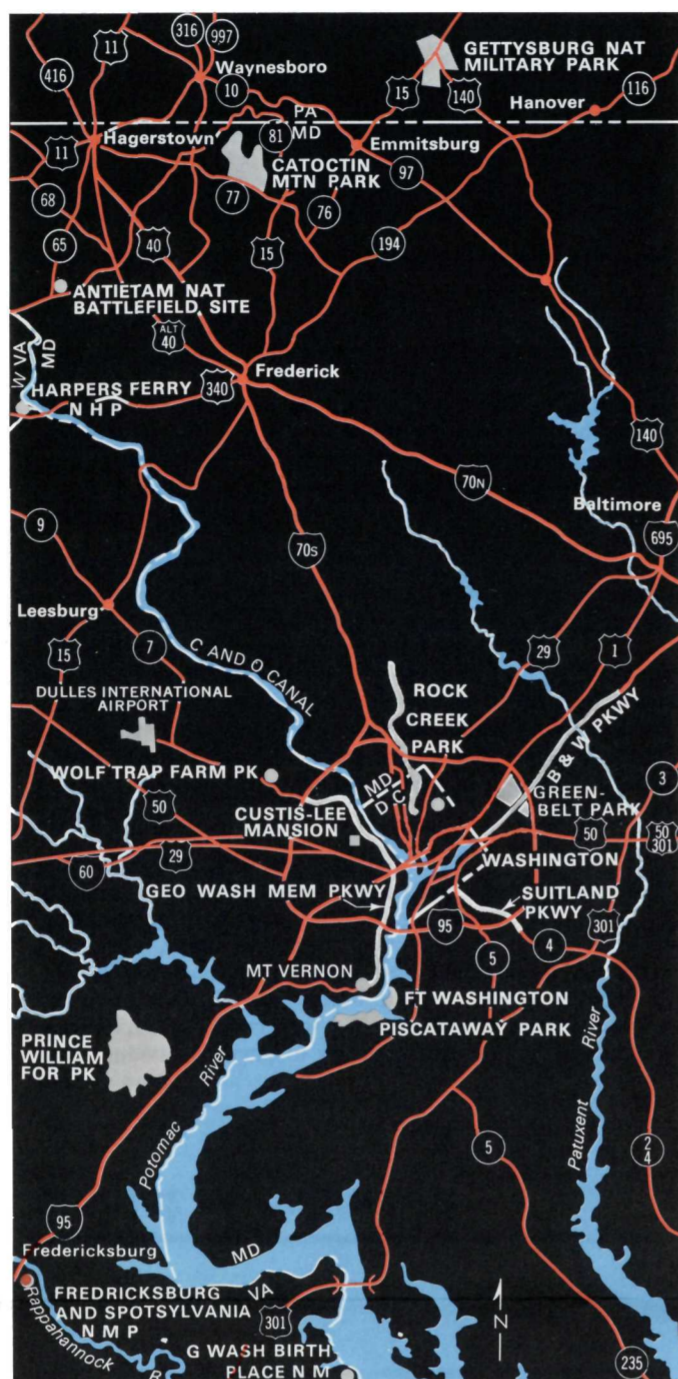
The District of Columbia was not the first Capital of the United States, nor was it the only choice for a permanent seat of government. Citizens of the young nation in 1790 were not altogether pleased when the Congress selected the banks of the Potomac, "a howling, malarious, wilderness," as some put it, Captain John Smith had sailed up the Chesapeake Bay and into the Potomac River nearly 200 years before and had written that the shores were lined with "ferocious savages." But Mrs. John Adams, wife of the second President, saw it as a "beautiful spot, capable of any improvement," as did others including George Washington, the first President, who had recommended the site to Congress.

The land around the community of Georgetown and the thriving riverport of Alexandria had many things in its favor, not the least of which were the very qualities that filled the visions of a young French-born engineer serving under George Washington in the Revolution. Pierre Charles L'Enfant saw a city of broad avenues and sweeping circles, a plan of grand scale that anticipated the needs of this metropolis by 150 years. In the summer of 1791, at the request of General Washington, he showed government officials a plan of his proposals, including the sites of the Capitol building and the "presidential palace," linked by a broad green mall. L'Enfant's plans were accepted and the city began to grow. Today the city is still growing and, despite frequent deviations from the original design, L'Enfant's geometrical patterns and his flavor of graceful landscaping still prevail.

The District of Columbia has long since become a city of monuments and parks — monuments and parks dedicated, in part, to the very men with whom L'Enfant was associated in the early days. Two of the more prominent are the memorials to Washington and Jefferson. Presidents, statesmen, humanitarians, and soldiers, from our own country as well as others, are honored in Washington—some by large statues in small triangles or circles, some by small parks abounding in beautiful flowers and shrubs, and others by impressive structures of granite and marble. Within the boundaries of the District of Columbia there are 724 park reservations, comprising 7,726 acres, covering nearly everything that's green in the city, from the Mall to the Civil War fortifications that once protected the Capital. And now, in a period of vast urban development and social consciousness far beyond the dreams of the founding fathers, the parks of the Nation's Capital are providing activities and facilities to fill the needs of an ever-growing population — concerts, nature walks, swimming pools, picnic areas, tennis courts, golf courses, jogging and bicycle trails, and countless scheduled events for young people, especially in summer.

The parks of Washington, so much a part of the city's charm, vary in size and nature. For example, the flowerbeds surrounding Thomas Circle on 14th Street are tenderly cared for by expert gardeners, while at Oxon Hill Children's Farm National Park Service guides in farm dress tend the sheep and cows while providing interpretive services for the young. Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is 11 acres of water flowers and plants; Anacostia Park, where the Washington Senators play baseball at famous D.C. Stadium, comprises 1,375 acres; and Ford's Theatre offers an even more diversified form of interpretation—the story of Lincoln's assassination as well as contemporary 18th century drama.

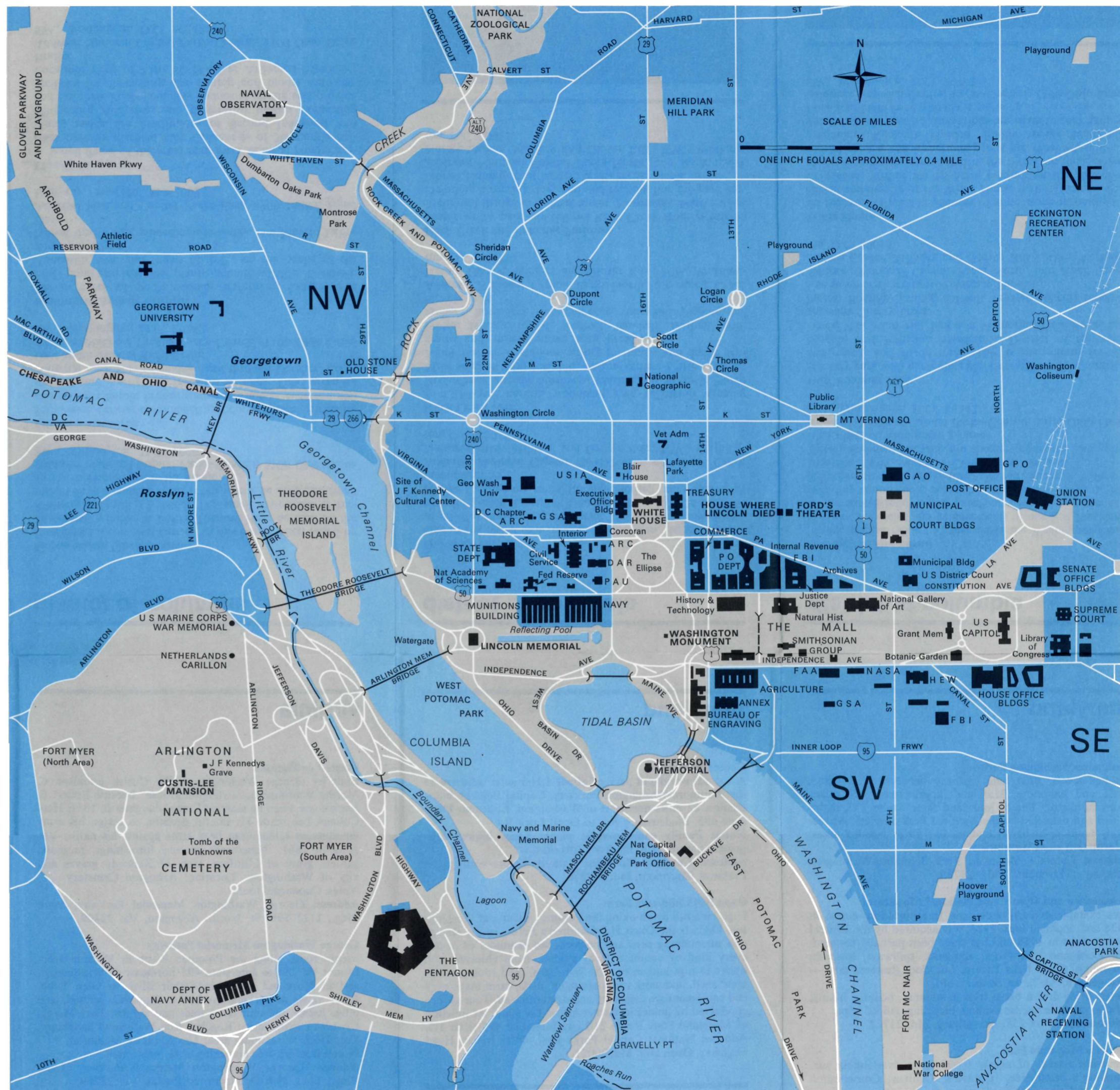
Washington, D.C. is a beautiful city and it is a historic city. The National Park Service is the custodian of its landscape and its heritage.



Kiosks, or information booths, are situated throughout the heart of Washington to acquaint visitors with the city's many historical, cultural, and recreational attractions, and to give directions. Seven kiosks at the following locations are staffed with National Park Service personnel during the summer: Jefferson Memorial; Lincoln Memorial; the Ellipse, south of the White House; Lafayette Park, across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House; the Mall, near the Smithsonian Institution; Grant Memorial statue, near the United States Capitol; and on the Washington Monument grounds, adjacent to the parking lot. Another kiosk, located on 15th St. near the Washington Monument, is open year-round. Two additional information booths are located outside of the city for the convenience of visitors approaching Washington: in Maryland on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway South near Greenbelt Park; and in Virginia on Int. 95 between Dumfries and Woodbridge.

other things to see and do in washington

Arlington National Cemetery. Across the Arlington Memorial Bridge in Virginia.
 Botanic Gardens. 1st St. and Maryland Ave. SW.
 Bureau of Engraving and Printing. 14th and C Sts. SW.
 Corcoran Gallery of Art. 17th St. and New York Ave.
 Daughters of the American Revolution Museum. 17th and D Sts. NW.
 Decatur House. Jackson Place at Lafayette Square.
 Department of the Interior Museum. 19th and C Sts. NW.
 Dumbarton Oaks Collections and Gardens. 1703 32d St. NW.
 Federal Bureau of Investigation. 9th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. NW.



Folger Shakespeare Library. 201 East Capitol St.
 Freer Gallery of Art. 12th St. and Independence Ave. SW.
 Grant Memorial. 1st St. at Capitol end of Mall.
 Library of Congress. 1st and B Sts. SE.
 Medical Museum of Armed Forces Pathological Institute. 701 Independence Ave. SW.
 Mount Vernon. In Virginia, 16 miles from Washington, D.C., via George Washington Memorial Parkway.
 National Arboretum. 28th and M Sts. NE.
 National Archives. Pennsylvania Ave. at 7th St. NW.
 National Collection of Fine Arts. 8th and G Sts. NW.
 National Fish and Wildlife Aquarium. U.S. Department

of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave. NW.
 National Gallery of Art. Constitution Ave. at 6th St. NW.
 National Geographic Society Museum. 17th and M Sts. NW.
 National Zoological Park. 3000 block of Connecticut Ave.
 Naval Observatory. Massachusetts Ave. at 34th St. NW.
 Pan American Union. 17th and C Sts. NW.
 Phillips Collection of Modern Art and its Sources. 1612 21st St. NW.
 Pierce Mill. Beach Dr. and Tilden St., Rock Creek Park.
 Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. 4th St. and Michigan Ave. NE.

Smithsonian Institution Group. Jefferson Dr. between 9th and 15th Sts. SW.
 U.S. Capitol. Capitol Hill.
 U.S. Supreme Court. 1st St. and Maryland Ave. NE.
 Washington Cathedral. Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues NW.
 Woodlawn Plantation. 14 miles south of Washington on U.S. 1.
 Woodrow Wilson House. 2340 S St. NW.

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