



**Welcome to
Washington D.C.!**

*Thanks for visiting!
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ADRIAN'S PICKS

Below are sights Congressman Adrian Smith personally recommends for visitors to our nation's capitol. More information about these and other destinations can be found in the pages of this booklet.

The United States Capitol Building

Home of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

The Nebraska Breakfast

Started in 1943, the oldest and only ongoing state gathering for constituents on Capitol Hill.

Mount Vernon

President George Washington's 18th Century home on the banks of the Potomac River.

United States Supreme Court

The highest court in the land, includes exhibits, video presentations, and public lectures.

Library of Congress

The largest library in the world. Hosting tours, exhibits and concerts.

National Archives

Home of the original Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Washington National Cathedral

"The National House of Prayer," featuring awe-inspiring architecture.

Botanical Garden

Near the U.S. Capitol, this glass building is the oldest botanical garden in America.

Old Post Office Museum

A historic landmark. Be sure to visit the observation tower for a wonderful view of the city.

Dear Friend:

Welcome to our nation's capital city!

Enclosed you will find information on numerous sights, as well as maps to help you have an enjoyable stay in Washington, D.C. Many of these activities are free of charge. I hope you will find this information useful as you plan your trip.

In these pages, I have marked several destinations I personally recommend. Also, if you're in town while the House and Senate are in session, I hope you will have time to join me for a unique tradition, the Nebraska Breakfast. See the "Capitol Hill" page for more details.

I welcome you to stop by my office and take a look around. My staff and I will be happy to show you the Capitol building and grounds as well as answer any questions you may have about Washington, D.C.

I look forward to your visit!



Adrian Smith

P.S. Please let me know about your trip by calling or emailing me your stories!



CAPITOL HILL

The United States Capitol Building *-★ My pick!*

East end of the Mall. The world's most famous building representing democracy sits overlooking the Mall. Come see where our Founding Fathers debated the issues that built our country and where our current leaders continue to shape the powerful nation that it has become today. Open to the public 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday. Tickets required, admission is free. Call (202) 225-6827.

Metro: ● ● Capitol South

The Nebraska Breakfast *-★ My pick!*

Started in 1943, the Nebraska Breakfast is the oldest and only ongoing state gathering for constituents on Capitol Hill. Every Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. when the House and Senate are both in session, Nebraskans can visit with their Congressmen and Senators over breakfast. Make reservations and confirm the location of the breakfast at least a day in advance by calling the Washington office at (202) 225-6435. Cost: \$6.84 per person.

Metro: ● ● Capitol South

United States Supreme Court *-★ My pick!*

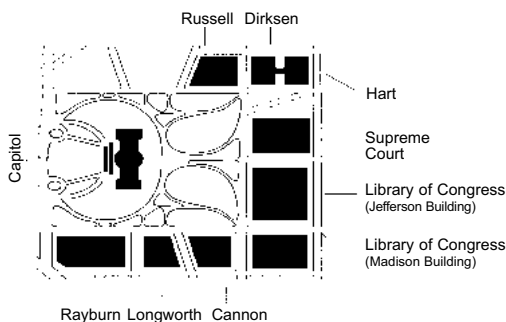
First Street and East Capitol, NE. Open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Visitor's center includes exhibits, video presentation, a gift shop and snack bar. Public lectures are available every hour on the half hour from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. These lectures are available when the Court is not in session. No reservations required, admission is free.

Metro: ● ● Capitol South

Library of Congress *-★ My pick!*

Independence Avenue and First Street, SE. The Jefferson Building was built in 1897 and is the oldest building of the Library of Congress. Free tours at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 Monday - Friday.

Metro: ● ● Capitol South



NATIONAL MALL

Washington Monument

15th Street, NW. Dedicated to the first President of the United States, this monument is the tallest masonry structure in the world. Obtain tickets to the Washington Monument by reserving them online via www.recreation.gov or by phone at (877) 444-6777. Tickets are \$1.50 and there is a \$2.00 service charge for each set of tickets you reserve. Free tickets are handed out on a first come first serve basis at 15th and Madison Avenue NW. Tours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Metro: ● ● Smithsonian

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, NW. Constructed of black granite to honor and recognize the American men and woman who served in the Vietnam War. Open year round from 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Metro: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

Lincoln Memorial

West end of the Mall at 23rd Street. The 19-foot tall statue of Lincoln is surrounded by depictions of his life and the text of the Gettysburg Address. Open year round from 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Metro: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

Korean War Memorial

Adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial. A life-size replica of soldiers dedicated in remembrance to those who served in the Korean War. Open year round from 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Metro: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

WEST POTOMAC PARK

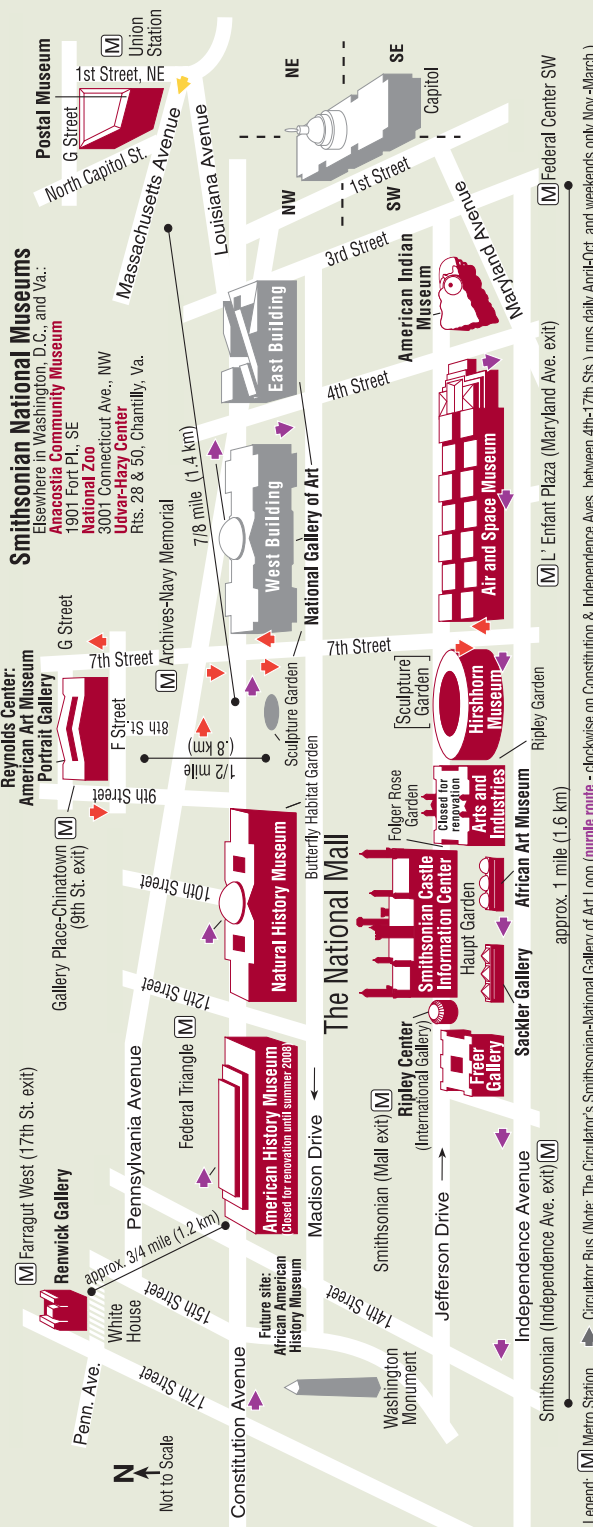
FDR Memorial

West Potomac Park, between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River, at West Basin and Ohio drives. Walk through the outdoor galleries for each of FDR's four terms in office. Dedicated to the thirty-second President of the United States. Open year round from 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Jefferson Memorial

South Bank of the Tidal Basin, West Potomac Park. The sculpted bronze statue of Jefferson stands in the center of the colonnaded structure, which was dedicated on the 200th anniversary of President Jefferson's birth. Open daily, 8 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION MUSEUMS



Map is courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
1050 Independence Avenue, NW.

Arts and Industry Building
900 Jefferson Drive, SW.

Freer Gallery of Art
Jefferson Drive at 12th Street, SW.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Independence Avenue and 7th Street, SW.

National Air and Space Museum
Independence Avenue and 6th Street, SW.

National Museum of American Art
8th Street and G Street, NW.

National Museum of American History
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW.

National Museum of Natural History
10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

National Museum of African Art
950 Independence Avenue, SW.

National Portrait Gallery
8th and F Streets, NW.

Renwick Gallery
Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, NW.

Metro: ● ● Smithsonian

Admission is free. All museums open daily, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Extended hours for spring and summer for some museums.

Please visit www.si.edu for more information.

MUSEUMS

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW. One of the most emotionally powerful museums in the city. Ticket prices for the Holocaust Museum are \$1.50 per person. The museum is open Monday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call (202) 488-0400.

Metro: ● ● Smithsonian

Corcoran Gallery of Art

17th Street and New York Avenue, NW. The Corcoran Gallery is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed Tuesday, and on Thursday the Gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission for adults is \$5.00, and seniors are \$3.00. On weekends the price is \$7.00 for both adults and seniors. Washington's oldest and largest gallery showing American art collections and European works. Call (202) 639-1700.

Metro: ● ● Farragut West

National Museum of Woman in the Arts

1250 New York Avenue, NW. Spotlights artistic endeavors and contributions by woman. Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors. Call (202) 783-5000.

Metro: ● ● Metro Center

National Portrait Gallery

Eighth and F Streets, NW. The National Portrait Gallery is dedicated to great American portraits and the artists who created them. Open daily from 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. Call (202) 633-8300.

Metro: ● ● Gallery Place-Chinatown

Old Post Office Museum

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Come and learn about a historic landmark. Be sure to visit the observation tower for a wonderful view of the city. The Old Post Office is open Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call (202) 289-4224.

Metro: ● ● Federal Triangle

FAMOUS HOMES

White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Only School Tours Available.

Mount Vernon ** My pick!*

George Washington Parkway, Mount Vernon, VA. 16 miles from Downtown Washington. President Washington's 18th Century home. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. everyday. During the summer months (April to August) open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. During the winter months (November to February) Mount Vernon is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For adults the charge is \$11.00, for seniors age 62 and up the price is \$10.50, kids 6 to 11 are \$5.00. Children under the age of 5 are admitted free. Call (703) 780-2000.

Arlington House/Robert E. Lee Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery. 200 acres from the Lee family property was taken during the Civil War for a cemetery to accommodate gravesites for war casualties. See the changing of the guard at The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier. Arlington House and the Robert E. Lee Museum are open all year from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Arlington House grounds are open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. between April 1 and September 30, and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. between October 1 and March 31. There is a tour every ten minutes for 25 people. Free admission. Metro: ● ● Arlington Cemetery

Peterson House

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. "The House Where Lincoln Died." Where President Lincoln was taken after being fatally shot at Ford's Theatre. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Metro: ● ● Metro Center

Octagon House

18th Street, E Street and New York Avenue, NW. Featuring architectural exhibits. James Madison's White House following the destruction of the real White House by the British in 1814. The Octagon House is open every Tuesday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The charge is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids and seniors. Call (202) 638-3105. Metro: ● ● Farragut West ● Farragut North

Cedar Hill

1411 W Street, SE. Home of nationally acclaimed orator and champion of the oppressed, Frederick Douglass. He was a defender of the poor and advocate for women's rights, world peace and the abolition of slavery. Cedar Hill is open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$5.00 per person. Groups of five or more need to make reservations at (800) 967-2283. Take I-295 south to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, turn left on W street, 3 blocks. Call (202) 426-5961.

HISTORIC AREAS

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown is over 300 years old, making it the oldest neighborhood in Washington. Once a busy tobacco port, it is where George Washington planned our nation's capitol. Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," lived and practiced law here. As a Senator, John F. Kennedy lived here as well. The closest metro stop is Foggy Bottom, a 5 - 10 block walk.

C&O Canal

This canal, which stretches from Georgetown to Cumberland, Maryland, was built to link the resources from rural areas to the cities of the East. Coal, grain and lumber were transported into Georgetown by mule-drawn barges until 1924.

Georgetown University

Founded in 1789 by John Carroll and the Society of Jesuits, a worldwide order of Catholic priests. George Washington visited the oldest surviving building on the campus, Old North. Built in 1795, the building housed his grandnephews, Augustine and Bushrod. Today Georgetown University is the oldest Catholic university in the United States, ranking among the most distinguished educational institutions in the nation.

Embassy Row

Massachusetts Avenue between Dupont Circle and Observatory Circle, north of Georgetown. Mansions of wealthy Washington socialites before the 1930s, these edifices now house many foreign embassies and chanceries.

OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

Scottish tobacco merchants founded Alexandria in 1749. Old Town originally was a part of DC until 1846 when the town became a part of Virginia. In the 1980's Old Town re-cobble stoned the streets, rebricked the sidewalks, installed gardens and patios and restored over 1,000 historic facades. Old Town is a wonderful place to shop, dine and enjoy Virginia's famous hospitality. From the King Street Metro Stop walk East on King Street.

Christ Church

118 N. Washington Street, at Cameron Street. This redbrick Colonial building with a domed steeple and quiet, shady cemetery was the place of worship for George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. - noon, and 2 p.m. - 4:40 p.m. Guided tours are free.

Carlyle House

121 North Fairfax Street. The home of Scottish merchant John Carlyle showcases Alexandria's rich history. The house is patterned after 18th century Scottish and northern English homes. Open Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday noon - 4:30 p.m. Tours given on the ½ hour. Admission \$3, seniors and students \$1, under 10 free.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Botanical Garden **My pick!*

First Street and Maryland Avenue, SW. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Near the U.S. Capitol, this glass building is the oldest botanical garden in America. Features both native and exotic flora. Call (202) 225-7099. Admission is free.
Metro: ● ● Federal Center SW

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

14th and C Streets, SW. Tours include a demonstration of how U.S. currency is printed. Tickets are required, but free! The BEP is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. During the summer months the Bureau is open 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Begin picking up tickets at 8:00 a.m. Call (202) 874-2330.
Metro: ● ● Smithsonian

Ford's Theater

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. Where President Lincoln was shot in 1865. The Ford's Theater is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Metro: ● ● ● Metro Center

National Archives **My pick!*

8th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. Home of the original Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Open daily, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call (866) 272-6272 for more information.
Metro: ● ● Archives-Navy Memorial

National Zoo

3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Home of a pair of Chinese Giant Pandas and their cub, as well as more than 3,000 other animals. Call for exhibit and building openings and hours: (202) 633-4800.
Metro: ● Woodley Park - Zoo

Union Station

Intersection of 1st and Massachusetts, NE. Renovated train station including 130 stores, eateries, movie theatres and the national headquarters for Amtrak. This historic building originally opened in 1907 and was renovated in 1988. Stores open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday 12 - 6 p.m. Restaurant hours vary.
Metro: ● Union Station

Washington National Cathedral **My pick!*

Intersection of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW. Every U.S. President since Theodore Roosevelt has visited the Washington National Cathedral. Open 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday, and between services until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Gardens are open everyday until dusk. Guided tours are available except during services. Call (202) 537-6200 for service times open to the public.

HELPFUL HINTS



Call the Washington office well in advance for help in planning your trip to Washington, D.C. Passes to the Capitol Gallery are limited and given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some attractions are booked months in advance.



Try to be realistic about what you can see and do on a short trip. Purchase a good guidebook and Washington, D.C. street map. Read ahead of time about places you plan on visiting.



Due to the events of 9/11 some buildings and attractions in Washington are no longer giving tours or have scaled back tour schedules. It is always a good idea to call ahead to each place you plan on visiting.



While walking around D.C., pack a small bag with snacks, water, juice, hand wipes, notebook, pen, camera, extra film, raincoats and umbrellas that easily fold up.



During the summer months plan on numerous water breaks, as D.C. can get very hot and humid.



Carry plenty of loose change and small monetary bills for Metro fares, snacks, drinks and taxi rides.



Cabs are fast and reliable. Make sure to agree to a fare before you start your ride as D.C. cabs work on a zone system and not a fare system.



Take advantage of the many free concerts, lectures, and activities in D.C. A wonderful place for updated information is through the *Washington Post's* website at www.washingtonpost.com.



As in any city in America, be aware of your surroundings and safety. Travel only in well-lit areas after dark. Carry your purse close to your body and your wallet in a front pocket. If possible, carry a fanny-pack or backpack instead.



The District has limited parking and you will have to pay a great deal of money to park your car in a garage or lot. There is some street parking, but you can only park for up to 2 hours. It is much easier to use D.C.'s cheap, clean and safe public transportation system than to drive, especially when traveling downtown.

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- ## Legend
- Red Line • Glenmont to Shady Grove
 - Orange Line • New Carrollton to Vienna/Fairfax-GMU
 - Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield to Largo Town Center
 - Green Line • Branch Avenue to Greenbelt
 - Yellow Line • Huntington to Fort Totten



Yellow Line service operates between Mt Vernon Sq/7th St-Convention Center and Fort Totten stations except Weekdays 5:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Every other outbound Red Line train terminates at Grosvenor-Strathmore station Weekdays 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.



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- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio (without earphones)
- No Litter or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items