

Visitor's Guide: Capitol Building



The Capitol Building is one of the most recognizable symbols of representative democracy.

To see this building, we are happy to book one of two types of tours: a staff-led tour a guide-led tour. The following information is for a **staff-led tour** of the Capitol building.

To book a tour of the Capitol please call (202) 224-2651 and ask to speak with our Tour Coordinator.



Senator John Walsh Office Location: 511 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510
Senator John Walsh Office Phone Number: (202) 224-2651

Arrival: Please see the map below, it has both the Dirksen and Hart Senate Office Building locations. **See map below.** Please plan to arrive approximately 15 minutes early; everyone entering the Dirksen Senate Office Building must go through security.



Nearest Metro:

Capitol South—Orange/Blue Line, located at 1st Street SE between C and D Streets SE.

Union Station—Red Line, located at 1st Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE. This stop is closest to Dirksen and Hart Senate Office Buildings.



Duration: Between 1 to 3 hours, depending on lines in the CVC and whether or not you choose to visit the Senate and/or House galleries.



Please refrain from using your cell phone at the Capitol Visitor's Center. You will go through a security check. Prohibited items will be confiscated. Please limit what you carry on tours, as this will speed up the security check process.

Prohibited Items:

- Knives of any size (including pocketknives)
- Perfumes
- Aerosol containers

- **Pointed objects** (knitting needles, letter openers, nail files, etc.)
- **Any bag larger than 18" wide x 14" high x 8.5" deep**
- **Cans and bottles** (full **or** empty)
- **Electric stun guns, martial arts weapons or devices**
- **Food or beverages of any kind**
- **Guns, replica guns, ammunition, and fireworks**
- **Mace and pepper spray**
- **Non-aerosol spray**
- **Razors and box cutters**

Accepted Items:

- **Cameras** (must be checked before entering the House and Senate galleries)
- **Cell phones** (must be checked before entering the House and Senate galleries)
- **Purses**
- **Keys**
- **Wallets**
- **Jackets**
- **Backpacks**
- **Extra shoes**



Dining Options: The Capitol Visitor Center Restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Other dining options include (hours subject to change during recess):

- **Dirksen North Servery**
NW corner of the basement of the Dirksen Building
7:30am-3:00pm, Monday to Friday
(202) 224-2263
- **Dirksen South Buffet**
South side of the basement of the Dirksen Building
11:30am-2:30pm, Monday to Friday
(202) 224-4249
- **Dirksen South Convenience**
South side of the basement of the Dirksen Building
8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday to Friday
(202) 228-2810
- **Hart Senate Chef**
In the Dirksen/Hart Ground Floor Connecting Corridor
8:00am-6:30pm, Monday to Friday
(202) 224-4587

- **Russell Carry-Out**
NW corner of the basement of Russell Building
7:30am-5:00pm, Monday to Friday
(202) 224-8083



Gift Shop: The Senate Gift Shop is located in the basement corridor connecting the Dirksen and Russell Office Buildings and is open 9:00am-4:30pm. The CVC gift shops are located on the upper level of the CVC near the tunnel to the Library of Congress. They are open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Accessibility: The entire tour is handicap accessible with accessible walkways connecting the Russell Senate Office Building to the Capitol in addition to the underground train. The House and Senate galleries are accessible to mobility-impaired persons with advance notice.

U.S. Capitol Map

