



## National Cherry Blossom Festival 2014



### Tidal Basin Welcome Area Hours

March 29, 2014 through April 13, 2014

Information Tents 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Stage Performances 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Souvenir/Bookstore Tents 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Junior Ranger Activity Zone Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Food Tents 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Find more programs and event information on the reverse!

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- Cherry Tree Varieties*  
(see reverse for more information)
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- Parking
- Accessible Event Parking
- Bicycle Parking
- Metro Rail
- Shuttle Stop
- Shuttle Route
- Picnic Area
- Capital Bikeshare Stations



**In Case of Emergency:  
Call U.S. Park Police  
(202) 610-7500**

Lost and Found:  
(202) 426-6711



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Hains Point

# Events

hosted by  
our partners:



**March 22, 2014**

**Opening Ceremony**  
The Warner Theatre – 513 13th Street NW  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Free tickets required.

**March 22-23, 2014**

**Family Days**  
presented with National Building Museum  
401 F Street, NW  
3/22 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
3/23 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**March 29, 2014**

**Blossom Kite Festival**  
Washington Monument  
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**April 5, 2014**

**Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival**  
600-900 Water St., SW  
1:00-9:00 p.m. Fireworks start at 8:30 p.m.

**April 12, 2014**

**National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®**  
Constitution Ave. between 7th and 17th  
Streets.  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**April 12, 2014**

**Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival**  
12th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
\$10 admission, Children 12 and under free.  
10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

# Explore with a National Park Ranger



## Weekend Programs

March 29 - April 13, 2014:

### Running Tour

Saturdays  
3/29, 4/5, 4/12  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Meet at Washington Monument Lodge (15th St. adjacent to Washington Monument).

### Junior Ranger Activity Zone

Saturdays and Sundays  
3/29, 3/30, 4/5, 4/6, 4/12, 4/13  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tidal Basin Welcome Area

### Pups 'n' Petals Dog Walk

Sundays  
3/30, 4/6, 4/13  
1:00 p.m.  
Lincoln Memorial

### Bike Tour

Saturdays and Sundays  
3/29, 3/30, 4/5, 4/6, 4/12, 4/13  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Meet at Thomas Jefferson Memorial plaza.  
Bring your own bike, helmet, and water for a leisurely ride.

### Lantern Walk

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays  
3/29, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5, 4/10, 4/11, 4/12  
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Meet at National Park Service Information Tent in Tidal Basin Welcome Area.  
Bring your flashlight for an evening stroll.

## Daily Programs

March 29 - April 13, 2014:

### Cherry Blossom Talk

Daily  
10:00 a.m., 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 p.m.  
Meet at Thomas Jefferson Memorial plaza.

### Walk with a Ranger

Daily  
2:00 p.m.  
Meet at Lincoln Memorial plaza.  
Explore memorials and cherry blossoms on a guided walk.

### Junior Ranger Booklet

Available at NPS information kiosks throughout the park. Complete the activity booklet to earn a Cherry Blossom Festival junior ranger badge.

### Memorial Talks and Tours

Daily 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.



*If this world had never  
known the ephemeral charms  
of cherry blossoms  
then our hearts in spring might match  
nature's deep tranquility.*

- Ariwara no Narihira

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# Enjoy A Beautiful Tradition

For over two decades, writer Eliza Scidmore worked to get cherry trees planted on the muddy, reclaimed land that now is home to the Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson Memorials. Scidmore eventually gained support from First Lady Helen Taft, whose influence led to a gift of trees from the people of Tokyo, Japan to the people of Washington, D.C. Taft and Japanese Viscountess Iwa Chinda planted the first cherry trees along the Tidal Basin's north shore in a humble ceremony in 1912.

Since then, cherry trees have been propagated throughout the National Mall and Memorial Parks while trees and other reciprocal gifts have been exchanged between the United States and Japan.

The trees are a beautiful, living symbol of the friendship between our nations, and a gift that all can enjoy. Crowds gather annually to experience the majesty of these cherry trees in bloom, seeking that magical springtime moment when a walk on the park's paths is like a walk in the clouds.

Much of the blossoms' beauty is in our recognition that they must inevitably fall. As much as the blossoms evoke feelings of life, hope, and renewal, their falling on the breeze can remind us of the certainty that all things must end. As other cultures have done for centuries, we can recognize the same feelings of awe, exhilaration, and lament at the cherry blossoms' ephemeral existence.

# We Need Your Help

When there are so many blossoms, what's the harm in taking one for yourself? Picking a blossom causes permanent damage to a tree. Once broken, that twig of the tree will never again produce flowers. With hundreds of thousands of people visiting, that impact really adds up.



Do your part to protect the trees. Please don't pick the blossoms.

# Step Into Spring!

**Discover** diverse and fascinating trees as you explore the Tidal Basin and beyond!

### Yoshino (Prunus x yedoensis)

The most common cherry tree variety in the park comprises 70% of the total ~3,800 cherry trees.

### Kwanzan (Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan')

Blooms 10-14 days after the Yoshinos. Distinguished by their reddish trunks and showy, pink, double flowers.

### Weeping (Prunus subhirtella var. pendula)

Drooping growth pattern.

### Autumn flowering (Prunus subhirtella 'autumnalis')

Can bloom any time of year.

### Akebono (Prunus x yedoensis 'Akebono')

Found near the John Ericsson Memorial and near the Cuban American Friendship Urn.

### Takesimensis (Prunus takesimensis)

Found near Hains Point. More flood tolerant than other cherry varieties.

### Sargent (Prunus sargentii)

Planted individually throughout East Potomac Park. Distinguished by their deep pink flowers.

### Usuzumi (Prunus spachiana f. ascendens)

"Ascending" growth type; branches reach upward in a "V" with a flat top.

### Fugenzo (Prunus serrulata 'Fugenzo')

Distinguished by their double pink flowers.

The **Shirofugen**, **Okame**, and **First Lady** varieties are each represented by a single tree.



Yoshino cherry trees ring the Tidal Basin.

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