



VISITOR GUIDE

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Discover DC in a day! Travel light for quick security checks, wear comfortable shoes to stay on track, and follow these tips to make the most of your visit when pressed for time.

SUN RISE or SUNSET

Take advantage of early or late hours to explore [National Monuments](#), which are open 24/7. Save the day light for timed entry attractions.

DAY TIME

- Avoid scheduling stress. Opt for venues allowing “Drop-Ins”
- Can’t get a White House pass? Head to President’s Park for a glimpse or visit the [White House Visitor Center](#) for interpretive displays.
- Take a [Hill Walk](#) to enjoy landscape and landmarks. Choose a West Front, East Front, or circular trail depending upon time. The [Capitol Visitor Center](#) (CVC) is open to non-ticket holders and includes exhibits, Democracy Center, and [Specialty Tours](#) for drop-ins (limit:15).
- If you’re on the Hill, take a moment at the [Supreme Court](#). Exhibits and portions of the building are on view during non-session weekdays.
- The [Old Clock Tower](#) is a fun alternative to the Washington Monument. Open aerial views. Tickets not required.
- The [Smithsonian](#) is synonymous with Washington. With so many Museums and so little time, choose one that suits you best.
 - Locations off the Mall offer shorter wait lines. ([Postal Museum](#) - [Renwick](#) - [Portrait Gallery/American Art](#))
 - Focus on a single treasure and avoid trying to see it all. ([The Star Spangled Banner](#); [“Deep Time” Dinosaur Hall](#); [“Destination Moon”](#))
 - Identifying entries and exits before you go will save you time (and steps!)

CONTACT US

Discover the history, architecture, and life on the Hill. Please contact our office by calling **(202) 225-5501** to schedule.



AFTER HOURS

Several places offer concerts and happenings as most others are closing.

Kennedy Center’s Millennium

Stage: Get a free 1st come, 1st served ticket for daily performances. If all spots are taken, it’s a great respite to relax and refresh.

Library of Congress: Join “Live at the Library” on Thursday evenings. If you hold a Reader’s Card, timed tickets provide automatic Entrance.

Enjoy Jazz in the [Garden](#) under the stars at the [Gallery of Art](#). Stay tuned for 2023 calendar.

Bikes, Scooters, and Mopeds can speed you around town, but some rental agencies restrict parking at popular sites on federal property.

House Gallery Passes allow entrance during weekday open hours and when the House is in session regardless of time.

