



Things to do on Capitol Hill

Supreme Court of the United States

<http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/visiting.aspx>

Hours: Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Address: 1 First St NE
Washington, D.C. 20543

The Supreme Court Building was designed by Cass Gilbert and built from 1931 to 1935. The Court first sat in the building on Monday, October 7, 1935. The building, majestic in size and rich in ornamentation, serves as both home to the Court and the manifest symbol of its importance as a coequal, independent branch of government.

Although the Supreme Court does not offer guided walking tours, visitors are encouraged to tour the building on their own and take advantage of a variety of educational programs including Courtroom Lectures, a visitors' film, and court-related exhibitions.

The Courtroom is located on the First Floor. Court sessions are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

<https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>

Hours: Monday – Saturday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Address: First St NE
Washington, D.C. 20515

The United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., is a symbol of the American people and their government, the meeting place of the nation's legislature. The Capitol also houses an important collection of American art, and it is an architectural achievement in its own right. It is a working office building as well as a tourist attraction visited by millions every year.

The Library of Congress

<https://loc.gov/visit/>

Hours:

Thomas Jefferson Building:

Monday – Saturday
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

James Madison Memorial Building:

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

John Adams Building:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Address: 101 Independence Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20540

The Library of Congress is the nation's first established cultural institution and the largest library in the world, with millions of items including books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

The Library provides Congress, the federal government and the American people with a rich, diverse and enduring source of knowledge to inform, inspire and engage them and support their intellectual and creative endeavors

United States Botanic Garden

<https://www.usbg.gov/>

Hours:

Conservatory and National Garden:

Monday – Sunday

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bartholdi Park: Monday – Sunday

Dawn – Dusk

Address: 100 Maryland Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Steeped in history, rich with tradition, the United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is a living plant museum that informs visitors about the importance, and often irreplaceable value, of plants to the well-being of humans and to earth's fragile ecosystems. More than 200 years ago, George Washington had a vision for the capital city of the United States that included a botanic garden that would demonstrate and promote the importance of plants to the young nation. Established by the U.S. Congress in 1820, the U.S. Botanic Garden is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America. Since 1934, it has been administered through the Architect of the Capitol.

Visit Union Station

<http://www.unionstationdc.com/>

Hours:

Union Station shops, restaurant and market are open 7 days a week during the following hours:

•Retail Stores: Monday – Saturday

10AM - 9PM, Sunday, 12PM - 6PM

•Food Court: Monday - Friday

6AM - 9PM, Saturday 9AM - 9PM, Sunday, 7AM - 6PM

some hours may vary; not all food court vendors open at 6AM, visit individual listings for specific hours.

•Sit Down Restaurants:

Times vary. Please contact each restaurant individually.

Address: 50 Massachusetts Ave NE

Washington, D.C. 20002

Union Station is a major train station, transportation hub, and leisure destination in Washington, D.C. Opened in 1907, it is Amtrak's headquarters and the railroad's second-busiest station, with annual ridership of over 5 million.

Air and Space Museum

<http://airandspace.si.edu/>

Hours: Monday – Sunday
10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Address: 600 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20560

The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum maintains the world's largest and most significant collection of aviation and space artifacts, encompassing all aspects of human flight, as well as related works of art and archival materials. It operates two landmark facilities that, together, welcome more than eight million visitors a year, making it the most visited museum in the country. It also is home to the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies.

National Museum of the American Indian

<http://nmai.si.edu/visit/washington/>

Hours: Monday – Sunday
10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Address: 4th St. & Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20560

The National Museum of the American Indian houses one of the world's largest and most diverse collections of its kind. The museum's sweeping curvilinear architecture, its indigenous landscaping, and its exhibitions, all designed in collaboration with tribes and communities from across the hemisphere, combine to give visitors from around the world the sense and spirit of Native America.

Senate and House Galleries

<https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/plan-visit/watching-congress-session>

Entry to the House and Senate Galleries is through the Capitol Visitor Center on the upper level.

Address: First St NE
Washington, D.C. 20515

Hours and Passes - The Senate and House galleries are open to visitors whenever either legislative body is in session, however the galleries are not included as part of the U.S. Capitol tour. **Passes are required to enter either gallery at any time. Visitors may obtain gallery passes from the offices of their Senators or Representative.**

House of Representatives Gallery:

When the House of Representatives is not in session, visitors with passes are admitted to the Gallery from 9 a.m. to no later than 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. The last entry into the

Gallery may be earlier than 4:15 p.m. based on demand. Visitors are advised to arrive prior to 4 p.m. for the best opportunity to view the Gallery.

Senate Gallery:

The Senate gallery is open during scheduled recesses of one week or more, and visitors are admitted to the gallery from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. On recess days, visitors are welcome to stay until 4:30 p.m., at which time the gallery closes. For information on whether the Senate gallery is open, please call 202.224.0057.