

## **Structuring Your Summer Program on a Budget** **Wednesday, April 17 from 3-4pm**

### **Structure**

- Pre-Summer
  - What do you want your office to be known for? Plan with that in mind!
  - Analyze resources (supervisors, desks, budget) before setting hiring numbers
  - Be in touch with your interns pre-summer to help integrate them - welcome form, slack conversation, pre-summer survey, encourage mentor outreach
  - What training would your interns need? Consider computer systems, work culture, workflow, and who your interns should meet during orientation
  - Identify a supervisor and a mentor and train them on expectations
  - Consider creating a City Guide to welcome the out of towners
- Summer
  - Set check-in times with interns from the outset of the summer to talk about work and also to get to know your interns as people
  - Pre-set feedback moments (project based and/or mid/end-of-summer)

### **Substantive Experience**

- The quality of assignments matter – think skill-building work, not busy work
- Ask what your interns want to see or do over the summer and try to make that happen
- Feedback is critical and desired – don't be afraid to give it
- Set expectations of performance at the outset and address issues early

### **Social Connection (on a budget!)**

- Talk to your interns – what would they be interested in?
- Most important thing to consider in event planning - will your attorneys attend?
- Skill-building experiences are great – mock trials, hearings, negotiations
- Take interns to client meetings or court appearances and schedule debrief time!
- Consider volunteer opportunities and community events that you could join
- Rope your attorneys in to help you plan
- Take the focus off alcohol

### **Speakers:**

Lillian Evans, Director of Legal Recruitment, NYC Law Department

Aisha Joseph, Executive Director, Office of Academic Planning & Career Development/Deputy Diversity Officer, New York Law School

Meghan Pier, Director of Associate Recruiting, Jackson Walker LLP

Jennifer Thomas, Director of Legal Recruitment, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia

# SAMPLE SUMMER INTERN WELCOME FORM

**FULL NAME:**

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**NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON NAME TAGS:**

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**PRONOUNS:**

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**ADDRESS (where you can receive mail until May/June 20XX):** *If this changes, please tell us!*

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**THREE FUN FACTS ABOUT YOU:**

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**DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/FOOD ALLERGIES:**

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**DAYS YOU NEED TO TAKE OFF THIS SUMMER (if you know):**

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**MENTOR PREFERENCES:** All summer interns are assigned a mentor, usually a more junior attorney in your division. Is there anything you would like us to keep in mind or that you would like to request for your pairing? Please note that we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet all requests.

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**LANGUAGES:** Do you speak any other languages? Please list below, even if not fluent!

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# Recruiting Event Planning Form

<b>EVENT NAME:</b>			
Event Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved/Date:		Event Time:	
Event Location:		Event Budget: \$	
<b>Venue</b>			
Venue Name:		Venue Deposit: \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid/Date:
		Venue Total: \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid/Date:
Venue Address:			
Contact Name:	Email:	Phone:	Notes:
Room/Table Set Up: <input type="checkbox"/> Sent Set-Up Request			
Parking Arrangements:			
<b>Catering/Drinks</b>			
Company:		Catering Deposit: \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid/Date:
Contact Name:	Email:	Phone:	Notes:
Catering Staff (tips): <input type="checkbox"/> Bartenders: \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Waiters: \$      Set Up Help: YES or NO			
<u>Menu Description:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Ordered			
Delivery/Pick Up Time:		Cost Per Person: \$	
Payment Method: <input type="checkbox"/> CC – AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Paid		Bill Recipient:	
<u>Special Requests (food allergies, extra service pieces):</u>			
Alcoholic Drinks: <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiter to order/deliver <input type="checkbox"/> Provided by Venue <input type="checkbox"/> Provided by Firm <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Alcohol Budget: \$		Drink Details:	
<b>Invitations</b>			
Date Sent:	RSVP Date:	Guest Invited: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Nametags: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dress Attire: <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Business Casual <input type="checkbox"/> Casual <input type="checkbox"/> Cocktail <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
<b>Other</b>			
Prizes or gift: YES or NO		Cost: \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid/Date:
<b>Close Out</b>			
Event Total Cost: \$		Total Attendance:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Receipts/Invoices collected. <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursements processed. <input type="checkbox"/> Budgets/RSVP lists Updated.			
<b><u>Notes</u></b>			

## Summer Program Recruiting Event Checklist

- Event/Catering Contract
- Clothing requirement? (closed toe shoes, pants, etc)
- Cash Tips (for bartender, servers, chef, valet, etc)
- AMEX card
- Koozies
- Napkins
- Tablecloth
- Floor Banner
- RSVP list [*discretely check attendance at event*]
- Nametags (guests included?)
  - Blank nametags
- Pen/marker
- Decorations (if included with event)
- Giveaways/prizes (if included with event)
  - Shirts (volunteer/team events)
  - Misc. Swag (cups, Pickleball paddle, etc.)
- Cooler
- Water/Sodas/Topo
- Alcohol order (or get delivered)
  - Is it chilled?
  - Limes, lemons, etc
- Ice
- Bottle opener (beer/wine)
- Food/snacks?
- Sunscreen
- Hand Sanitizer
- Bug/Mosquito Repellant
- House parties
  - lawn games
  - Host gift
  - Tent/fan
  - cups

# PDS Law Clerk Guide to DC

## Summer 2023

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## GETTING TO DC

**National Airport (DCA)** is the closest airport to PDS, four miles south of downtown DC in Arlington, Virginia. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) oversees transportation in the 'DMV' - the nickname for DC and the close-in Maryland and Virginia suburbs. The most affordable transportation option from DCA to our office is Metrorail, which has a station connected to the airport. Follow the exit/Metro signs to the platform and take the Yellow Line train towards DC. Exit at the Archives/Navy Memorial stop, which is one block from our main building at 633 Indiana Avenue, NW. The Metro Trip Planner <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/> will map your route and travel schedule, while <https://www.wmata.com/fares/Buy-SmarTrip.cfm> provides information on fares and instructions to purchase a Metro SmartTrip card.

**Dulles International Airport (IAD)** is 26 miles west of DC in northern Virginia. Again, the most affordable travel option to DC is Metrorail, take the pedestrian tunnel from the main terminal to the Silver Line. In addition to Metrorail, check the Super Shuttle ([www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)), Washington Flyer Express bus ([www.washfly.com](http://www.washfly.com)), Uber/Lyft and taxicabs.

**Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)** is 25 miles northeast of DC and usually offers the most affordable flights to the DMV. The least expensive transportation option is to pick up the free BWI Rail Station shuttle bus to the Amtrak train ([www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)) or MARC commuter rail service train (<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/schedule/timetable/marc-penn>) to Union Station, where you can board Metro's Red Line to the Judiciary Square stop.

## GETTING AROUND DC

The District of Columbia is divided into four quadrants - Northeast (NE), Northwest (NW), Southeast (SE), and southwest (SW). Designed by Pierre Charles L'Enfant <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/a-brief-history-of-pierre-lenfant-and-washington-dc-39487784/#:~:text=L'Enfant%20placed%20Congress%20on,across%20a%20grid%20street%20system>, the City is a simple right-angled grid plan. From the Capitol, north-south streets are numbered (in numerical order from 1), east-west streets are lettered (in alphabetical order, from A). After W (there are not X, Y or Z streets), two-syllable names, still in alphabetical order, are used for east-west streets (Adams, Bryant, College, etc.), changing to three-syllable names further out. In addition, broad avenues, all named for states, run diagonally across the grid of streets, meeting up at monumental traffic circles like DuPont Circle and Washington Circle. The system breaks down in Georgetown, which predates the city, where quite a few streets maintain their original names. Other oddities to note are that the Mall has swallowed A and B streets NW and SW (what would be B Street NW is now Constitution Ave NW, and so forth); I street is often written Eye Street; and there's no J Street in any quadrant.

When traveling in DC you must note the relevant two-letter quadrant code (NW, SW, NE, SE) in any address or direction because each grid address could be in any of the four quadrants. As in other grid plans, addresses of avenues and lettered streets relate to the numbered cross streets - so the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, is at 16th Street, while 1220 E Street, NW is between 12th and 13th. On numbered streets, the address is keyed to the numeric equivalent of the letter of the street at the intersection, so 800 9th Street, NW is at H Street (H being the eighth letter of the alphabet).

Like most cities, certain areas of Washington have nicknames. Downtown is the area northeast of the

White House. The Mall is the large stretch of lawn lined by Smithsonian museums and extends from the Capitol Building to the Washington Monument. Foggy Bottom is the area west of the White House and south of H Street. North of the Capitol Building is Capitol Plaza and east of the Capitol Building is Capitol Hill. Georgetown, famous for its row houses, is the area around the intersection of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue and home of the university. For your reference, most of our clients live 'East of the River'.

## TRANSPORTATION

Public transportation in DC is excellent, and the best way to take full advantage of the system is to use a SmarTrip card. The card is accepted on Metro trains and buses as well as the bus systems in Maryland and Virginia. To purchase and load your SmarTrip card before your arrival in DC click here.

<https://www.wmata.com/fares/Buy-SmarTrip.cfm>.

### Metro

The Metrorail system has six color-coded rail lines: Red, Orange, Silver, Blue, Yellow, and Green. The layout of the system makes it possible to travel between any two stations with no more than a single transfer. To find a Metro station when driving look for the large Metro signs that direct you to passenger drop-off and parking. Tall brown columns with a large "M" identify station entrances and colored stripes around the column show which lines serve the station. Unlike other large cities Metro does not run late at night and fares vary by distance and time of day. The Trip Planner <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/> or **Transit** and **Moovit** apps make planning simple.

### Bus

The Metro bus system is convenient, wide-ranging and affordable. Use the same planning and travel apps to schedule trips around town, visit the D.C. Jail, visit clients and sightsee. In addition to traditional bus lines, DC's Circulator has a number of loops around popular neighborhoods for the bargain price of \$1.00. <https://dccirculator.com/getting-around-dc/>

### Cab

Cabs in Washington are readily available and required to use meters – if a non-metered cab offers you a ride it's better not use it. Download the **CURB** app to compare prices and book a ride.

### Car

Zipcars are available at locations throughout DC. If you don't have a membership and plan to join Zipcar, check with your law school to see if they offer reduced membership fees for students. More information about Zipcar student rates is available at <http://www.zipcar.com/universities>.

### Bicycle

Capital Bikeshare (<https://www.capitalbikeshare.com/>) provides DC with an extensive bike-sharing network that includes over 2,500 bicycles and 300 stations, many at Metrorail stations. Monthly memberships are available or you can rent a bike from any of the stations via credit card. PLEASE

bring a bike helmet if you plan to bike during your summer clerkship. If you don't own one you can request a free helmet from the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) <https://waba.org/>. WABA also offers general support to bicyclists including safety checks, trail maps, commuting support and fun events.

## Scooters & Mopeds

At <https://dc.curbed.com/2019/9/25/20867974/guide-electric-scooters-bikes-mopeds-dc-sharing> you'll find information including rental locations, rules of the road and membership options. See above if you don't own a helmet.

## Walking

DC is a very walkable city although the summer weather can be oppressive. If you want to explore DC on foot I suggest walking app **Wellbeyond**, which features a simple destination arrival progress circle and a super accurate real-time arrow that won't let you get lost.

## HOUSING

If you've started your housing search you know that finding an affordable rental is challenging. In addition to the housing leads from colleagues and 'friends of PDS', WALRAA updates a housing database into April. [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jB4cjT008M\\_TSR\\_QTdJihczprnUsG5awQ0nViiqEXqc/edit#gid=533755678](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jB4cjT008M_TSR_QTdJihczprnUsG5awQ0nViiqEXqc/edit#gid=533755678)

## General Sites

**NIH student housing:** <http://www.recgov.org/housing/housing.html>

**Craigslist.org sublet page:** <http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/sub/>

**Washington Internship Student Housing (WISH):** [www.internsdc.com](http://www.internsdc.com),

**Lofstel:** <http://www.lofstel.com/>

**International Student House of Washington DC** <http://www.ishdc.org/>

**The Washington Intern Housing Network** <http://www.thewihn.com/>

**Thomas-Markward Hall** Capitol Hill building is women only and includes two meals a day <https://tmhdc.org>

**Sabbatical Homes** has short term furnished apartments & houses <https://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/>

## University Housing

**American University** Conference & Guest Services, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Phone: (202) 885- 8247

Email: [conferences@american.edu](mailto:conferences@american.edu)

<http://www.american.edu/ocl/housing/index.cfm>

**Catholic University of America** Office of Events & Conference Services, 620 Michigan Avenue, NE  
Phone: (202) 319-5291  
Email: [cua-conferences@cua.edu](mailto:cua-conferences@cua.edu)  
<https://pryzbyla.catholic.edu/conferences/housing/summer-intern/index.html>

**Georgetown University** Office of Residential Living, 100 Harbin Hall **(NOT CLOSE TO THE PDS MAIN OFFICE)**  
Phone: (202) 687-4560  
Email: [residentialiving@georgetown.edu](mailto:residentialiving@georgetown.edu)  
<https://residentialiving.georgetown.edu/summer/individual>

**Georgetown University School of Law** **(CLOSE TO THE PDS MAIN OFFICE)**  
<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/your-life-career/housing/summer-housing/>  
Phone: (202) 662-9290  
Email: [lawhousing@georgetown.edu](mailto:lawhousing@georgetown.edu)

**George Washington University** Summer & Conference Housing, Division of Student Affairs, Philip  
Amsterdam Residence Hall, 2350 H Street, NW  
Phone: (202) 994-2552  
Email: [sumhouse@gwu.edu](mailto:sumhouse@gwu.edu)  
<https://summerhousing.gwu.edu/>

If you have housing leads to share with the summer class, please post them to the Housing channel on the Slack page.

## D.C. CULTURAL OFFERINGS

DC offers an abundance of free events, museums and attractions. There are blogs, newsletters and email alerts that will keep you informed of happenings throughout the DMV.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/goingoutguide/>

<https://dc.citycast.fm/events>

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar>

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/city-guides/free-washington-dc-traveler/>

<https://washington.org/visit-dc/summer-festivals-washington-dc>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/dc--washington/events--this-week/>

## Libraries

The beautiful Library of Congress is one of the largest libraries in the world <https://www.loc.gov/visit/>

### Special Interest Libraries

There are many special interest libraries in the Washington area; below is just a sample. Because these libraries are smaller and sometimes private you should call or check the website before visiting.

#### **American Council on Education**

1 DuPont Circle, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
202-939-9300

<http://www.acenet.edu/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **Inter-American Development Bank (Felipe Herrera)**

1300 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20577  
202-623-100

<http://www.iadb.org/en/library>

**American Enterprise Institute**

1789 Massachusetts Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
202-862-5800  
[www.aei.org](http://www.aei.org)

**National Geographic Library**

1145 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
202-857-7787  
<http://www.ngslis.org/>

**University Libraries**

The following libraries may provide you with research materials that you are not able to find at Georgetown or other special interest or federal libraries. Remember to check in with PDS Librarian Rebecca Vogel if your search is work-related, we have memberships and expedited borrowing agreements with many local libraries. Although most universities require student identification to use their facilities, your co-clerks can help you gain access if needed (use the announcements channel on the law clerk Slack page or email 'summerlawclerks@pdsdc.org' for help.

**Georgetown University**

37<sup>th</sup> and O Streets, NW  
Washington, DC 20057-1174  
202-687-7607  
<http://www.library.georgetown.edu/>

**American University**

4400 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
202-885-1000  
<http://www.american.edu/library/>

**Catholic University of America**

620 Michigan Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20064  
202-319-5070  
<http://libraries.cua.edu/>

**Howard University (Founders Library)**

500 Howard Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20059  
202-806-7234  
<http://library.howard.edu/founderslibrary>

**Fun Things to Do**

Carter Barron Amphitheater offers a number of free concerts, movies and performances for a wide range of interests. [www.nps.gov/rocr/planyourvisit/cbarronschedule.htm](http://www.nps.gov/rocr/planyourvisit/cbarronschedule.htm)

Jazz in the Garden, Friday night concerts at the Smithsonian Sculpture Garden across from our main office, distributes tickets by lottery <https://www.nga.gov/press/2023/jazz.html>.

Monday evening Concerts at the Capitol are on the steps of the U.S. Capitol, a short walk from PDS. On Tuesday's the Navy has concerts at the Memorial [http://www.navyband.navy.mil/event\\_calendar.html](http://www.navyband.navy.mil/event_calendar.html)

Rockin' the Block Concert Series will be held on a Wednesday of each summer month and will feature great bands, food and beverages from neighborhood restaurants, lawn games, and more. <http://www.capitolriverfront.org/do/rockin-the-block-concert-series3>, and for an overarching list of events see <https://www.capitolriverfront.org/things-to-do/events>

Sixth & I Historic Synagogue has a full calendar of events <https://www.sixthandi.org/talks-entertainment/>

Fort DuPont Summer Theatre hosts jazz events [www.nps.gov/fodu/planyourvisit/events.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fodu/planyourvisit/events.htm)

The Golden Triangle is a Business Improvement District which encompasses our office and the surrounding neighborhood. <https://goldentriangledc.com/events/>

## Plays

Shakespeare Theatre Company's Free for All is located at Shakespeare Theatre Company's Sidney Harman Hall. Plays vary from year to year and are accessible by metro and metro bus. Enter the Online Lottery or stand in line beginning two hours prior to curtain. <https://www.shakespearetheatre.org/whats-on>

## Lectures

The Library of Congress oversees three buildings, Jefferson, Madison, and Adams. The Library of Congress offers free guided public tours of the Thomas Jefferson Building as well as free talks, films and concerts. <https://www.loc.gov/loc/events/>

The National Theatre: "Saturday Morning at The National" and other events. <http://thenationaldc.org/>

The Brookings Institution is a think tank that focuses on public policy issues. Check their website for information about speaker series featuring policy and economic experts that occur throughout the year. <https://www.brookings.edu/>

The Wilson Center is a presidential memorial and research institute. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/>

The Hill <http://www.house.gov/legislative/> [http://www.senate.gov/committees/committees\\_home.htm](http://www.senate.gov/committees/committees_home.htm)

## Museums

With a few exceptions DC museums are free to visit. The Smithsonian Institute museums and facilities are all easily reachable by public transportation. <http://www.si.edu/Museums>. The National Museum of African American History and Culture and the Air & Space Museum require timed passes which are available on their respective websites.

African Art Museum

Air and Space Museum

Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center (further out at Dulles Airport)

American Art Museum

American History Museum

American Indian Museum

Anacostia Community Museum

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

Freer Gallery of Art

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

National Museum of African American History & Culture (email me if you can't reserve tickets)

National Zoo

Natural History Museum

Portrait Gallery

Postal Museum

Renwick Gallery

Smithsonian Institution Building, The Castle

Arts and Industries Building

## Private (Not Free!) Museums

Building Museum <https://www.nbm.org/>

International Spy Museum: <http://www.spymuseum.org/>

National Archives: <http://www.archives.gov/>

National Geographic's Explorers Hall: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com>

National Museum of Women in the Arts: <http://www.nmwa.org/>

Phillips Collection: <http://www.phillipscollection.org/>

## Memorials and Historical Sites

This is only a partial list of the monuments and buildings around town that you can tour for free:

**Arlington National Cemetery:** The easiest way to see it is on a tour, either by buying a ticket on the Mall for a complete sightseeing tour or by buying the 'Cemetery tour at Arlington' tour. Here you'll see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with the changing of the guard every half hour. Arlington House was once the residence of General Robert E. Lee until it was confiscated by the United States government during the Civil War. There are many famous people buried here including Pierre Charles L'Enfant, General John J. Pershing, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, President William Howard Taft, and General Phil Sheridan. The most famous resting sights, and most visited, are those of the Kennedy brothers, John F. and Robert F. Kennedy. By arriving as close to 8:00 a.m. as possible, you can experience the mood of quiet contemplation the site of JFK's eternal flame evokes. Nearest Metro: Arlington Cemetery.

**Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial:** In Lincoln Park on the east slope of Capitol Hill. This memorial is to the ground-breaking educator of young African-American women who served in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's informal Depression-era "black cabinet". Bethune was also the first black woman to head a federal office as director of 'Negro Affairs' in 1936. This is DC's first statue in a public park honoring an African- American as well as the first one honoring a woman.

**The Bureau of Engraving and Printing:** Weekdays only; closed legal holidays. Twenty- five-minute self-guided tours, preceded by a short introductory film about the Bureau, depart continuously during these hours. Nearest Metro: Smithsonian.

**C & O Canal Boat Trips:** Depart from Thomas Jefferson St. NW in Georgetown. The boat, a mule-drawn replica of a 19th century canal boat, travels through the Georgetown section of the canal. Tickets are sold at the information minimum.

**The Capitol Building:** Entrance on East Capitol Street and 1st Street NW. Once again, it is best to get tour tickets from your congressperson or senator for the VIP tour. Only on the longer VIP tours do you visit the House and Senate chambers. There are free 35-minute guided tours that leave the Rotunda every 15 minutes. Nearest Metro: Capitol South.

**Frederick Douglass Home National Historic Site (Cedar Hill):** 1411 W Street SE, open daily. This was the final home of the former slave, statesman, and abolitionist from 1877 until his death in 1895. Many of the house's 19th century Victorian furnishings are original. Congress has also designated it the first Black National Historic Site. The visitor center has interpretive exhibits and film documenting Douglas' life. Walk-in tours are given on the half hour.

**Ford's Theater:** 511 10th Street NW, between E and F Streets. Open daily. This is the theater which President Abraham Lincoln was attending a production of Our American Cousin when he was shot by John Wilkes Booth. Except when rehearsals or matinees are in progress (call before you go), visitors can see the theater and trace Booth's movements on that fatal night. Free 15-minute talks are given at 10 and 35 minutes after the hour. Be sure and visit the Lincoln Museum in the basement. Nearest Metro - Metro Center.

**Peterson House** (House Where Lincoln died): Directly across the street from Ford's Theater at 516 10th Street, NW.

**Iwo Jima, the Marine Corps Memorial:** Stands near the north (or Ord & Weitzel Gate) entrance to Arlington Cemetery as a tribute to marines who died in all wars.

**The Jefferson Memorial:** open daily from 8:00 a.m. to midnight.

**The Library of Congress:** Closed on major holidays. Nearest Metro - Capitol South

**The Lincoln Memorial:** Open 24 hours daily. Nearest Metro – Foggy Bottom

**Franklin D. Roosevelt Monument:** Nearest Metro - National Archives

**Teddy Roosevelt Island:** Potomac River across from the mouth of Rock Creek. Nearest Metro - Rosslyn

**State Department Tour:** 22nd and C Streets. Free one-hour tours of the eight floor diplomatic reception rooms are offered weekdays. Nearest Metro - Foggy Bottom-GWU

**The Supreme Court:** Court is not in session during the summer but there are free daily lectures about Court procedure and the building's architecture. Nearest Metro - Capitol South or Union Station

**The Vietnam Veterans Memorial:** The monument is especially moving at night, but for the full story read <https://www.washingtonpost.com/kidspost/2022/11/08/vietnam-veterans-memorial-40-years/> Nearest Metro - Foggy Bottom

**The Washington Monument:** An elevator takes you to the top of this 555-foot monument in about 70 seconds. There is another tour called "Down the Steps" given based on staff availability. On this tour, you'll learn more about the building of the monument and get to see the 193 carved stones inserted into the interior walls. They range from a piece of stone from the Parthenon to plaques presented by city fire departments. Call before you go or ask a ranger on duty for more details. Timed tickets can be obtained at online <http://www.nps.gov/wamo/index.htm>; there is a small administrative fee, but it beats waking up early and standing in line. Nearest Metro - Smithsonian.

**The Washington National Cathedral:** The Cathedral has been the setting for every kind of religious observance. It is the final resting place of Woodrow Wilson, Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached his last Sunday sermon here before his assassination. Nearest Metro – Cleveland Park

**The White House:** The best bet is to get tickets from your Congressperson or Senator 8-10 weeks in advance for the VIP tours at 8:15, 8:30, and 8:45 a.m. This ensures your entrance and entitles you to a more extensive -- and guided -- tour. The other option is public tour tickets for scheduled tours Tuesday through Saturday. Tickets can be obtained at the White House Visitor's Center, located on the corner of 15th and E St. NW (look for blue awnings) on the morning you would like to tour the White House. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. but people start lining up even earlier. Nearest Metro - Federal Triangle

## Live Entertainment

In addition to having a rich local music scene the DMV is a destination for major artists, bands, and comedians. The Washington Post's "Going OutGuide" is a great resource for live events:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/goingoutguide>

### 'Traditional' DC Clubs

**9:30 Club:** 815 V St NW <http://www.930.com/>

**Wolf Trap:** Virginia <http://www.wolftrap.org/>

**Echostage:** 2135 Queens Chapel Rd NE <http://www.echostage.com/>

**Fillmore Silver Spring:** <http://www.fillmoresilverspring.com/>

**Lincoln Theatre:** 1215 U St NW <http://www.thelincolndc.com/>

**GALA Hispanic Theatre:** 3333 14th St NW <http://www.galatheatre.org/>

**Howard Theatre:** 620 T St NW <http://thehowardtheatre.com/>

**Verizon Center:** 601 F St NW <http://verizoncenter.monumentalnetwork.com/>

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** 1353 H Street NE <http://www.rockandrollhoteldc.com/>

**EagleBank Arena:** Virginia <https://www.eaglebankarena.com/>

**Warner Theater:** 513 13th St NW [www.warnertheatredc.com](http://www.warnertheatredc.com)

### Hidden Gems

**The Atlantis:** An exact replica of the original 9:30 Club, this location is all about nostalgia — it's a small space that reminds us of the old days at grungy venues, but this one is anything but grunge. Closest Metro: U Street/Cardozo

**Capital Turnaround:** Union Stage Group's new addition Capital Turnaround is a truly unique venue. Formerly a historic car barn in the 1800s, this now 850-seat venue is already attracting touring musicians including The Milk Carton Kids, Richard Marx and Gus Johnson. Closest Metro: Navy Yard

**Focus Social Club:** The swanky club Focus is helping bring H Street back to life. The three-level space is decked out with a marbled bar and hanging flowers. Nights dedicated to R&B, reggae and Afrobeat are frequent. Hookah is offered and happy hours extend to 8 p.m. Bonus: The space is also a restaurant and known to serve a solid brunch after a night out. Closest Metro: NoMa

**Mayflower Club + Zebbie's Garden:** The club and lounge lives up to its name: Flowers are anywhere and everywhere. Reminiscent of a fairyland, the pink and purple ambient lit space has cherry blossoms draping down from the ceilings, plant walls surrounding neon light art, and swings dotted throughout. Mayflower Club on the lower level is designated to craft cocktails and dining, while Zebbie's upstairs is reserved for dancing. Expect rotating DJs, house music nights & many photos for Instagram. Closest Metro: Dupont Circle

**The Pocket // 7DrumCity:** Opened in 2019 and overshadowed by the pandemic, this music venue and bar provides an intimate space for local musicians to perform. 7DrumCity is designated for people to learn and practice music by offering lessons and breakout rooms, while The Pocket serves as the venue for local acts to hold concerts and get their start. Closest Metro: NoMa

**Sachi:** Staying on trend with wildlife, this venue only a few blocks from the White House, is adorned with bright green hanging plants cascading from the ceiling. The Babylon Group-owned club décor is a nod to Asian rainforests with lanterns and Buddhas. With a 27-foot bar, the large space is set to hold a crowd of 400. Artists like Trey Songz have already dropped by and you can expect club music from top hits, EDM and Latin. Closest Metro: McPherson Square

**Twelve After Twelve:** Despite a controversial start and agreeing to a name change, Twelve after Twelve — which is also owned by The Babylon Group — is providing D.C. nightlife with an eclectic Victorian-style dance and lounge. Formerly occupied by the Eighteenth Street Lounge, the venue has four dance floors, five bars and plays a variety of music that's not always typical in a modern club. Soul, funk, jazz, and disco are all on tap. Closest Metro: Dupont Circle

**Blues Alley's Jazz Club:** 56 years and still standing strong after a pandemic is a true feat. The 125-person Georgetown fixture has hosted some of the finest jazz performers through history including Miles Davis, Charlie Byrd and Eva Cassidy. Closest Metro: Foggy Bottom

**DC9 Nightclub:** As one of the only smaller indie venues booking both local and national bands left (RIP Rock & Roll Hotel and U Street Music Hall), DC9 carves out a much-needed spot for indie music fans — and they do not disappoint. Closest Metro: U Street/Cardozo

**Pie Shop:** Since expanding to a music venue three years ago, Pie Shop quickly became an H Street stalwart for indie, rock and punk music. Along with their delicious pie, Pie Shop curates a line-up of local and touring bands. Closest Metro: NoMa

**Rhizome:** Rhizome is a nonprofit community art space in Takoma. Pivoting from an indoor to outdoor music venue since the pandemic, they have been able to safely hold concerts and allow more Covid-wary people a chance to enjoy live music. The concerts feature an eclectic mix of music from local and east coast bands, with performative art shows peppered in through their event calendar. Closest Metro: Takoma

## Theaters

These theaters offer great student discounts.

**The Arena Stage:** This houses Washington's own resident company since 1950. Jill Eikenberry, Michael Tucker, Ned Beatty and James Earl Jones are among many of their former players. Student tickets may be purchased at half price at [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org)

**Theater J:** located near UCDC, Theater J is housed at the Washington, D.C. Jewish Community Center. It features music, film, and plays. <http://washingtondcicc.org/center-for-arts/theater-j/>

**The Folger Library:** 201 E. Capitol St. SE, offers both new plays and Shakespeare. [www.folger.edu/](http://www.folger.edu/)

**Ford's Theater:** 511 10th St. NW, the site of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, offers special discounts to some of the finest new plays on the American stage. [www.fordstheatre.org/](http://www.fordstheatre.org/)

**The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:** Our national cultural center operates a year-round program of music, dance, drama and film events in its five theaters as well as the Concert Hall, home of the National Symphony Orchestra. The Kennedy Center also hosts **free shows every night** on the Millennium Stage. [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org). Take the free KC shuttle outside of the George Washington University Metro station.

**The American Film Institute Theater:** This national film center in Silver Spring, Maryland hosts numerous film festivals, documentaries, classic film and more. [www.afi.com/silver/](http://www.afi.com/silver/)

**The National Theater:** The third oldest continuously operating theater in the US. [www.nationaltheatre.org](http://www.nationaltheatre.org)

**The Source Theater:** Produces work of established playwrights as well as unknowns. [www.culturaldc.org](http://www.culturaldc.org)

**The Studio Theater:** Many plays come here from off-Broadway. Student discounts. [www.studiotheatre.org/](http://www.studiotheatre.org/)

**The Woolly Mammoth Theater Company:** All kinds of discounts. [www.woollymammoth.net](http://www.woollymammoth.net)

**The Shakespeare Theatre:** you enter a lottery for free tickets. [www.shakespearetheatre.org](http://www.shakespearetheatre.org)

## Day Tripping

(There are great trips further out – sign up for an Amtrak account for cheap flash sales to NY City & Philly)

### Mount Vernon, Virginia

Home and final resting place of George and Martha Washington. The ticket includes a house and grounds tour. Mt. Vernon can be reached by car or bus and can easily be seen in a few hours. Metro will take you most of the way there, and with a transfer bus the trip takes about an hour. The Spirit of Mount Vernon riverboat travels up the Potomac from Pier 4 at 6th and Water Streets S.W. twice a day.

### Alexandria, Virginia

On the way back from Mt. Vernon make a stop in Alexandria or on another day take the Metro to King Street and walk into Old Town to explore shops, galleries and parks.

### Annapolis, Maryland

This city is full of historical sights but the main attraction is the United States Naval Academy. If you visit Annapolis in July, you'll see the newest group of cadets being trained, and take time for a guided tour of the facility.

### Baltimore & the Inner Harbor, Maryland

A short drive from Annapolis or an easy MARC train from Union Station, the Inner Harbor is a large shopping mall and eating establishment at the 'mouth' of Baltimore. The Harbor also houses the National Aquarium which was relocated outside of DC a few years ago. Although you can catch D.C.'s XXX's, the Baltimore Orioles baseball team plays at Camden Yards, 1300 East 33rd Street

### Charlottesville, Virginia

Although this can be a two-day trip, with only eight to ten weeks in DC, it is recommended doing this in one day, or combining it with a trip to Fredericksburg for a weekend away. The two biggest attractions in Charlottesville are the University of Virginia and Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. Both places highlight Jefferson's architectural creativity and scientific genius. Moreover, the setting is quite beautiful -- a lovely place for a picnic lunch. It's about a 2½ to 3- hour drive.

### Harper's Ferry, West Virginia

Located close to the West Virginia border is a point where Harper's Ferry and the Shenandoah River meet. This is a wonderful place to go tubing and participate in other outdoor activities, but the highlight is seeing where John Brown's revolt took place <https://www.nps.gov/hafe/learn/historyculture/index.htm> - and several of the original buildings from that time are intact and viewable.

## Participatory Sports

**Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking, and Rafting:** Fletcher's Boat House rents canoes and rowboats by the hour and per day for use on the C&O Canal. Bicycles are also available for rent. Boats are also available at Thompson's Boat Center at the corner of Virginia Ave. NW and Rock Creek Parkway.

**Bicycling:** Besides Fletcher's and Thompson's mentioned above, you can also rent at Big Wheel Bikes, at 33rd and M Street NW. For info on local clubs, bike routes, and commuting to work by bike call the Washington Area Bicyclist Association. Also, look into the Capital Bikeshare program for more information on renting bikes quickly.

**Golf:** DC has several public courses, including two nine-hole/ one 18-hole in East Potomac Park at Haines Point. You'll need a car. There is another two nine-hole course in Rock Creek Park near 16th & Underwood Streets.

**Roller-skating:** Anacostia Park Rolling Skate Pavilion <https://www.nps.gov/anac/planyourvisit/roller-skating.htm> and Kraken Courts and Skates <https://www.experiencekraken.com/>

**Running:** DC is a great runners' town, with many miles of scenic paths. Perhaps the most popular is the C&O Canal Towpath, which starts in Georgetown and runs parallel to the Potomac for a couple hundred miles. Other popular runs include the Four-Mile Run Park, between Arlington and Alexandria, the paths along the two-mile long Mall (between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial, the Mount Vernon Bike Path (beginning at the Memorial Bridge), the Parcourse at Rock Creek Park, and the path around the Tidal Basin.

**Soccer:** District Sports <http://districtsports.org/> and United Social Sports <http://unitedsocialsports.com/> host soccer leagues for players of all experience levels. Pickup games are also played on the Ellipse on the National Mall as well as at several parks and schools in the DC area.

**Softball:** DC is a big summer softball town with numerous office teams and a number of leagues. All softball games are played on the Mall.

**Swimming:** Indoor pools are accessible to DC residents, particularly at the Wilson High School, which features an Olympic-sized swimming pool. Metro: Tenleytown. The YMCA (at 17th and Rhode Island Ave., NW) also has a swimming pool available to members. UCDC students should inquire about discounted rate.

## Spectator Sports

**Baseball:** The Washington Nationals play at the Nationals Park ([www.nationals.com](http://www.nationals.com), 1500 S. Capitol Street SE located in southeast Washington's Capitol Riverfront neighborhood. The 41,000-seat stadium is now the centerpiece of this waterfront locale, with plentiful restaurants, bars, and fun activities to keep you busy before and after the game. Metro: Navy Yard.

**Basketball:** The DC Entertainment & Sports Arena is the home of the WNBA's Washington Mystics. The Arena is located directly adjacent to the Congress Heights Metro Station on the Green Line. <https://eventsdc.com/venue/entertainment-and-sports-arena>

**Citi Open Tennis:** This U.S. Open series event (formerly known as the Legg Mason Tennis Classic) attracts more than 72,000 people to watch tennis pros compete. A portion of the profits benefits the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation. The tournament takes place for about 9 days starting in mid- to late July at the Rock Creek Park Tennis Center in Rock Creek Park. [www.citiopentennis.com](http://www.citiopentennis.com) & (202) 721-9500.

**Dragon Boat Festival:** takes place in May at Thompson's Boat Center <http://dcdragonboatfestival.com>  
General Spectator Sports

**Football:** The DC Divas women's tackle team is a fun and affordable outing with tailgating.  
<https://www.dcdivas.com/schedule/>

**Roller Derby:** DC Rollergirls <https://www.drollerderby.org/>

**Soccer:** Professional teams Washington Spirit <https://washingtonspirit.com/> and DC United <https://www.dcunited.com/> play at Audi Field, 1711 First Street, SW. [www.audifielddc.com](http://www.audifielddc.com). Metro: Navy Yard

**Tennis:** The Washington Kastles ([www.washingtonkastles.com](http://www.washingtonkastles.com)) play at the Kastles Stadium at the Smith Center, 600 22nd St. NW, on the campus of George Washington University.

