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"Best Romantic Attractions in Washington DC"

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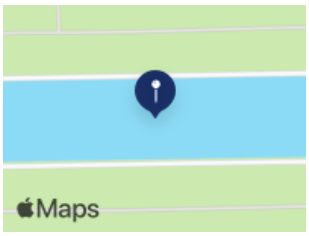
Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool

"Perfect Pool"

Located near the Constitution Gardens is the Reflecting Pool. The Reflecting Pool, as the name suggests, lets you see the mirror images of the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument. It has great historical significance and has witnessed major political events. U.S. citizens gathered here to listen to the speech delivered by Martin Luther King at the March on Washington. Every year, thousands of tourists frequent the place, and the calm and deep waters of the pool act as a perfect backdrop for photographs.



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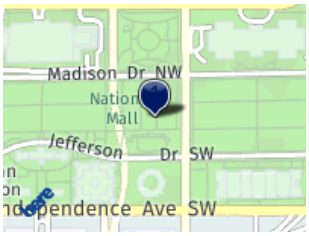
2 Lincoln Memorial Circle NorthWest, National Mall, Washington DC

by joncutrer

National Mall

"Mall of Memorials"

Part of the original design for the federal city, this massive park stretches from the US Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial and around the Tidal Basin to the Jefferson Memorial. It has played host to many momentous, world-changing events throughout history including the 1963 March on Washington, the Million Man March and several presidential inaugurations. Today, the National Mall serves as a place for reflection, a memorial to American heroes, a symbol of freedom and a forum for the exercise of democracy. The Smithsonian museums, the Vietnam Memorial, the Reflecting Pool and the iconic Washington Monument are some of the most well-known of the National Mall's many iconic sites. Certainly, any visit to Washington DC should start with a tour of the United States National Mall, aptly named "America's front yard."



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Independence Avenue Southwest, Washington DC

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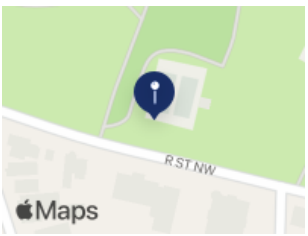
Montrose Park

"A Leisurely Excursion"

A popular outdoor destination for children, college students and nature lovers, this park lies north of Georgetown. Woodlands surround a recreation area with tennis courts, picnic tables, and a playground. A gorgeous green expanse filled with pretty tree-lined pathways, shaded areas, and lush, well-maintained gardens, it is fantastic for all kinds of visitors as they can indulge in outdoor activities, serene strolls, or picnics. Special features include a boxwood maze, and Lovers Lane, a cobblestone walkway on the western portion of the park. To explore more elaborately designed grounds and an elegant estate, visit Dumbarton Oaks next door. Admission is free.



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3052 R Street Northwest, Washington DC

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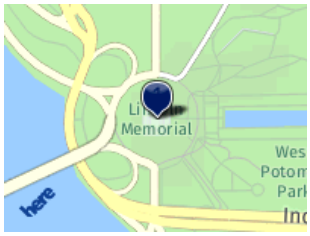
Lincoln Memorial

"Inspiring & Symbolic Landmark"

Located at the west end of the National Mall, the Lincoln Memorial is one of the principal landmarks of Washington, DC. Its stately form overlooks the Reflecting Pool, a gleaming stretch of water that lies sprawled before its base. Daniel Chester French's 19-foot (5.7-meter) statue of Lincoln, seated and deep in thought, watches over the nation he helped create, alongside the carved text of the Gettysburg Address, providing a glimpse into a weighty period of American history. The memorial itself draws inspiration from the Greek architectural style; its 36 doric columns represent the number of states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. Surrounded by greenery on the banks of the Potomac River, the Lincoln Memorial makes for a soul-stirring, picturesque sight, a fitting ode to one of the nation's most revered presidents.



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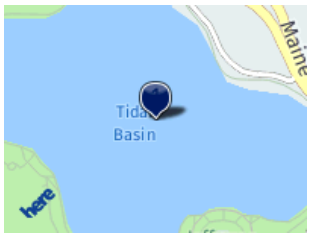
Tidal Basin

"Water Lagoon"

Head to the Tidal Basin if you're seeking something to do on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Set in picturesque surroundings, it is truly a visual treat. Found between the Thomas Jefferson Memorial and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, it covers a vast area of 107 acres (43 hectares). Also utilized as a means for flushing the Washington Channel, it is maintained and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Thus, explore the Tidal Basin for a leisurely activity and have a unique experience.



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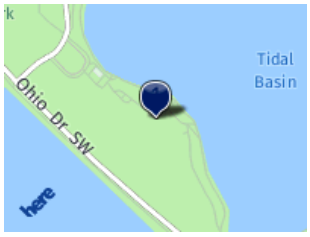
by Awesome Sasquatch

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

"Tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt"

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial not only honors the nation's 32nd president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but also pays tribute to the people of his time. Stretching over 7.5 acres (3 hectares) along the Tidal Basin, the memorial features four outdoor rooms, each depicting a different aspect of FDR's presidency. The second room, for instance, captures the hardship of the Great Depression with statues of people waiting in a bread line. Another room contains a statue of Eleanor Roosevelt, the only memorial to honor a First Lady. With its serene pools and cascading water, the monument offers a beautiful and contemplative space for visitors to reflect on the legacy of FDR and his era.



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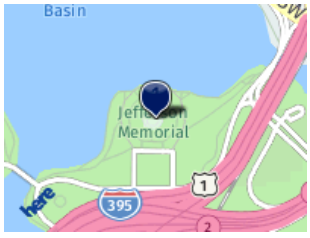
by Joe Ravi

Thomas Jefferson Memorial

"Neo-Classical Tribute"

Designed by John Russell Pope, this Roman-style monument to Thomas Jefferson, the nation's third president and author of the Declaration of Independence, is elegant and simple. Within the memorial, Jefferson's 19-foot (5.79-meter) statue stands surrounded by some of his most inspirational writings. The Thomas Jefferson Memorial serves as a place for reflection and contemplation, inviting visitors to ponder Jefferson's enduring legacy. At night, the view of the Washington Monument across the tidal basin is one of the most attractive vistas in Washington, especially when the cherry blossoms are in bloom.



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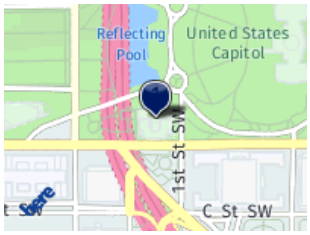
16 East Basin Drive SW, Washington DC

by lngfbruno

United States Botanic Garden

"Botanical Paradise"

The gorgeous United States Botanic Garden presents botanical variety, from the desert to the tropics, along a series of calm and gently meandering paths. A particular waterfall and garden display the flora of the dinosaur age. Seasonal displays include Christmas greens and poinsettias in December and January, chrysanthemums in autumn, and blooming flowers at Easter. Additionally, within the beautiful expanse of the United States Botanic Garden (USBG), the National Garden was inaugurated in October 2006 and includes the carefully designed Butterfly Garden.



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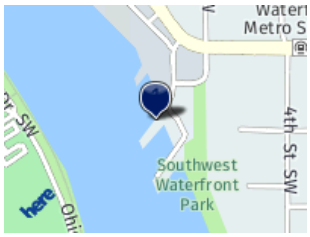
100 Maryland Avenue Southwest, Washington DC

by Larry+Lamsa

Odyssey Cruises

"Sail Away"

Odyssey Cruises is a well-established name in providing luxurious and elegant cruise experiences to discerning customers. Their beautiful boat is a true delight with its elegant decor. Unique glass walls and ceilings provide an amazing, unobstructed view of the sights. Dine on the river in their classy dining room, and relax as you feast on the innovative and delicious fare while watching city's most beautiful monuments flicker away before you. A wonderful choice for a romantic evening out on the water, you can dance to soothing Jazz played by the live band as you watch the sunset over the Potomac. The restaurant has a lovely selection of wines and cocktails to accompany their refined menu, making for a pleasant experience.



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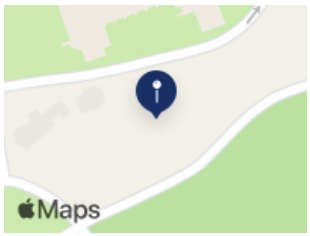
Washington National Cathedral Gardens and Close

"A Garden for the Ages"

Heralded as "a garden for the ages," the Washington National Cathedral Gardens and Close were born out of a collaboration between architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and Florence Brown Bratenahl, wife of the dean of the Washington National Cathedral. Together, Bratenahl and Olmsted filled the cathedral's gardens with native plants, plants that figure in Christian legends, and historically-interesting plants - such as the boxwood cuts that were taken from George Washington's Hayfield Manor. The gardens were added to and expanded in the 1920s and 1930s. Visitors today can enjoy this beautiful pocket of nature while they wander the Bishop's Gardens and admire the old growth forest of Olmsted Forest on the Close.



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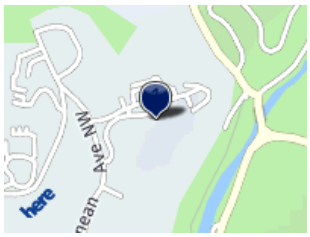

by Jllm06

Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens

"Opulent Estate"

The Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens is the legacy of Marjorie Merriweather Post, a famous socialite and founder of General Foods. Consisting of numerous rooms, this mansion dates back to the 1920s and houses an outstanding collection of art, jewelry and other decorative artifacts that belonged to her. View rare Faberge eggs, historic portraits, exquisite tapestries and priceless ceramics, among others, at this stunning museum. Visitors can also enjoy a leisurely stroll through the landscaped estate, which notably features a French parterre garden, a rose garden, and even a cemetery that inters many of Post's pet dogs.

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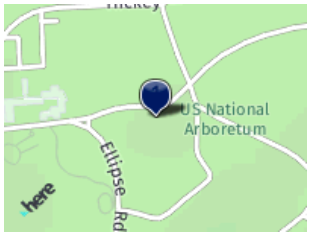
by AgnosticPreachersKid

United States National Arboretum

"Washington DC's Botanical Destination"

Best known for its vast collection of azaleas, (a popular porch-flower), this 446-acre (180-hectare) garden park has much else to offer. Fountains, pools and open space separate a series of focused gardens at the United States National Arboretum. The National Bonsai Collection, a gift from Japan, is a fascinating exhibit of tiny trees. Other notable sections are the aquatic garden (filled with lotuses of many varieties) and the National Herb Garden.



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