



Washington, D.C. Tips

Visiting Washington, D.C. Museums and Monuments

Plan your day and timing in advance, accounting for travel time between locations. Because of the pandemic and strict security precautions in our nation's capital, the hours or [visitor regulations](#) can vary for Washington, D.C. buildings, museums or monuments and should be verified before you go downtown.

Reconfirm Your Congressional Visits

Make all congressional visit appointments in advance, then call the week prior to WLTII to reconfirm. Allow time for arrival and security checks before your appointments. Most offices require that you be accompanied by a staffer inside the Capitol office buildings; they will meet you at security and escort you. You can request Senate or House galley passes from your elected officials, as well as a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol. Please make these requests when you make your appointments. If you have accessibility needs, call the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services at 202-224-4048. Accessible visitor entrances are marked.

Tours of the U.S. Capitol

The Capitol Visitor's Center, located beneath the East Front Plaza of the Capitol at First Street and East Capitol Street, has an exhibit hall, gift shops and a restaurant. To tour the Capitol, you can book free tickets in advance www.visitthecapitol.gov.

Screenings at the U.S. Capitol, House and Senate Office Buildings

To speed up screenings, please leave any food, drinks, backpacks, large bags or bulky items on the SkillsUSA bus. All U.S. Capitol visitors are screened by a magnetometer and personal items are screened by x-ray. Here is a full list of [prohibited items](#). When you book an appointment, know which Senate office building or House office building you are visiting, ask which visitor entrance to use and allow time to get there from your previous location. Underground tramways connect the House and Senate office buildings to the Capitol, but these tunnels cannot be used unless you are accompanied by an elected official or their staffer.

Arlington National Cemetery

[Arlington National Cemetery](#) has increased its security procedures and has implemented 100% ID checks at all entrances. All visitors 16 years of age and older must present valid photo identification upon entering the cemetery. This policy applies to all funeral attendees, tourists, personnel on official business, school group leaders and tour guides.

Safety and Security Tips

Always keep an eye on your belongings. Do not set personal items or bags down or drape purses or backpacks on chair backs in restaurants. Carry minimal personal items with you when in the city but always carry your ID card. Do not engage in conversations with strangers on the street. If you have a serious medical emergency always call 9-1-1 first and then notify conference leaders.

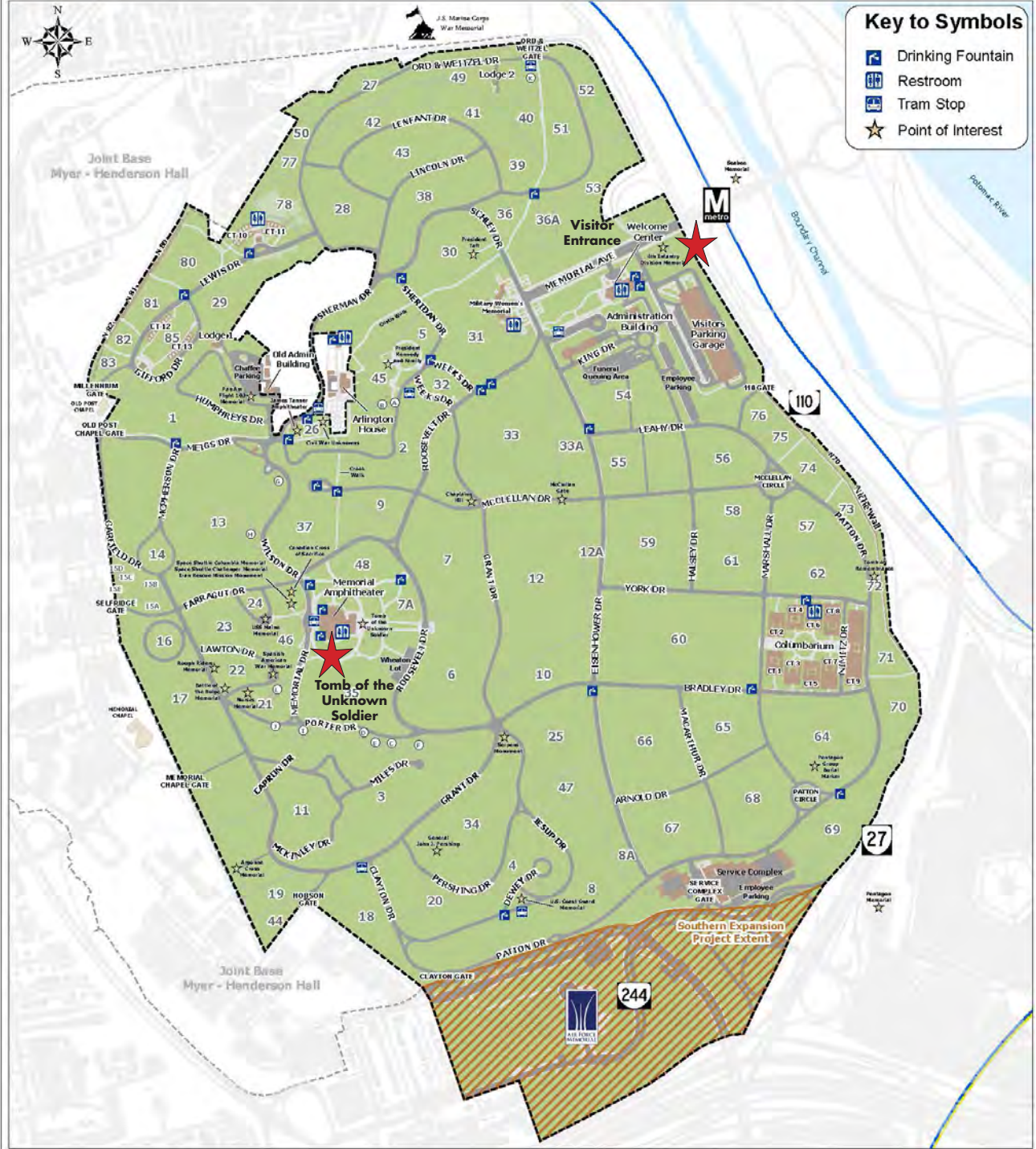
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Honor - Remember - Explore
Installation Area



Key to Symbols

- Drinking Fountain
- Restroom
- Tram Stop
- Point of Interest

