



## Washington, D.C. Safety and Security Tips

### Visiting Washington, D.C. Museums and Monuments

Because of strict security precautions in our nation's capital, the hours for opening and closing, rules or regulations can vary for Washington, D.C. buildings, museum and monuments and should always be verified in advance. For visitor updates, see the [Washington D.C. Visitors Site](#).

### Reconfirm Your Congressional Visits

Make all congressional visit appointments two to four weeks in advance. Call each office the week before WLTI to reconfirm your appointments. Some offices will send someone to come meet your group at security and escort you to your appointment. Allow extra time for arrival and to get through security before each appointment. Don't overcrowd your schedule.

### Screenings at the U.S. Capitol and Senate Office Buildings

Bring your photo I.D. and allow time for the screening process. All U.S. Capitol visitors are screened by a magnetometer, and personal items are screened by x-ray. Please leave any food, drinks, backpacks, large bags or bulky items on the bus. Here is a [list of prohibited items](#). While you are not required to show an I.D. to enter the U.S. Capitol, an I.D. *may* be required to enter other federal buildings. The visitor entrances to each Senate office building is clearly marked and each building has multiple entrances. While underground tramways connect the House and Senate offices to the Capitol, these tunnels are not for public use unless you are accompanied by a staffer. For more information, go to [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) and [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).

### Tours of the U.S. Capitol

The Capitol Visitor's Center, located beneath the East Front Plaza of the U.S. Capitol at First Street and East Capitol Street, includes an exhibit hall, gift shops and restaurant. You can request Senate or House galley passes from elected officials, as well as a Capitol tour. You can also book a free Capitol tour online: [www.visitthecapitol.gov](http://www.visitthecapitol.gov)

### Wheelchairs and Accessibility

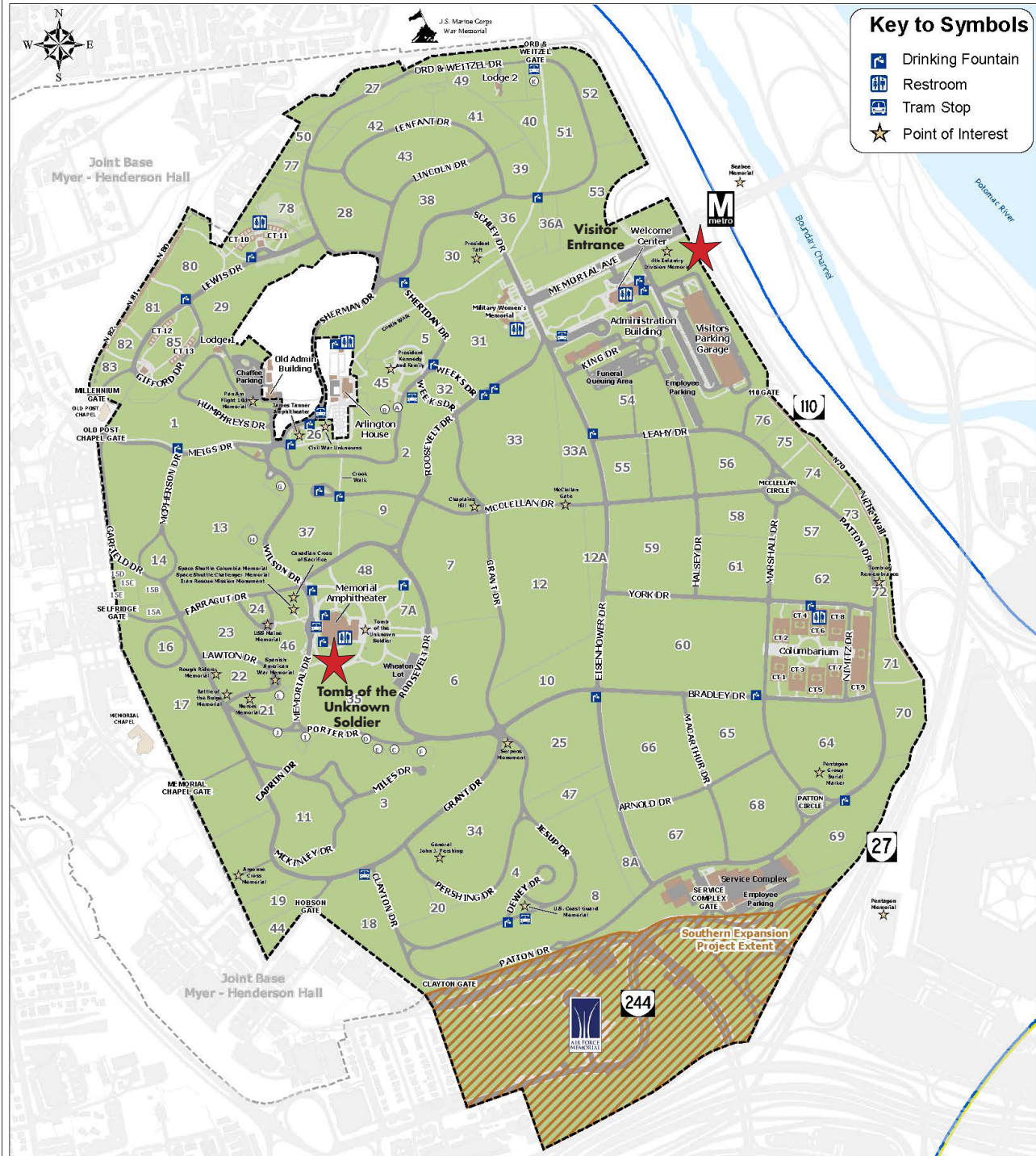
If you have accessibility needs, call Congressional Accessibility Services at 202-224-4048.

# U.S. Capitol, Senate and House Buildings



## The seal of Arlington National Cemetery is a circular emblem. It features an eagle with wings spread, perched on a shield. The shield is divided into three sections: a blue section with white stars, a red section with white stars, and a green section with white stars. The eagle is flanked by olive branches and arrows. The words "ARLINGTON" and "NATIONAL CEMETERY" are inscribed around the top and bottom of the seal, respectively. The year "1864" is inscribed at the bottom center.

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Installation Area



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