Getting to the Winter Wonders

The District hosts a plethora of FREE holiday celebrations. With the flux of visitors to these exciting seasonal events, parking will be in high demand. Try transit instead!

TRANSIT OPTIONS

METRORAIL
Rides start at $2 and require a SmarTrip® card. goDCgo.com/rail

DC CIRCULATOR
Buses arrive every 10 minutes. Ride for just $1. dccirculator.com

CAPITAL BIKESHARE
Check out a bike and return it to any station. A single trip up to 30 minutes is $2. Unlimited trips under 30 minutes are $8 per day. Download the app or visit the website. capitalbikeshare.com

METROBUS
Buses run on a schedule and rides cost $2. wmata.com/bus

MICROMOBILITY
Scooters, mopeds, and dockless bikes are available; prices vary by provider. goDCgo.com

NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE
Date: December 5, 2019 - January 1, 2020

Nearly a 100-year-old tradition, the National Christmas Tree will be lit every day from 4:30pm to midnight and open to the public after the lighting ceremony on December 5.

- Farragut West
- McPherson Square
- Constitution Ave NW & 18th St
- New York Ave & 15th St NW
- 11Y, 32, 36, 37, 39, 42, 43, G8, P17, P19, S2, S4, S9, W13, X2

NATIONAL MENORAH
Dates: December 22, 2019 - December 30, 2019

The annual lighting ceremony of the National Chanukah Menorah happens on the Ellipse, just across from the White House. As the world’s largest, this menorah has become a premier symbol of the festival of Chanukah.

- Farragut West
- McPherson Square
- Constitution Ave NW & 18th St
- New York Ave & 15th St NW
- 11Y, 32, 36, 37, 39, 42, 43, G8, P17, P19, S2, S4, S9, W13, X2

ZOO LIGHTS
Dates: November 29, 2019 - January 1, 2020

More than 500,000 environmentally friendly LED lights transform the National Zoo into a winter wonderland. ZooLights will be open 5-9pm and includes live music performances, tasty winter treats, and plenty of holiday shopping opportunities.

- Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan
- Cleveland Park
- Connecticut Avenue and 24th Street NW
- 3000 Connecticut Ave NW / National Zoo
- L1, L2

DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY MARKET
Dates: November 22, 2019 - December 23, 2019

The 2019 Downtown Holiday Market boasts one of the most spectacular outdoor shopping environments in the DMV. Open noon to 8pm, the market brings a unique and festive shopping “village” to Downtown DC, and features more than 150 regional artisans, crafters, and boutique businesses of ethnically produced goods.

- Gallery Place/Chinatown
- Massachusetts Ave and 7th Street NW
- 7th & F St NW / National Portrait Gallery
- 70, 74, D6, 42

GEORGETOWN GLOW
Dates: December 6, 2019 - January 5, 2020

Georgetown GLOW is the region’s first and only curated exhibition of outdoor public art installations and re-imagines the season of light in a new way. Works will be lit from 5-10pm nightly.

- Circulator: Wisconsin & M Street NW
- Capital Bikeshare: Potomac & M St NW, 34th & Water St NW, C & O Canal & Wisconsin Ave NW, Wisconsin Ave & O St NW
- Metro Bus: 30S, 30N, 31, 33, 38B, D1, D2, D5, D6, G2

US BOTANIC GARDENS
“SEASONS GREENINGS”
Dates: November 28, 2019 - January 5, 2020

Explore the botanic gardens during the Season’s Greenings holiday show. Plant-based recreations of conservatories, fountains, and sculptures will fill the model train room, including a 3,000+ plant poinsettia display.

- Federal Center SW
- US Capitol / National Museum of the American Indian/US Botanic Garden 3rd St. NW near Madison Dr. NW
- Washington & Independence Ave SW/HHS
- 30N, 30S, 32, 34, 36, 39

US CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE
Start Date: December 4, 2019

The Capitol Christmas Tree, or “The People’s Tree,” is a tradition dating back to 1964. Visit the 2019 Capitol Christmas Tree cross-country travelling from New Mexico’s Carson National Forest to Washington, DC.

- Capitol South
- Federal Center SW
- United States Capitol / National Museum of the American Indian/U.S. Botanic Garden 3rd St. NW near Madison Dr. NW
- Washington & Independence Ave SW/HHS, 4th St & Madison Dr NW, Constitution Ave & 2nd St NW/DOL
- 30N, 30S, 32, 34, 36, 39