

Scenic Bike Routes

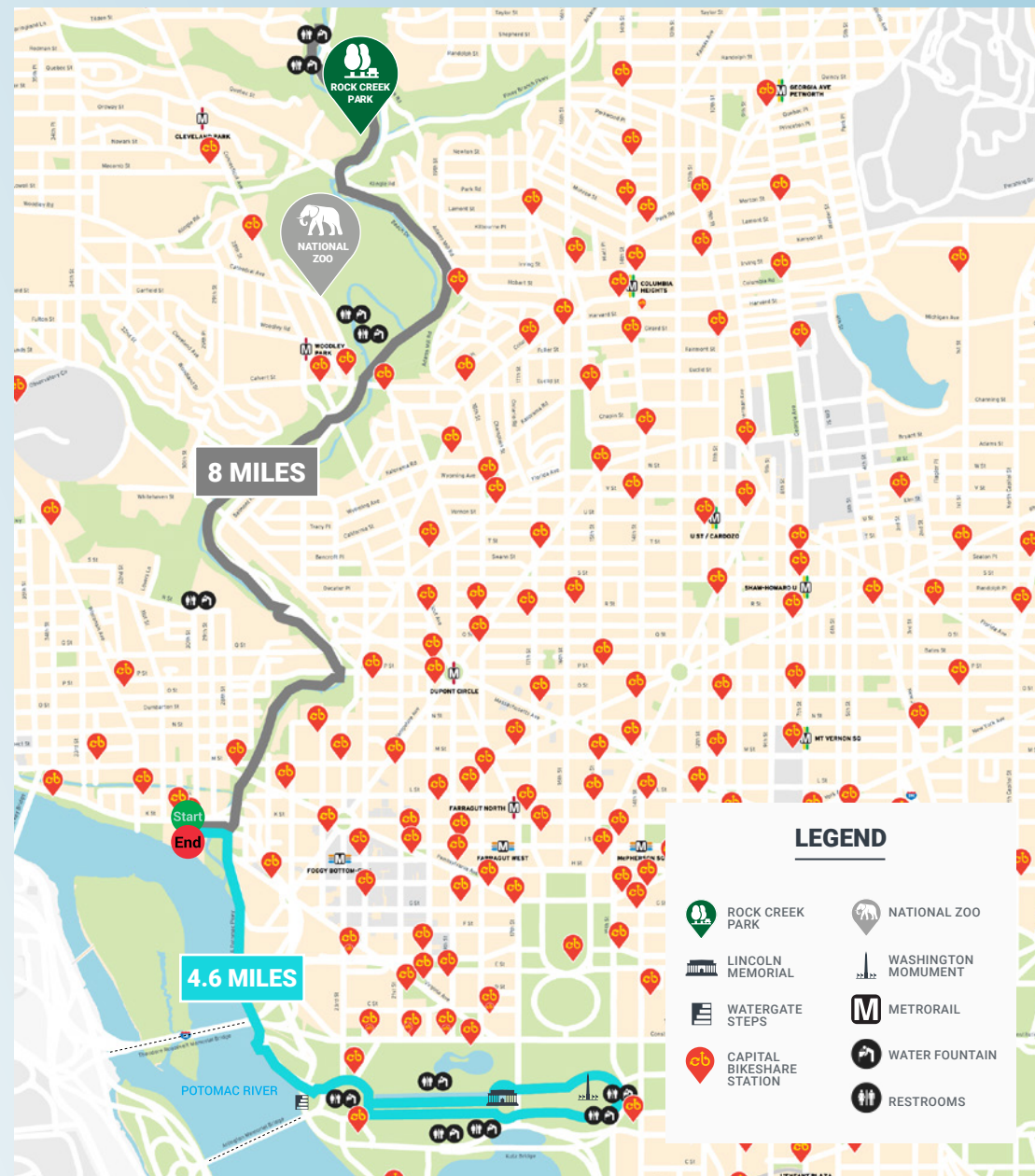
Distance: 30-60 mins or 5-8 miles

Start/End Location: Capital Bikeshare station at K St & 30th St NW, Washington, DC 20007

A local favorite, Rock Creek Trail is typically for cyclists looking for longer, scenic routes but we've segmented the mileage so everyone can see the scenes, no matter the skill level! Riders can choose between two trail segments described on page 2. Note that this route can get crowded so be patient, yield to pedestrians, and let people know when you are passing them.

Explore the trail on Capital Bikeshare! [Download the app to rent a bike for just \\$2 for a 30-minute trip!](#)

Rock Creek Trail





Mall Segment (4.6 miles round trip)

Georgetown Waterfront to National Mall

Download a cue sheet for step-by-step directions here: [RidewithGPS](#)

Scenic riverside trails and shared, multi-use paths take you through DC's most iconic sights on the National Mall. Start at the Georgetown Waterfront to access Rock Creek Trail under the Whitehurst Freeway to ride along the Potomac River. This section passes by the Watergate Complex and the Kennedy Center and provides great views of the skylines of Rosslyn across the river. You'll ride through the Arlington Memorial and get a great view of the Lincoln Memorial along the way, too. The Watergate Steps are also a great photo-op!

Circle around the Lincoln Memorial until you get to the Reflecting Pool, with scenic views of DC's most iconic monuments and memorials. Loop around the Washington Monument to catch a glimpse of the newest Smithsonian – the National Museum of African American History and Culture.



Rock Creek Segment (8 miles round trip)

Georgetown Waterfront to Rock Creek Park (Peirce Mill)

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Similar to the Mall segment, these same scenic riverside trails and shared, multi-use paths can also take you through the natural oasis that is Rock Creek Park. Start at the Georgetown Waterfront to access Rock Creek Trail under the Whitehurst Freeway and ride through Rock Creek Valley.

For the next 15 minutes, follow the trail along and over Rock Creek until you reach the National Zoo. Hop off your bicycle to explore the Zoo and grab a snack and water. From here, you'll continue to follow the trail to Peirce Mill, an historic mill built in the 1820's. You can turn around whenever it suits your fancy!

