Cherry Blossoms 2022

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is DC’s biggest springtime celebration, drawing thousands of visitors every year. Make the most of your event experience by leaving the car behind and trying transit instead!

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

METRORAIL
Rides start at $2 and require a SmarTrip® card.
wmata.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 45 minutes starts at $1. Unlimited trips under 45 minutes cost $8/day.
Download the app or visit the website. capitalbikeshare.com

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

SHARED MICROMOBILITY
Scooters, mopeds, and dockless bikes are available; prices vary by provider.
No parking on the National Mall.
goDCgo.com

OPENING CEREMONY
Date: March 20
Time: 5pm - 6:30pm
Location: Warner Theatre, 513 13th St NW

Co-presented with The Japan Foundation, the Opening Ceremony celebrates Japanese culture and the longstanding friendship between Japan and the US. This free event will also be livestreamed and features special performances by MINYO CRUSADERS, Keisho Ohno & Toshihiro Yuta, and samurai artist KAMUI.

- Metro Center
- Metro Center/12 & G St NW
- 11th & F St NW
- 10 & E St NW
- 14th & G St NW/Ronald Reagan Building
- 54, 52, 32, 33

BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL
Date: March 26 (Rain Date: March 27)
Time: 10am - 4:30pm
Location: Washington Monument (north side between 15th and 17th St NW)

Rediscover the joy of kite flying with this long-standing DC tradition! This is an in-person event with virtual options to fly kites at featured parks or from home.

- Federal Triangle
- Smithsonian
- National Mall
- 15th St & Constitution Ave NW
- 19th St & Constitution Ave NW
- Metrorbus: 16E, 52
- Constitution Ave NW will be closed until 10 or 11am for the Rock & Roll Marathon.

NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE
Date: April 9
Time: 10am - 12pm
Location: Constitution Avenue NW between 7th and 17th St NW

This energy-filled celebration brings colorful balloons, elaborate floats, marching bands, celebrity entertainers, and performers. Experience the parade through free standing room access or paid, reserved grandstand seating from $25-40.

- Smithsonian
- Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter
- National Mall
- 10th St & Constitution Ave NW
- 15th St & Constitution Ave NW
- S2, 33, 64, 70, 79
- Constitution Ave NW will be closed from 6th to 23rd St and cross streets one block north and one block south of Constitution Ave.

SAKURA MATSURI - JAPANESE STREET FESTIVAL
Date: April 9 from 10:30am-6pm; April 10 from 10:30am-4pm
Location: Pennsylvania Ave NW between 3rd and 7th St NW

Recognized as the largest 1-day celebration of Japanese culture in the US, this year's festival will be held over 2 days for the first time. National and international performers, artists, and restaurants will share their love of Japanese culture and traditions. Tickets cost $16-15.

- Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter
- National Mall
- 4th St & Madison Dr NW
- Constitution Ave & 2nd St NW/DOL
- 6th St & Indiana Ave NW
- 32, 36, P6
- Pennsylvania Ave NW will be closed between 3rd and 7th St.

ANACOSTIA RIVER FESTIVAL
Date: April 10
Time: 1 - 4pm
Location: Anacostia Park between Good Hope Rd & Anacostia Dr SE

This free, annual festival celebrates the Anacostia River, park, and neighborhood. Experience musical performances that amplify the stories, culture, and heritage of neighboring African American residents including go-go music, local drum lines, and military bands.

- Anacostia
- Congress Heights-Union Station
- Anacostia Park
- 16th & Q St SE/Anacostia High School
- 90, A2, A4, A6, A8, P6, W2, W3, W6, W8

PETALPALOOZA ART WALK
Date: April 1-17
Location: Capitol Riverfront

You can enjoy this series of immersive, ’Instagrammable’ art installations crafted by local and international artists in the two weeks leading up to Petalpalooza.

- Navy Yard-Ballpark
- Eastern Market-L’Enfant Plaza
- 3rd & Tingey St SE
- 4th & M St SE
- 3rd & M St SE
- P6, V4

PETALPALOOZA
Date(s): Available at NationalCherryBlossomFestival.org
Time: 10am - 6pm (Welcome Area)
Time: 12pm - 6pm (ANA Stage)
Location: Tidal Basin

The Tidal Basin Welcome Area & ANA Stage showcases a variety of performers, celebrating the friendship symbolized by the gift of flowering cherry trees from Tokyo to DC, demonstrating a cross-cultural exchange through a dynamic mix of American, Japanese, and other cultural performing arts.

- Smithsonian
- National Mall
- 17th St & Independence Ave SW
- Jefferson Memorial
- Ohio Dr & West Basin Dr SW / MLK & FDR Memorials
- Metrorbus: 16E, 52
- West Basin Dr will be closed between Ohio Dr SW and Independence Ave SW.

For a full schedule of events, visit NationalCherryBlossomFestival.org/RediscoverSpring