

Getting to the Winter Wonders

Washington, DC hosts a wide range of free and low-cost winter wonder events and attractions to celebrate the holiday season. Use this guide to help you explore the city safely and sustainably.

TRANSIT OPTIONS



METRORAIL

Rides start at \$2.25. SmarTrip® cards, mobile SmarTrip® payments, and credit/debit cards are accepted.

wmata.com/rail



CAPITAL BIKESHARE

Check out a bike and return it to any station. Rates start at \$1 to unlock, \$10/day, or \$120/year with unlimited 45 minute trips.

capitalbikeshare.com



METROBUS

Rides start at \$2.25. SmarTrip cards, mobile SmarTrip payments, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.

wmata.com/bus



MICROMOBILITY

Scoters and dockless bikes are available (Hopp, Lime, & Veo); prices vary by provider.

goDCgo.com/scooter

TRIP PLANNING TOOLS



Citymapper
iOS
Android



Google Maps
iOS
Android



Metro Pulse
iOS
Android



Transit App
iOS
Android



DOWNTOWNDC HOLIDAY MARKET

Dates: November 21 - December 23, 2025
Time: Monday - Thursday: 12-8pm
Friday - Saturday: 11am-9pm
Sunday: 11am-8pm

The 21st annual DowntownDC Holiday Market returns, serving as DC's one-stop shop and winter wonderland! This outdoor market brings a unique and festive shopping "village" to Downtown DC, featuring over 115 exhibitors plus exciting performances and tasty treats from local food vendors.

Gallery Place/Chinatown ●●●●

7th & F St NW/National Portrait Gallery
5th & F St NW
9th & G St NW
10th & E St NW

D40, D2X, D94, D32, D4X, D20, D34, D36, D24, D30, D80



SCULPTURE GARDEN ICE RINK

Dates: November 24, 2025 - March 1, 2026 (weather permitting)

Welcome the winter season with an ice skating session! Whether going just for fun or taking lessons to become a pro, it's a great way for all ages to get into the holiday spirit.

Archives/Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter ●●●●
Federal Triangle ●●●●
L'Enfant Plaza ●●●●●●

4th St & Madison Dr NW
6th St & Indiana Ave NW
10th St & Constitution Ave NW
Constitution Ave & 2nd St NW/DOL
Smithsonian-National Mall/Jefferson Dr & 12th St SW

D1X, D40, D60, D10, D4X, D30, D24, D32, D6X, D44, D50



ZOOLIGHTS

Dates: November 21, 2025 - January 3, 2026
Time: Monday- Saturday: 5-9:30pm
Sunday: 5-8:30pm

This annual holiday tradition is making its return! Experience the colorful glow of more than 500,000 environmentally-friendly LED lights that transform the National Zoo into a winter wonderland. You can also enjoy live music performances, tasty winter treats, and plenty of holiday shopping opportunities.

Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan ●

3000 Connecticut Ave NW / National Zoo
Connecticut Ave & Ordway St NW / Cleveland Park Metro
Calvert St & Woodley PI NW

C61, D70, C87, D72, C53



US CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE

Lighting Ceremony: December 2, 2025
Time: 5pm

The Capitol Christmas Tree, or "The People's Tree," is a tradition dating back to 1964. Every holiday season, a different national forest is selected to provide a tree for the west lawn of the US Capitol building with this year's tree coming from Nevada's Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Capitol South ●●●●
Federal Center SW ●●●●

4th & C St SW
3rd St & Pennsylvania Ave SE
4th St & Madison Dr NW
Washington & Independence Ave SW/HHS
Constitution Ave & 2nd St NW/DOL

D10, D1X, C43, C51, D24, C55



GEORGETOWN JINGLE

Date: December 6, 2025
Time: 1-4pm

Attend Georgetown's second-annual holiday music event, Georgetown Jingle, featuring 10 live music performances at 10 outdoor locations throughout Georgetown. Over 40 restaurants, shops, and more will be offering pop-ups and refreshments and more while listening to your favorite holiday classics.

Foggy Bottom-GWU ●●●●

Potomac & M St NW
34th & Water St NW
29th & M St NW
Wisconsin Ave & O St NW
Thomas Jefferson & Water/K St NW

C85, D80, D82, A58, C91, D94, D96



DISTRICT'S HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Date: December 6, 2025
Time: 5-8pm

Don't miss the 32nd anniversary of this iconic DC event, featuring 60+ festively decorated boats parading along the Washington Channel. You can decorate ornaments, warm-up by the fire pit, visit the Christmas Tree, go ice skating, sample winter drinks, and meet Santa!

Waterfront ●
L'Enfant Plaza ●●●●●●

Maine Ave & 9th St SW
Maine Ave & 7th St SW
Maine Ave & Water St SW
Waterfront Park

A40, D50, C11, C55, D40, D60

Transit Pier, 950 Wharf St SW



NATIONAL KISS UNDER THE NATIONAL MISTLETOE

Date: December 13, 2025
Time: 3-6pm

Join DowntownDC BID in their attempt to break the Guinness World Records™ title for the most couples kissing under the mistletoe! Enjoy live music, food and drinks, photo booths, live art and more!

Gallery Place/Chinatown ●●●●

8th & H St NW
10th & K St NW
7th & K St NW
5th St & Massachusetts Ave NW

D40, D80, D4X, D20, D2X, D34, D36, D90, D94, D32, D44



NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Dates: December 4, 2025 - January 1, 2026

Celebrating over 100 years of tradition, the National Christmas Tree will be lit every day around sunset and open to the public after the tree lighting ceremony on December 4.

Farragut West ●●●●
McPherson Square ●●●●

14th & D St NW/John A Wilson Building
15th St & Constitution Ave NW
15th St & Pennsylvania Ave NW
14th & G St NW

D50, F19, D10, D5X, D34, D20, D80, D94, D72, A49, D60



NATIONAL MENORAH

Dates: December 14, 2025

The annual lighting ceremony of the National Chanukah Menorah will take place 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 ●●●●

14th & D St NW/John A Wilson Building
15th St & Constitution Ave NW
15th St & Pennsylvania Ave NW
18th & C St NW

D50, F19, A49, D96, D10

Green Line Metrorail Closures ●●●●

From Dec. 6-7, College Park-U of MD and Greenbelt stations will be closed.

Shuttle buses will be replacing trains between Hyattsville Crossing and Greenbelt.

From Dec. 16-30, trains will be single tracking between U Street and Georgia Ave-Petworth.

Happy Holidays

EVENT LOCATIONS



DowntownDC
Holiday Market



Sculpture
Garden Ice
Rink



ZooLights



US Capitol
Christmas Tree



Georgetown
Jingle



District's Holiday
Boat Parade



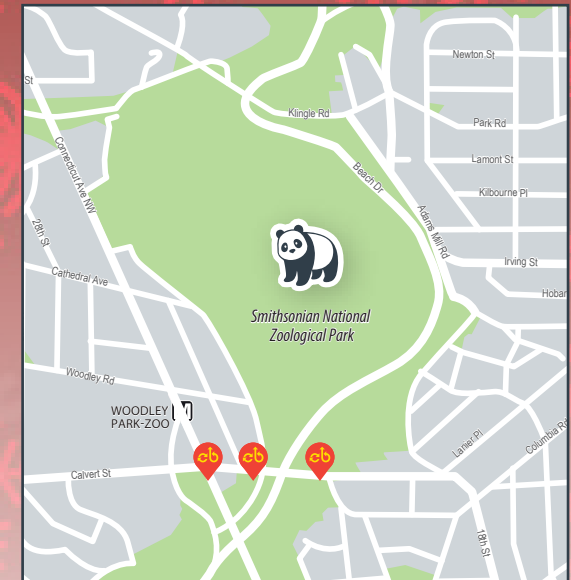
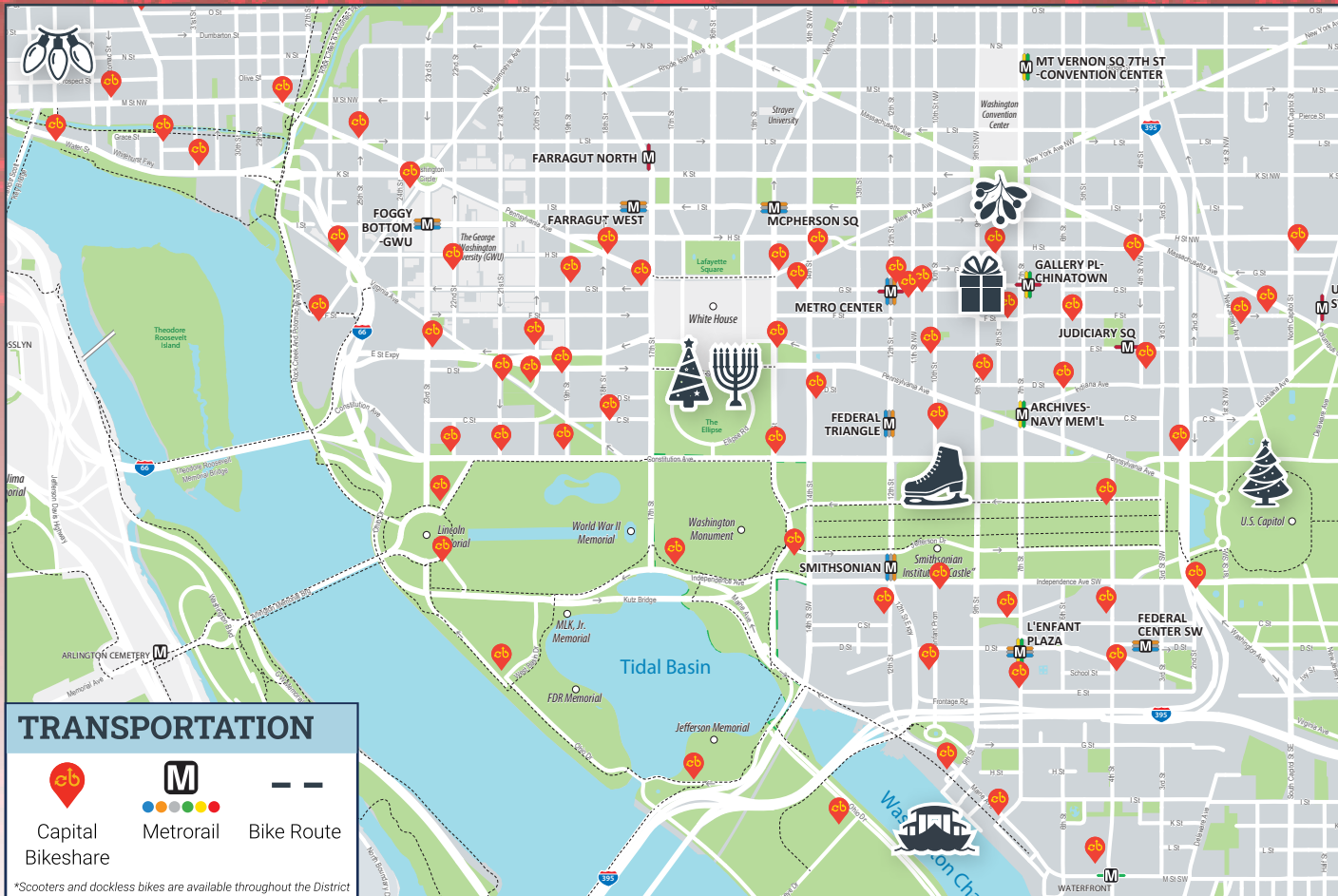
National
Christmas Tree



National
Menorah



National Kiss
Under the
National Mistletoe



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