



Congressman  
**Elton Gallegly**  
**WELCOMES YOU TO WASHINGTON, D.C.!**

*To help make your visit to our nation's capital a memorable one, we've prepared this brief guide highlighting many of Washington's most popular historic and cultural attractions.*

*While you're in Washington, please accept my personal invitation to stop by our office, Room 2309 in the Rayburn House Office Building, or call us at 202-225-5811. We look forward to seeing you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Elton Gallegly  
Your Representative*

**House Website for Tourist Information-** Additional information about the sites on this list, as well as some that were not included, can be found at the House of Representative's Tourist Information website: [http://www.house.gov/house/tour\\_dc.shtml](http://www.house.gov/house/tour_dc.shtml).

**The White House-** 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Open Tuesday - Saturday. Requests must be submitted through our office and are accepted up to six months in advance. These self-guided tours are available from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday (excluding federal holidays). Please submit your request as early as possible (at least two months in advance) since only a limited number of tours are available. All White House tours are free of charge. For the most current tour information, please call the 24-hour line at (202)456-7041. Please note that all tour decisions are made by the White House and that White House tours may be subject to last-minute cancellation. All tours are significantly enhanced if visitors stop by the White House Visitor Center located at the southeast corner of 15th and E Streets, before or after their tour. The center is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov). Metro stop: Farragut West or McPherson Square

**The U.S. Capitol Building-** Each year millions of people visit the U.S. Capitol, which is equally a meeting place for our legislators and a museum. The Capitol is open to the public for guided tours only. Tours are conducted from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday (the Capitol is not available for tours on Sundays). The Capitol is open on all federal holidays except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and ticket distribution begins each morning at 9 a.m. The Capitol Guide Service can be reached at (202) 225-6827 or you can visit their website: [www.aoc.gov](http://www.aoc.gov). You may also contact our office to request a reserved tour of the Capitol. Metro stop: Capitol South

**Arlington National Cemetery-** The cemetery opens to the public at 8 a.m., 365 days a year. From April 1 to Sept. 30 the cemetery closes at 7 p.m., and all other months it closes at 5 p.m. The grounds include the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Custis-Lee Mansion, and the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy & William Howard Taft. Ample paid parking is available to visitors, accessible from Memorial Drive. The cost is \$1.25/hour for the first three hours, and \$2/hour thereafter. During all hours the cemetery is open the Arlington National Cemetery Metro stop is regularly served by high-speed subway trains. The cemetery is also a stop on most tour guides' itineraries. [www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org). Metro stop: Arlington National Cemetery

**The United States Botanic Garden-** Admission to all public areas of the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) is free. The Conservatory is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. every day, including weekends and holidays. Its main entrance is located at 100 Maryland Ave. SW (use this address for Internet mapping searches). Visitors are welcome in Bartholdi Park from dawn - dusk and can access it from any of the three bordering streets- Independence Ave., Washington Ave. or First St. (202) 225-8333. [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov). Metro stop: Federal Center SW

**Bureau of Engraving and Printing-** Tickets are required for all tours from the first Monday in March until the last Friday in August (peak season). A limited number of reserved tours may be offered through our office. Otherwise, all other public tour tickets are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets must be purchased the day of the tour and are only good for the day they are issued. The ticket booth opens at 8 a.m.; however, visitors begin forming a line for tickets as early as 6:30 a.m. For questions regarding the tour, please call the tour office at (202)874-2330 or 1-866-874-2330. The ticket booth is located on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street). [www.moneyfactory.gov](http://www.moneyfactory.gov). Metro stop: Smithsonian

**Ford's Theatre & Lincoln Museum-** 511 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW- between E and F Streets NW. Open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exception of Christmas Day. (202) 426-6924. [www.nps.gov/foth/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/foth/index.htm) Metro stop: Metro Center

**FBI-** The FBI does NOT offer any kind of public tours.

**The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum-** Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. every day including weekends. Closed only on Yom Kippur and Christmas Day. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW. (202) 488-0400. Please allow for 1 1/2 - 3 hours. Free timed passes are necessary for visiting the Permanent Exhibition — *The Holocaust* — and can be obtained at the museum on the day of your visit or in advance by calling tickets.com at (800) 400-9373. Each day, the museum distributes on a first-come first-served basis a large but limited number of timed entry passes for use that same day. No passes are necessary for entering the museum building, special exhibitions, the interactive Wexner Learning Center, and other museum resources. Even if you cannot get Permanent Exhibition passes for the day you want to come, you are invited to visit and take advantage of the museum's many other learning opportunities. Metro stop: Smithsonian

**The Thomas Jefferson Memorial-** Open 24 hours daily and located on the south bank of the Tidal Basin. At the Swan Boathouse you can rent a pedal boat to cruise on the Basin. \*\*\*

**The Lincoln Memorial-** W. Potomac Park at the south foot of 23rd St. NW. Open 24 hrs daily. (202)426-6895.

**Korean War Veterans Memorial-** Near the Lincoln Memorial in West Potomac Park at the foot of 23rd St. NW. Open 24 hours daily.\*\*\*

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial-** Located at Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Ave. NW, adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial. Open 24 hours daily. The memorial honors all Americans who served in the Vietnam War. As a special tribute to those who did not return, the names of more than 58,000 who gave their lives or who remain missing are inscribed in the memorial's walls. The names are in chronological order. \*\*\*

**World War II Memorial-** Located on the Mall at 18th St. NW between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Open 24 hours daily. [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com).

**The Washington Monument-** Located on the Mall along the line of 15<sup>th</sup> St. SW & NW Open daily 9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Tickets are required and are available through the National Park Service Reservation System. Timed tickets are required to ensure an enjoyable experience for all visitors. All visitors 2 years of age or older must have a ticket to enter the monument. Tickets to the Washington Monument are free. Visitors may also obtain free, same-day, timed tickets to the Washington Monument at the 15th Street kiosk. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8:30 a.m. until all tickets for that day are gone. \*\*\*

**The Library of Congress-** Public tours are offered Monday - Saturday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (although there is no 3:30 p.m. tour on Saturdays). These free tours are open to individuals and small groups with no more than 10 participants. No reservations or tickets are required. A limited number of constituent tours may be offered through our office. [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov). Metro stop: Capitol South

**The Smithsonian Museums-** Including but not limited to the National Museums of American History, Natural History, the American Indian, Air and Space, African Art, the National Gallery of Art (East and West Buildings and the Sculpture Garden), Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Freer Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery, Postal Museum, and the Smithsonian Castle. There are many Smithsonian institutions along the National Mall and in nearby areas of D.C. All Smithsonian Museums are free. Though their hours vary, for the most part they remain open during general business hours and are often open on weekends. Please call (202) 633-1000 or visit the Smithsonian website at [www.smithsonian.org](http://www.smithsonian.org).

**National Zoo-** 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW. More than 400 animal species in a 163-acre park, including pandas, cheetahs, orangutans, and more. (202) 633-4800 (recording); (202) 633-4888 (voice). [nationalzoo.si.edu](http://nationalzoo.si.edu). Metro stop: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan or Cleveland Park.

**U.S. Department of State-** The Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the Department of State, which are used for official functions hosted by the Secretary of State and other high-level government officials, are open for pre-arranged tours at no charge. These rooms hold a premier collection of 18th century American furniture, paintings and decorative arts. Guided tours are conducted Monday - Friday at 9:30 am, 10:30 am, and 2:45 pm. Tours are 45 minutes in duration. Reservations are required and should be made approximately 90 days in advance, due to the large volume of requests. You may schedule a tour through their website: [receptiontours.state.gov](http://receptiontours.state.gov), or by calling them at (202) 647-3421. Metro stop: Foggy Bottom

**The Pentagon-** Advanced tour requests are required and must be submitted at least two weeks ahead. For more information, please call (703) 697-1776 or visit them online at [pentagon.afis.osd.mil/tour\\_request\\_ff.cfm](http://pentagon.afis.osd.mil/tour_request_ff.cfm). Tour length is approximately 60 minutes and includes walking about one and a half miles of Pentagon corridors and several staircases. Metro stop: Pentagon

**The Supreme Court-** First St. and Maryland Ave. NE. Open Monday - Friday except on federal holidays. Tours and public lectures are conducted in the courtroom from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. every hour on the half hour, except when court is in session. No tours are given during August. Reservations can be made through our office. Congressional tours are conducted Monday- Friday at 2:00 p.m. One-month advance notice is required. (202) 647-3241. [www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov). Metro stop: Capitol South (Blue/Orange Line) or Union Station (Red Line)

**The Department of the Treasury-** The tour includes the history of the Treasury Department and the building's architecture history. Entrance through Appointment Center doors located next to the White House on 15<sup>th</sup> St. between F and G Streets NW. Open for tours on Saturday only; expect tour to last 90 minutes. For tour information or to make an advanced reservation, call (202) 622-0896. For hearing impaired tours, call (202) 622-0962. [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov). Metro stop: Metro Center

---

\*\*\* These websites can be explored through the National Park Service's Website: [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).