



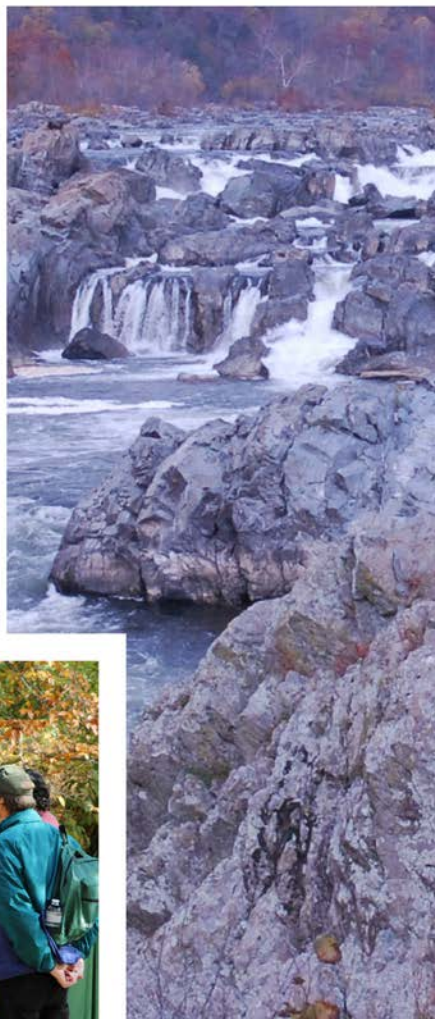
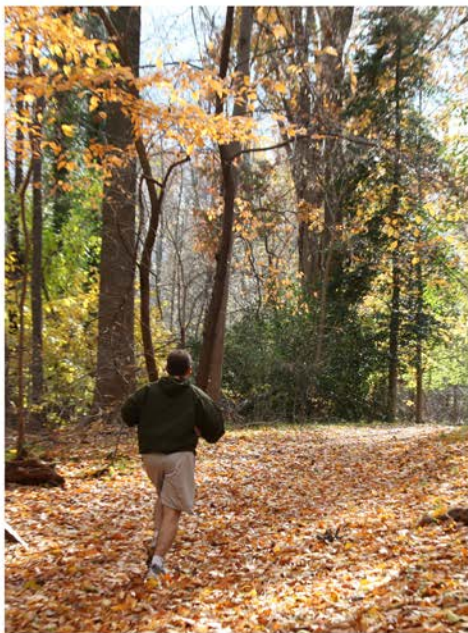
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Message from the Office of the Superintendent

Dear Park Visitors,

Welcome to the George Washington Memorial Parkway! This edition of the Potomac Gorge Bulletin is your guide to fall and winter events, programs, and so much more. This guide will help you plan your visits to the sites managed by the Parkway and our partners. We offer a variety of activities for all ages, families, and groups.

The Fall and Winter season at the George Washington Memorial Parkway promises to be scenic and enjoyable for our visitors. Just minutes away from the nation's capitol, you can hike one of the beautiful trails at Great Falls Park or Theodore Roosevelt Island to enjoy the fall foliage or launch your boat at Daingerfield Island to enjoy the views from the water. Whatever your interests are, you will find them at one of our sites. In addition to all that the park offers, this edition of Potomac Gorge Bulletin features a section highlighting our partners and offers a wide variety of programs to school groups and the general public.

This winter, as there will likely be snow events, please stay safe! Our hardworking crews in the Maintenance division will work through these storms to ensure the parkway is plowed and safe. Please keep them safe by driving slowly along the road and stay patient as they finish their work. Once the storm passes, you can enjoy the majesty of silent winter days in our beautiful park.

This season we are also in the middle of exciting rehabilitations of a few of our crown jewels to continue protecting them for future generations. You can read about these important projects along the Parkway in this issue of the Bulletin. I hope you use this publication as your guide when exploring all the Park has to offer.

I wish you and yours a fun-filled, educational, and memorable experience at any and all of the sites along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. I invite you, and your family, and friends to come explore, enjoy and find your park! As always, enjoy your National Park!

Alexcy Romero
Superintendent



Alex Romero,
Superintendent. NPS Photo.

For Your Information

Hiking

As you take in the park's beautiful scenery, think ahead, be prepared and stay safe.

- Check the weather forecast before heading outdoors for a hike. It is not safe to hike when thunderstorms or heavy snowfall is expected.
- Immediately seek shelter if hazardous weather approaches.
- Carry drinking water. Don't drink from streams or springs without first properly treating the water.
- Observe wildlife from a safe distance. Don't try to get too close to wild animals.
- If you are hiking alone, make sure to notify a friend or family member of where you are going.
- Stay on the trail—if you leave it, you may get lost.
- To help prevent food poisoning, keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Don't store perishable foods in a hot car.
- Be aware of tiny deer ticks that can carry Lyme disease. When in a potentially infested area, apply insect repellent, wear light colored long sleeved-shirts, pants and socks.

Park Regulations

To help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone, please follow park rules and posted regulations.

- Park sites are closed after dark.
- Make sure you know the hours of operation when visiting one of the sites along the Parkway.
- Please keep dogs on leashes in permitted areas of the park.
- Discharging firearms anywhere on GWMP lands is unlawful.
- Please dispose of your garbage and other refuse in trash containers or take it with you when you leave.
- For your safety while hiking, stay on the established trails and watch your footing at all times.
- The use of aerial drones is prohibited on all park property.
- Prevent damage to resources by bicycling on paved roads and designated bike trails only.

Park Permits

Permits are required for certain activities within the park, including weddings, athletic events, filming, demonstrations, utility work, and commercial activities. There is an application fee associated with some of these types of permits.

A filming and photography permit is required for all activities that involve the use of professional casts, settings or crews by any person other than news television personnel. A permit is also required for the taking of photographs for the purpose of commercial advertising.

For more information visit <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/permitsandreservations.htm> or call 703-289-2500.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
U.S. Park Police Emergency	202-610-7500
U.S. Park Police Non-Emergency	703-285-1000
Park Headquarters	703-289-2500

Did you know that the George Washington Memorial Parkway is one of more than 400 National Park Service sites found all across America?

Become a Volunteer (VIP)!

Do you want to give back to a park that gives you so much? Have you ever thought of volunteering your time and talents to the National Park Service (NPS)? Become a steward of the park by joining the VIP (Volunteers-In-Parks) program at the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP).



Volunteers contribute not just to the mission of the NPS, but to the communities they serve. GWMP VIP job opportunities are as diverse as the parks. VIPs welcome visitors to the parks, conduct guided tours, assist with special events, maintain trails, work with computers, and much more.

GWMP offers a wide array of historic, cultural and recreational areas located in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. The park is comprised of thousands of acres of federal land ranging from community parks and national historic sites, to unique wetland ecosystems, meadows and mature hardwood forests.

Contact the park at 703-289-2500 to find a coordinator near you, or visit us at www.nps.gov/gwmp and click on the volunteer link.



Rangers leading a multisensory talk. NPS Photo.

Special Services

GWMP makes every effort to provide access to all of our facilities and programs for the broadest possible range of visitors. From children and the elderly to those who are physically challenged, GWMP strives to create inclusive opportunities for all people.

Park Sites of the George Washington Memorial Parkway

George Washington Memorial Parkway and Clara Barton Parkway

The George Washington Memorial Parkway was designed for recreational driving. It links sites that commemorate important episodes in American history and preserve habitat for local wildlife. The parkway and its associated trails provide a scenic place to play and rest in the busy Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Originally designed to connect Washington, D.C., to George Washington's Mount Vernon, it later expanded to run all the way north to the Beltway. One section of the Parkway travels along the Maryland side of the Potomac River. This section was renamed in 1989 as the Clara Barton Parkway. Clara Barton's home is located along the parkway near Glen Echo.

Clara Barton National Historic Site

Clara Barton dedicated her life and energies to help others in times of need - both at home and abroad, in peacetime as well as during military emergencies. Glen Echo was her home for the last 15 years of her life. The structure illustrates her dedication and concern for those less fortunate than herself.

The house was constructed in 1891 and served as a warehouse for relief supplies for the American Red Cross. In addition to serving as a warehouse, the structure later became Miss Barton's residence and the headquarters of the American Red Cross. She resigned from the American Red Cross in 1904 and resided in the house until her death in 1912. The home is designated as a National Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Arlington House in the winter. NPS Photo.

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial

Arlington House is a Greek revival style mansion located in Arlington, Virginia. The house, once the home of Robert E. Lee and his wife, overlooks the Potomac River and the National Mall in Washington, D.C. During the American Civil War, the grounds of the mansion were selected as the site of Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1925, the United States designated Arlington House as a National Memorial to Robert E. Lee. This designation was the result of the respect he earned from both the North and South when he pushed for reunion after the Civil War. The Robert E. Lee Memorial honors Lee's military and public leadership in pre- and post-Civil War America. From the portico of the house you can contemplate our nation's fate as you gaze across the river that once divided us.

Collingwood Picnic Area

The land at Collingwood Picnic Area was once part of George Washington's River Farm. This location is ideal for people looking for a little solace along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Here you can picnic while overlooking the beautiful Potomac River just north of George Washington's Mount Vernon. Gaze across the serene river to Piscataway Park in Maryland. The riverview has been preserved to look nearly identical to the view enjoyed by the first president more than two hundred years ago. Keep an eye out for ospreys and eagles overhead!

Arlington Memorial Bridge & Memorial Avenue

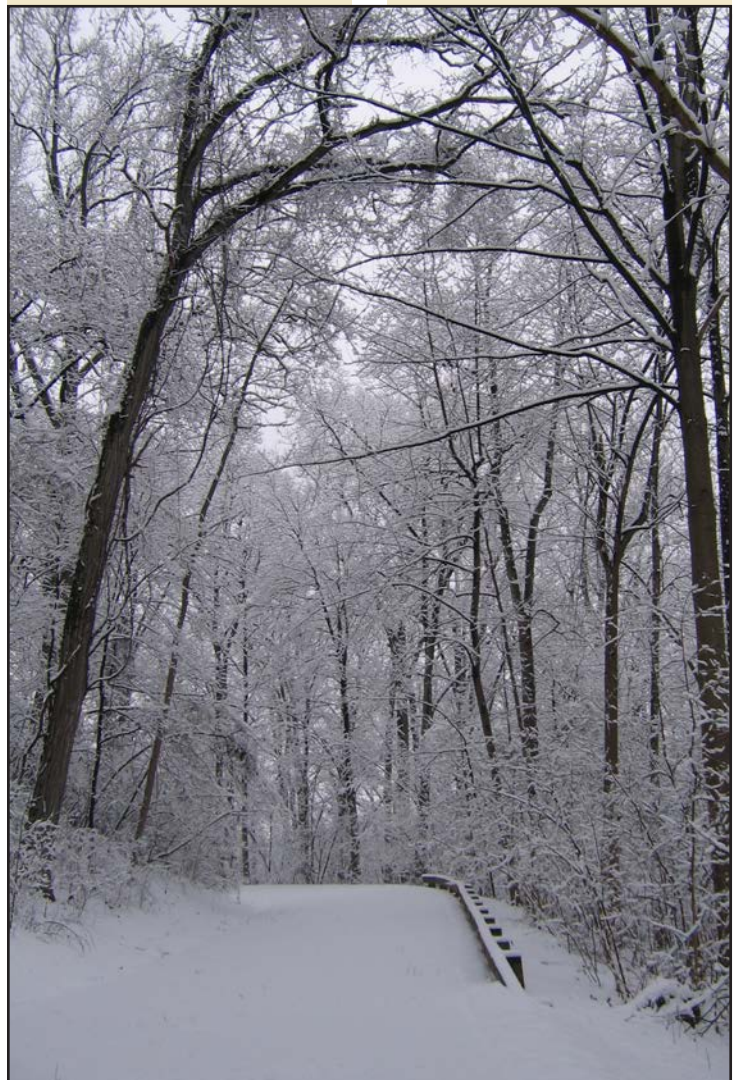
Arlington Memorial Bridge and Memorial Avenue provide a ceremonial entrance to Washington, D.C., as well as the ceremonial gateway into Arlington National Cemetery. It was designed as an "Avenue of Heroes," and is lined with monuments and memorials that celebrate the virtues of valor and sacrifice, and honor such diverse figures as Admiral Byrd and the Seabees.

The Memorial Bridge and Avenue also connect the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial, symbolically and physically uniting a once-divided North and South.

Belle Haven Park

Located just south of Old Town Alexandria, Belle Haven Park is a beautiful riverside park offering wonderful vistas and fun recreational activities. Set on an early 1700s tobacco warehouse site, Belle Haven Park has trails, a picnic area and marina.

Belle Haven is a great place to get access to the Potomac River as well as to the Mount Vernon Trail. From here you can also access the Dyke Marsh area of the park. Go birding, hiking or enjoy a picnic on tables in the park. From the banks of the Potomac River you can look across to Maryland and also get a great view of the Jones Point Lighthouse.



The Parkway in the snow. NPS Photo.

Park Sites of the George Washington Memorial Parkway

Columbia Island

Columbia Island, located on the George Washington Memorial Parkway just north of the 14th Street Bridge, is part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway that is technically part of the District of Columbia.

The Island offers panoramic views of the monumental core of Washington, D.C., and is home to Lady Bird Johnson Park, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove, the Navy-Merchant Marine Memorial and Memorial Circle. The Mount Vernon Trail meanders through the island giving numerous places to take in the stunning views.

Daingerfield Island

Just north of Old Town Alexandria is Daingerfield Island. Here you can get on the Potomac River and enjoy amazing views of the Washington, D.C. skyline.

At Daingerfield Island, you can get lunch at the snack bar, picnic outside, watch the airplanes take off from Reagan National Airport and watch the sailboats and windsurfers blow by. Not actually an island, the flat and mostly wooded park is filled with herons, turtles, snakes, frogs, kingfishers and more. This park also marks the site of the first permanent settlement of the city of Alexandria.

Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve

Dyke Marsh is one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetlands in the Washington metropolitan area. Its 485 acres of tidal marsh, floodplain and swamp forest can be explored by boat or on foot.

Dyke Marsh is an oasis in metropolitan Washington, D.C., that provides diverse opportunities for inspiration, wildlife observation, interaction with the natural environment, exercise and fun through a variety of outdoor experiences. The history of Dyke Marsh illustrates a lineage of human interaction with this environment, from American Indian hunting and fishing, colonial farming with the creation of dykes, sand and gravel dredging, to its current use as a preserve and recreation area.

Fort Hunt Park

Originally part of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, the land that is Fort Hunt Park has undergone several transformations. Batteries at Fort Hunt defended the Potomac River during the Spanish American War; the Civilian Conservation Corps operated a camp there during the Great Depression; and soldiers at Fort Hunt interrogated prisoners, trained pilots in escape and evasion and combed German documents for intelligence during World War II. Today it is a favorite spot for picnicking.

Fort Hunt Park is located near the shores of the Potomac River in Virginia. Mixed hardwood forests and open fields provide a variety of habitats for birds and other wildlife.

Fort Marcy

Fort Marcy and its counterpart, Fort Ethan Allen, were hastily planned and built to protect the Chain Bridge approach to Washington, D.C., during the Civil War. Its earthwork walls, trenches, rifle pits and parade ground are among the best preserved defenses from that era. Today it is part of a wildlife corridor around the nation's capital.

Fort Marcy was one of 68 forts and 93 gun batteries that made Washington, D.C., one of the most heavily fortified cities in the world in 1864. Though Fort Marcy never saw any combat, it helped successfully deter any major attack on the nation's capital during the Civil War. Without the protection of these earthworks, the outcome of the American Civil War could have taken a dramatically different turn.



Theodore Roosevelt Island in the winter. NPS Photo.

Park Sites of the George Washington Memorial Parkway

Glen Echo Park

Glen Echo Park began in 1891 as a National Chautauqua Assembly “to promote liberal and practical education.” By 1911, it transformed into DC’s premier amusement park until it closed in 1968. The Park was also the site of an important Civil Rights protest in 1960 that led to the Park’s desegregation in 1961. Since 1971, the National Park Service has owned and operated the site and today, with the help of the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, offers year-round cultural and recreational activities.

Glen Echo Park is a rare example of an early 20th century amusement park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The site represents the only example of an amusement park preserved within the National Park System, and maintains an operating carousel and historic ballroom.

Great Falls Park

At Great Falls, the Potomac River builds up speed and force as it falls over a series of steep, jagged rocks and flows through the narrow Mather Gorge. Great Falls Park offers a diversity of resource-based recreational experiences in close proximity to the nation’s capital. Activities range from picnicking, birding, guided ranger programs, hiking and horseback riding to bicycling through scenic wooded trails, rock climbing along the Mather Gorge and white water activities on the river.

At Great Falls there are also many historic resources. The ruins of the Patowmack Canal offer a glimpse into the early history of this country. Great Falls Park has many opportunities to explore history and nature, all in a beautiful 800-acre park only 15 miles from the Nation’s Capital.

Gravelly Point

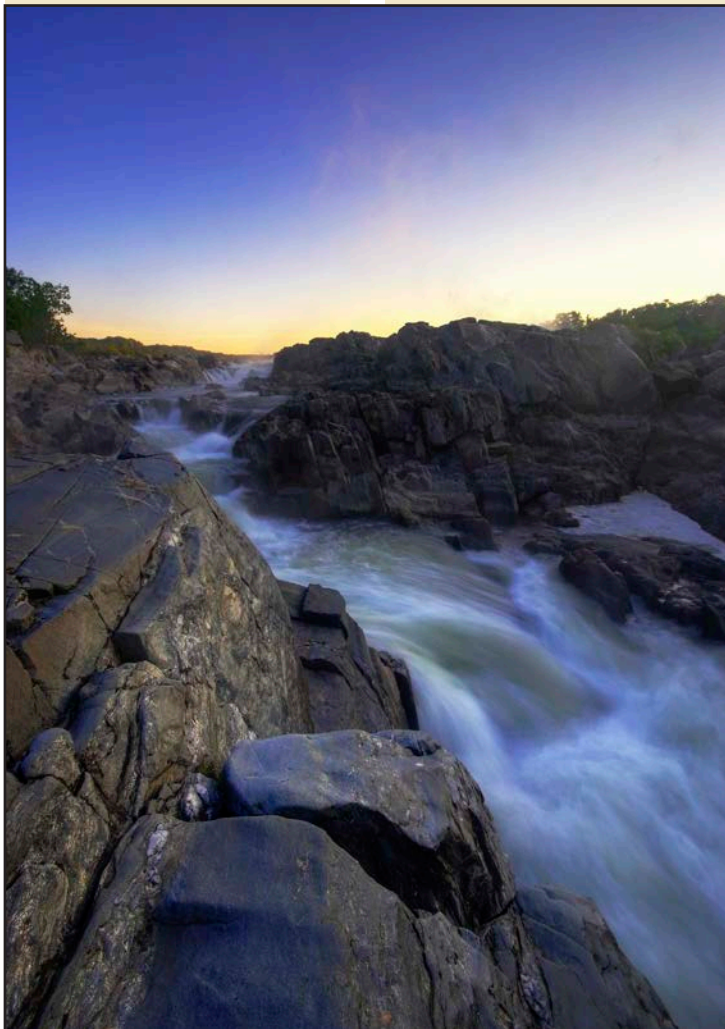
Just south of where the George Washington Memorial Parkway intersects with the 14th Street Bridge, and on land that once was the Abingdon Plantation, is Gravelly Point. With great views of the Washington, D.C. skyline, Gravelly Point is a great location to use athletic fields or enjoy a picnic.

Located just north of Ronald Reagan National Airport, the park is an ideal location to lie back, look up and watch airplanes take off and land just overhead. Run, bike or jog along the Mount Vernon Trail that snakes its way through Gravelly Point.

Jones Point Park & Lighthouse

Jones Point Park is located on the Potomac River, just south of Old Town Alexandria. It was a critical piece of the city of Alexandria’s history as one of the largest centers for shipping, manufacturing and transportation in the nation. Its lighthouse, built in 1855, is the last remaining riverine lighthouse in Virginia.

The archeological resources and structures preserved here represent at least 5,000 years of human history. Jones Point is a true time capsule: it preserves sites, buildings and artifacts both above and below ground which relate to Alexandria’s prehistory and its military, shipbuilding, industrial, navigational, domestic and recreational history. Among these resources are the historic Jones Point Lighthouse (1855), the original southern cornerstone for the District of Columbia (1791) and remnants of structures from the Virginia Shipbuilding Company (1917).



Great Falls. NPS Photo.

Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove

Located on the Potomac River across from the Nation’s capital, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove honors our 36th President. The memorial area is a special place where the President and his wife, Lady Bird Johnson, often stopped to admire the city. The grove contains a 19-ft. monolith of sunset red granite surrounded by a plaza with four granite tablets bearing quotations about the environment, education, civil rights and the Presidency. There are many white pines, azaleas, rhododendron and perennial and spring bulbs throughout the park.

From this location the seat of national power appears pristine across the river, so President Johnson came here often when he needed to escape from the stresses of building a Great Society. After he died, his wife chose this place for his memorial.

Mount Vernon Trail

With the river as your companion, you can run, ride or walk along this 18-mile multi-use trail stretching from the Mount Vernon Estate to Theodore Roosevelt Island. Along the trail, enjoy the views of the Potomac River, picnic at Riverside Park or Belle Haven Park, visit the fortifications at Fort Hunt Park or take a short walk into Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve.

From Belle Haven, the trail continues north through Old Town Alexandria along the waterfront. North of Alexandria, Gravelly Point offers a scenic place for watching planes take off from Reagan National Airport. Consider a side trip to Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove. At the Trail’s northern terminus is Theodore Roosevelt Island, which offers easy nature walks, the presidential monument and views of the river and Washington, D.C.



Mount Vernon Trail. NPS Photo.

Park Sites of the George Washington Memorial Parkway

Navy-Merchant Marine Memorial

The Navy-Merchant Marine Memorial, located in Lady Bird Johnson Park on Columbia Island in Washington, D.C., is a monument honoring sailors of the United States Navy and the United States Merchant Marine who died at sea during World War I. Designed in 1922 by Harvey Wiley Corbett and sculpted by Ernesto Begni del Piatta, it was dedicated on October 18, 1934.

Nicknamed "Waves and Gulls," the memorial depicts seven seagulls above the crest of a wave. The memorial reads: "To the strong souls and ready valor of those men of the United States who in the Navy, the Merchant Marine and other paths of Activity upon the waters of the world have given life or still offer it in the performance of heroic deeds this monument is dedicated by a grateful people."

Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary

Across the Parkway from Gravelly Point on the Southbound side of the George Washington Memorial Parkway is Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary. A small lagoon, the sanctuary has become a place filled with numerous birds.

This is a popular spot for observing wintering waterfowl. During the summer, osprey, green heron, red-winged blackbird and mallard are common. In addition, summer vegetation along the shore is alive with dragonflies and damselflies.

Theodore Roosevelt Island

In the 1930s, landscape architects transformed Mason's Island from neglected, overgrown farmland into Theodore Roosevelt Island, a memorial to America's 26th president. They conceived a "real forest" designed to mimic the natural forest that once covered the island. Today, miles of trails through wooded uplands and swampy bottomlands honor the legacy of a great outdoorsman and conservationist.

The "wilderness" qualities of the island reflect Roosevelt's lifelong interest and contribution to conservation of the nation's natural resources. The island contains a formal, landscaped memorial, which includes a 17-foot bronze statue, promenade, fountains and four granite tablets inscribed with quotes based on Roosevelt's ideals. Prior to its designation as a memorial, the island was a prominent landmark in the social and cultural development of the region.

Turkey Run

Turkey Run Park preserves a vertical slice of the Potomac Gorge ecosystem. A unique combination of flora and fauna makes a home in the park's riverbanks, flood terraces, upland forest, streams and underground seeps.

Turkey Run Park protects a section of the Potomac River Gorge, which is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the country, and contributes to the protection of the greater Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay watersheds. Turkey Run Park preserves elements of early American history through its relatively untouched forests and the Claude Moore Colonial Farm. Despite its proximity to an urban area, Turkey Run Park contains abundant wildlife.



Theodore Roosevelt Island. NPS Photo.

U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial and the Netherlands Carillon

The U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial is dedicated to all personnel of the United States Marine Corps who have died since the corps was established by the Continental Congress in 1775. The memorial itself was inspired by and based upon an iconic photo taken during the U.S. invasion of Iwo Jima during World War II. It features six 32-foot-high figures that are raising a 60-foot flagpole. The names and dates of principal Marine Corps campaigns and battles are engraved at the base of the memorial.

The Netherlands Carillon was a gift from the people of the Netherlands to the people of the United States in gratitude for American aid during and after World War II. It is intended to symbolize friendship between the two countries and their common allegiance to the principles of freedom, justice and democracy. Carillon concerts usually take place on Saturday afternoons in June, July, and August. Guest carillonneurs play two-hour long concerts of jazz, pop, and patriotic music on the carillon's 50 bells.

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Clara Barton National Historic Site
www.nps.gov/clba

LBJ Memorial Grove
www.nps.gov/lyba

Theodore Roosevelt Island
www.nps.gov/this

Great Falls Park
www.nps.gov/grfa

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial
www.nps.gov/arho

Park Partners

The Alice Ferguson Foundation

Bridging the Watershed is an outreach program of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) and area schools, designed to promote student academic achievement, personal connections with the natural world, lifelong civic engagement and environmental stewardship through hands-on curriculum-based outdoor studies in national parks and on public lands.

Contact Information

2001 Bryan Point Road
Accokeek, MD 20607
<http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/>

Arlington House Foundation

The Arlington House Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the advancement of research and educational activities related to Arlington House, the historic home of the families of George Washington Parke Custis and Robert E. Lee.

The mission of the Arlington House Foundation is threefold. The foundation will assist the National Park Service's stewardship of Arlington House, support the site as a permanent memorial to Robert E. Lee and will support the National Park Service efforts that increase the veracity of the site's unique 19th century plantation visitor experience. This assistance will aim to encourage a broader understanding of how the decisions and events that occurred at Arlington House impacted American history and our evolution towards a more inclusive culture.

Contact Information

P.O. Box 3689
McLean, VA 22103
<http://www.arlingtonhouse.org/>

Claude Moore Colonial Farm

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run is a living history museum that portrays family life on a small, low-income farm just prior to the Revolutionary War. This privately funded and operated National Park site, located in McLean, Virginia, has served more than 2 million visitors since it opened in 1973, and is host to increasing numbers each year.

The popularity of the Farm is due in large part to its continuing focus on authenticity and its ongoing encouragement of both child and adult visitors to participate in the daily activities of an 18th century family farm. Experiential learning is a growing trend with most museums and the Farm has been a leader in this for over 40 years.

The Farm's mission is to educate the public about American daily life and agriculture through participation and involvement in an 18th century Virginia tenant family farm and related programs.

Contact Information

6310 Georgetown Pike
McLean, VA 22101
<http://www.1771.org/>

Eastern National

Eastern National is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit cooperating association, supporting the interpretive, educational and scientific programs and services of the National Park Service and other public trust partners.

Eastern National operates bookstores at three locations along the George Washington Memorial Parkway: Arlington House, Great Falls Park, and the Clara Barton National Historic Site.

Contact Information

470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1
Fort Washington, PA 19034
<http://easternnational.org/>

Friends of Dyke Marsh

Friends of Dyke Marsh is a volunteer group dedicated to preserving, restoring and enhancing Dyke Marsh, a freshwater tidal marsh in Fairfax County on the Potomac River just south of Alexandria, Virginia.

The Friends of Dyke Marsh (FODM) was formed in 1975 by a group of local people who, initially, wanted to stop plans to use the marsh as a dumping ground for dredged river spoil. This was yet another insult to the wetland; in the 1930s, construction debris had been heaped into the marsh and some of it is still visible today. The group formally organized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of cooperating with the National Park Service (NPS) in promoting the well-being of the marsh and preserving and restoring it. FODM was incorporated in 1976.

Contact Information

P.O. Box 7183
Alexandria, VA 22307
<http://www.fodm.org/>

Friends of Fort Hunt Park

Fort Hunt Park, a unit within the George Washington Memorial Parkway, is a popular recreational park. However, the park also represents a microcosm of American history. It was once part of George Washington's River Farm, and in World War II, Fort Hunt Park was a top-secret military intelligence installation known only as P.O. Box 1142.

Created in November 2012, the Friends of Fort Hunt Park, Inc., (FFHPI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the park's historic, natural and recreational resources and interpreting its rich history.

Contact Information

<http://www.friendsofforthuntpark.org/>

Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island

The Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island, Inc., was established as a 501(c)3 organization in 2015 by a group of passionate volunteers eager to support the National Park Service in its ongoing efforts to preserve and protect the unique presidential memorial that is Theodore Roosevelt Island.

The Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island serve as the voice and active force for ensuring that the memorial plaza, trail system and woodland landscape remain a fitting tribute to President Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy. With their help, visitors today and in future generations will enjoy the beautiful and serene natural urban setting that is symbolic of all the natural lands in America that Theodore Roosevelt loved and protected.

Contact Information

1616 Portal Drive NW
Washington, DC 20012
<http://www.theodorerooseveltisland.org/>

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc., manages Glen Echo Park, one of the most lively visual and performing arts sites in the Washington area.

Each year, almost 400,000 people come to the Park to renew their creative spirit through arts classes, festivals, exhibitions, dances, children's theater, music performances, nature programs and more.

Established by Montgomery County in 2002, the Partnership is a nonprofit organization charged with managing Glen Echo Park's arts programs and facilities, including its historic buildings. The Partnership's mission is to present vibrant artistic, cultural and educational offerings at the Park, and to promote the Park as a unique destination for the region's diverse population.

Contact Information

7300 MacArthur Blvd.
Glen Echo, MD 20812
<http://www.glenechopark.org/>

Park Partners

George Washington's Mount Vernon

Open 365 days of the year, Mount Vernon is the most popular historic estate in America. Over 85 million people have visited Mount Vernon since 1860, when the estate officially opened to the public. Today, Mount Vernon welcomes an average of one million guests each year. Preserved by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, their mission is to preserve, restore and manage the estate of George Washington to the highest standards, and to educate visitors and people throughout the world about the life and legacies of George Washington, so that his example of character and leadership will continue to inform and inspire future generations.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association was the first national historic preservation organization and is the oldest women's patriotic society in the United States.

Contact Information

PO Box 110
Mount Vernon, VA 22121
<http://www.mountvernon.org/>

Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA)

The mission of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) is to create a healthy, more livable region by promoting bicycling for fun, fitness and affordable transportation; advocating for better bicycling conditions and transportation choices for a healthier environment; and educating children, adults and motorists about safe bicycling.

Contact Information

2599 Ontario Rd. NW,
Washington, DC 20009
<http://www.waba.org/>

Jones Point Park Gardeners

Jones Point Park Gardens is a community garden located in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. The National Park Service has a long history with community gardening, dating back to victory gardens during World War II.

The gardens at Jones Point Park are available to interested people in the community by e-mailing jonespointparkgardens@gmail.com.

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Women in Military Service for America Memorial

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial, at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. Their patriotism and bravery are a part of our nation's heritage and are now recognized. Visitors to the Women's Memorial experience the collective history of women in the military along with the individual stories of registered servicewomen.

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization that depends on the donations of individuals, corporations, organizations and state and local governments to equip and maintain the Education Center, theater and exhibit areas, expand the permanent artifact collection and continue to locate and register eligible women.

Contact Information

2 Memorial Avenue,
Arlington, VA 22202
<http://www.womensmemorial.org/>

The Nature Conservancy

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. Their vision is a world where the diversity of life thrives, and people act to conserve nature for its own sake and its ability to fulfill humans' needs and enrich their lives.

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. They address the most pressing conservation threats at the largest scale. Thanks to the support of their more than one million members, they have built a tremendous record of success since being founded in 1951. Included in that success, they have protected more than 119 million acres of land and thousands of miles of rivers worldwide while operating more than 100 marine conservation projects globally.

Contact Information

4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100
Arlington, VA 22203
<http://www.nature.org/>

Potomac Paddlers Volunteer Corps

The Potomac Paddlers Volunteer Corps is a volunteer group with the National Park Service under shared management between Great Falls Park and the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The primary mission of the Corps is to have trained, uniformed park volunteers on the Potomac River to assist the park in identifying and reporting incidents, watching out for risky park visitor behavior and delivering safety messages to the public about the dangers of the Potomac River in the Potomac Gorge.

Corps members are essentially the Park's eyes and ears on the river and provide additional support for communications and assistance for emergency operations.

Contact Information

Great Falls Park
c/o Turkey Run Park
George Washington Memorial Parkway
McLean, VA 22101
<http://www.nps.gov/grfa/getinvolved/volunteer.htm>



Jones Point Park Garden. NPS Photo.

Concessionaires

Belle Haven Marina

Belle Haven Marina is located just south of Old Town Alexandria and operated by GWMP concessioner Belle Haven Marina, Inc. The marina offers wet, dry and rack storage; moorings; sailing/boating instruction; canoe, kayak, sailboat and jon boat rentals; and a public launching ramp. Open sunrise to sunset.

Contact Information

www.saildc.com

Columbia Island Marina

The Columbia Island Marina is located in the LBJ Memorial Grove on the Pentagon Lagoon, and is operated by GWMP concessioner Guest Services, Inc. The marina offers a whole host of services including: wet storage (annual, seasonal and transient) with power hookups; private slipholder restrooms/showers; 24-hour public boat ramp; WiFi; food/beverage service at the Cafe; catering service; seasonal outdoor patio for events; picnic areas; free parking; and a ship store providing souvenirs and boating essentials. The marina is open 9-7 from Memorial Day-Labor Day, 9-5 all other times.

New for 2017, beginning in the spring: water taxi and tour boat services from Dock C to various points of interest in Washington, D.C. (including D.C. sporting and other special events). Beginning in the summer: live music most Friday/Saturday nights; new non-motorized vessel docks; non-motorized vessel rentals (kayaks, standup paddleboards). Marina office hours vary by season.

Contact Information

<http://boatingindc.com/marinas/columbia-island-marina/>

Triple Craft: Burgers, Beers, Shakes

Located on Daingerfield Island, and operated by GWMP concessioner Guest Services, Inc., Triple Craft is a burger, beer and milkshake joint. Breaking free from run-of-the mill burger joints, Triple Craft features a casual, relaxed atmosphere with a contemporary, urban design. Situated adjacent to the Washington Sailing Marina with views of the Potomac River and the Washington, D.C., skyline, Triple Craft offers an expansive deck with a spectacular view.

You can grab a speciality burger or you can create your own burger with various topping options or choose the vegetarian "burger" option instead. Milkshakes are now available for the kids along with "adult" milkshakes for their parents. Various local draft beers are also on tap and growler refills are available. The menu will change based on season and local food offerings.

Open daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Contact Information

703-548-0001
<http://www.triplecraftdc.com/>

Washington Sailing Marina

Located on Daingerfield Island and operated by GWMP concessioner Guest Services, Inc., the Washington Sailing Marina is a full service marina offering dry and wet storage with power hookups; sailing camps and lessons; travel lift services; power washing and various other boat maintenance services; ship store providing souvenirs and boating essentials; observation deck (birds, airplanes, sailing); picnic areas; free parking; WiFi, food/beverage service; non-motorized vessel rentals (kayaks, canoes, standup paddleboards, waterbikes).

New for spring 2017: new food operations replacing Indigo Landing Restaurant and Afterdeck Cafe: Triple Craft, offering locally grown food and breweries, growler refills, milkshakes, and various other made-to-order food options. Marina office hours vary by season.

Contact Information

<http://boatingindc.com/marinas/washington-sailing-marina/>

FIND YOUR
PARK



Great Falls in the snow. NPS Photo.

Arlington House Rehabilitation Project

Arlington House reopened on Saturday, September 2 after a temporary two week closure. The mansion closed for two weeks in order for the resource management division to oversee a collection move. The mansion is full of thousands of collection items once belonging to the Lee and Custis families, as well as period and reproduction pieces. In order to prepare the home for the upcoming rehabilitation project, the Park needed to temporarily move the collection items off site. Staff and contractors successfully moved collection items and furnishings out of the house for both conservation and storage.

The mansion is temporarily reopened, though empty of furnishings. The mansion will close once construction work begins in 2018 for the rehabilitation of the site.

The rehabilitation project will continue throughout 2018 and will consist of three distinct components: physical construction and site improvements to the visitor experience, enhancement to the museum collections, and artifact conservation. Additionally, exciting new interpretive exhibits will enhance the visitor experience by providing multiple perspectives on the Arlington House and the plantation. This is thanks to a \$12.35 million donation from David M. Rubenstein. Superintendent Alex Romero said of the donation, "While the National Park Service has a very important mission, to preserve America's most important places, volunteerism and patriotic philanthropy provide a level of excellence that the service could not achieve without those who are willing to donate their hard earned money and valuable time."

Learn more about this exciting project on our website:
www.nps.gov/arho



Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial.
NPS Photo.

U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial Rehabilitation Project

In November, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and the United States Marine Corps dedicated new engravings on the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial to include the Afghanistan and Iraq campaigns.

The names and dates of principal U.S. Marine Corps campaigns and battles are engraved at the base of the Marine Corps War Memorial as well as the Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis," which means "always faithful" in Latin. The memorial also features the phrase, "Uncommon valor was a common virtue," a quote from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz in honor of the Marines' action on Iwo Jima. While the statue depicts a famous photograph of a flag-raising on the island of Iwo Jima in World War II, the memorial is dedicated to all Marines who have given their lives in defense of the United States since 1775.

Made possible by a \$5.37 million donation by businessman and philanthropist David M. Rubenstein, the rehabilitation project also included cleaning and waxing the memorial, brazing bronze seams and re-gilding letters and inscriptions on the sculpture base. Over the past four months every inch of the 32-foot-tall statues of Marines raising the flag was examined. Holes, cracks and seams on the bronze sculpture were brazed to prevent water damage.

The next phase of the project will replace lighting, landscaping, and specially designed educational displays about the significance and importance of the memorial. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2018. B-roll of engraving and gilding and before/after photos are available at <http://go.nps.gov/usmc>



US Marine Corps War Memorial. NPS Photo.

Articles

Visiting the GWMP in the Fall and Winter

Spring and summer 2017 were fun and action packed! We expect the winter to be the same! Along the George Washington Memorial Parkway there's always a place to take in seasonal activities.

Tired of battling the crowds at Theodore Roosevelt Island or Great Falls Park? Try visiting in the fall or winter. After children go back to school, these place tend to be less crowded. Or, why not try a place you have never been before. Have you ever spent a few hours at Collingwood Picnic Area, or walked down to the Potomac River from the Turkey Run Park?

This fall there will be great places see the changing leaves along the parkway! Along the Mount Vernon Trail, south of Alexandria, where there are sweeping views of the Potomac River makes a great place to leaf peep! Riverside Park also has views down stream along the Potomac. Perhaps you can take them in from one of the overlooks from the northbound parkway. As you get into the Potomac Gorge, between Rosslyn and Great Falls, the trees are not a showy, but it's still a pretty view.



The Potomac River and Theodore Roosevelt Island in the fall. NPS Photo.

Snow Patrol

Not far after the leaves change...SNOW! For those who can brave the weather and consider when it's safe to do so, right after a fresh snow fall is a serene time to spend in a park. Creating those first footprints in the powder, or cross country skiing along the shore of the Potomac can be a great experience! But snow brings commuting headaches too...

Rest assured; the National Park Service is prepared to handle snow and ice events along park roads. In the Greater Washington Area, National Park Service crews clear and treat nearly 300 miles of roads, 155 bridges, and more than 100 miles of sidewalks. Road crews and maintenance staff plan, prepare, and stage equipment months in advance. Employee safety and public safety are our top priorities as we clear roads. We are also working hard to protect park resources like historic buildings during winter storms.

Park rangers remind you that it's always a good idea to check the status of special events check with individual event organizers before you come to the park. Also, check individual park websites or call park visitor centers to check on their operating status before visiting.



GWMP Maintenance staff prepares for snow operations. NPS Photo.

Events

Recurring Events

GUIDED TOURS OF ARLINGTON HOUSE

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial Daily
October - March: Top of every hour
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; 45 minutes
703-235-1530
All Ages
Free

For those who want a more in-depth experience at Arlington House, see the entire mansion and grounds with a ranger. Learn about upcoming renovations to this memorial. Maximum 20 participants.

GREAT FALLS PARK VISITOR CENTER

Great Falls Park Daily
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
703-757-3101
All Ages
Free (with Entrance Fee)

Museum exhibits include the Patowmack Canal, Ecology of the Falls, American Indians, Potomac Watershed, Early Amusement Park Era at the Falls, the Falls in all Seasons, Kayaking, River Safety, Recreational Climbing and a Kids room. Two audiovisual presentations play on the quarter hour: Film - "George Washington Visualizing a Nation", and park slide show - History of Great Falls.

FALLS WALK

Great Falls Park
Every Saturday and Sunday
October 1 - April 1
1 p.m.
703-757-3101
All Ages
Free with Entrance Fee

Join a Ranger for a fun 30 minute stroll along the stunning vistas of Great Falls. Explore the natural and historical features of Great Falls that make this a timeless wonder. ADA Accessible route. Check the park website calendar.

FLAT HAT CHATS

Great Falls Park
Every Saturday and Sunday
October 1 - April 1
1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
703-757-3101
All Ages
Free with Entrance Fee

Join a Ranger at the overlook and chat about unique aspects of Great Falls. Bring your questions as you are sure to discover something new and exciting about Great Falls Park. Check the park website calendar.

GREAT FALLS FILM: "GEORGE WASHINGTON: VISUALIZING A NATION"

Great Falls Park Visitor Center
Daily
Every 30 minutes
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
703-757-3101
All Ages
Free with Entrance Fee

In 1785, George Washington and others established a company with the vision of creating a transportation route along the Potomac River to territories out west. At Great Falls, the company engineered the most difficult section of canal and locks providing safe passage to river boatmen and their cargo. Come learn about this fascinating time in history. "A people who are possessed of the spirit of commerce may achieve almost anything" - George Washington.

SNAKES IN THE AUDITORIUM PROGRAM

Great Falls Park
Every other Sunday
October 1 - April 1
2 p.m.
703-757-3101
All Ages
Free with Entrance Fee

Learn about snake safety during your visit to Great Falls Park and what to do if you meet one of our wild snakes along the trail. Shake off some of your snake fears; touch our pet snakes, or not, but gain some insight into these often misunderstood creatures we share life with on this planet. Meet Athena and Cornelius, the two Great Falls Park Corn Snakes. These lively and beautiful creatures present the 30 minute programs, with a little help from the Ranger Staff, and work for lodging and meals. They may even invite you to stay and watch them eat their meal after the program.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

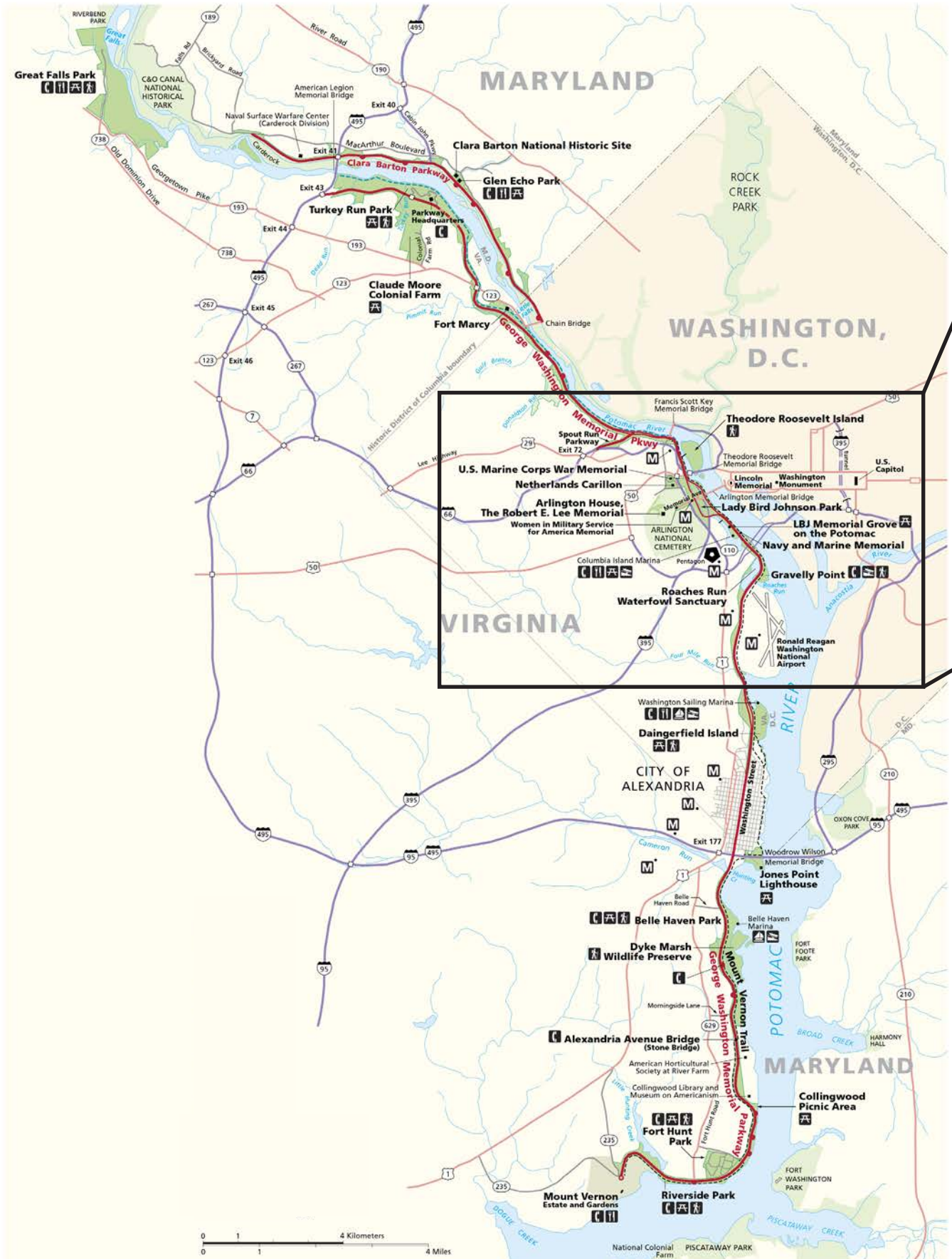
Great Falls Park
First and Third Sunday of each month
October 1 - April 1
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
703-757-3101
Reservations Required.
All Ages
Free with Entrance Fee

Meet in the Visitor Center. Dress for the weather as the class will head out into the park, to the falls' overlooks, and explore the trails. The class is conducted rain, snow or shine, although it may be modified for inside the Visitor Center or cancelled in the event of very nasty weather. Please bring a Digital SLR camera, water, and good walking shoes. You may bring snacks for the duration of the class if needed. Taught by Great Falls Park Volunteer and professional photographer, K.C. Morisseau.

MORE PROGRAMS ADDED ROUTINELY



Please check our website event calendar (<https://www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>) for the most up-to-date information.

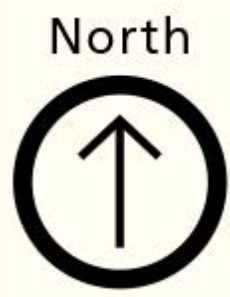
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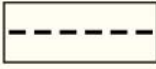



Map



-  Telephone
-  Food service
-  Picnic area
-  Sailing
-  Boat ramp
-  Hiking
-  Metro station



-  George Washington Memorial Parkway property
-  Parkway overlook, pullout, or parking lot
-  Mount Vernon Trail
-  Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (no bicycles allowed)



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U.S. Department of the Interior

George Washington Memorial Parkway
700 George Washington Memorial Parkway
McLean, VA 22101

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Activities at your fingertips

	Biking	Birding	Play-grounds	Hiking	Live Music	On-Site Parking	Picnicking	Ranger-led Programs	Sports Fields	Visitor Center
Arlington House		●				●		●		●
Great Falls Park	●	●		●		●	●	●		●
Mount Vernon Trail	●	●		●		●	●	●		
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Theodore Roosevelt Island		●		●		●	●	●		
Turkey Run Park	●	●		●		●	●			●
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