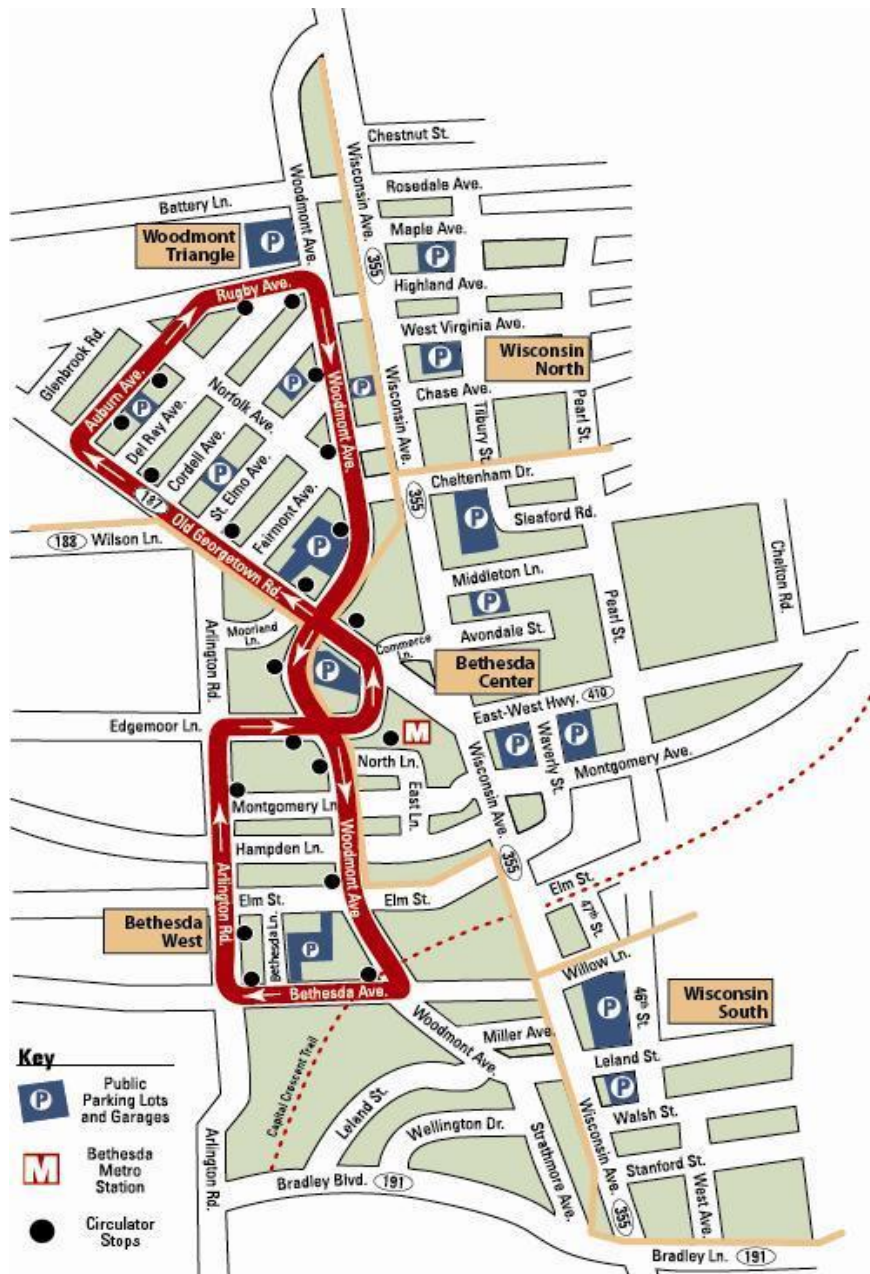


Things to Do in Bethesda MD

Bethesda has plenty to do, with 192 restaurants and 520 shops downtown. Walk around Bethesda Row, a popular shopping and dining location on the west end of the downtown area. Check out Woodmont Grill if you're in the mood for a great steak and live music, have a glass of wine at Food Wine and Co. or enjoy the local nightlife at Majestic Bar & Grill, Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle, Black's Bar and Kitchen or the Barking Dog if you need to catch the game on TV.

Bethesda is connected to Washington D.C. on the Red Line of the DC Metro subway system and the station is located at 7450 Wisconsin Avenue. The free Bethesda Circulator connects the station to a number of downtown locations.



Things to Do in Washington D.C.

Visit the National Mall – Famous for being the site of Presidential inaugurations, protests, rallies and speeches, the National Mall contains a plethora of interesting (and free!) memorials, museums and art galleries to see. Famous memorials include the Lincoln, Washington, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War memorials. Popular museums include the National Museums of Natural History, American History, African Art and the American Indian, as well as, the Air and Space Museum, the National Gallery of Art and the Freer Gallery of Art. Those interested in government may enjoy a visit to the United States Capitol Building or a look at the White House (just north of the Washington Monument).

Other nearby attractions include: the Library of Congress, the US Supreme Court Building, the National Archives, the Freedom Forum's Newseum, the Spy Museum (pre-purchased tickets required), National Theatre, Ford's Theatre, the Albert Einstein Memorial, the National Postal Museum, Union Station, the Tidal Basin, Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, the newly opened Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the George Mason Memorial, the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.



The National Mall is Easily accessible by the Metro subway system. The Orange and Blue lines will drop you off in the middle of the Mall at the “Smithsonian” stop. The Red Line goes to “Metro Center” station at 12th and F Street, a few blocks north of the Mall. Renting a bicycle with Capital Bikeshare (<http://www.capitalbikeshare.com>) is a great way to see the Mall and the surrounding area.

Eastern Market – Just a few blocks east of the US Capitol between North Carolina Avenue SE and C Street SE, the market is a fun public market in the up-and-coming Capital Hill neighborhood. Grab lunch or a snack at great restaurants like Matchbox (American+Pizza), Crepes At The Market, Cava Mezze DC (Greek/Mediterranean) and Tortilla Cafe (Latin American+Mexican) or breakfast/brunch at Ted's Bulletin.

Dupont Circle – This neighborhood, with its own stop on the METRO Red Line, hosts a number of boutique art galleries, cafés and restaurants. Try the oven-roasted pizza at Pizzeria Paradiso, great coffee, food and books at Kramerbooks and Afterwards Cafe & Grill, new takes on American classic dishes at the posh restaurant Firefly, or over 600 beers to choose from at the Bier Baron Tavern (west of the circle, take P St. NW and take a right at 22nd St. NW). The National Geographic Museum often has great exhibits and is just a short walk away- located off M St. between 16th and 17th St. NW.

Georgetown – While far from any subway stop, this neighborhood is accessible by bus or taxi and has a lot to see. Check out a world-class jazz show at Blues Alley, a great brunch at KafèLeopold, a fancy dinner at 1789, a burger at the iconic Clyde's, or a pint at D.C.'s oldest family-owned restaurant Billy Martin's Tavern. Go for a stroll along the scenic canal path and don't forget to see the famous "Exorcist Stairs" from the 1973 horror film at 36th St. NW and M St. NW.



H-Street Corridor – This is D.C.'s newest nightlife spot with a number of popular bars, clubs and music venues along H St. NW between 8th and 14th St. NW. Enjoy a beer and round of mini-golf at H Street Country Club, a band at Rock and Roll Hotel or some jazz at HR-57. With no nearby subway stop and limited parking, we recommend taking a taxi to and from here.

U-Street Corridor – This stretch along U Street NW from 14th to Vermont Avenue NW hosts some of D.C.'s most iconic food and music venues. Don't miss the great tastes and atmosphere at Busboys and Poets, a "half-smoke" (D.C.'s own hot dog) at the famous Ben's Chili Bowl, a show at the 9:30 Club or Black Cat, or one of the District's finest cocktails at the Gibson speakeasy (if you can find the hidden entrance).

