

Things to Do in Washington, DC

There are many things to do in DC and while some are expensive, there is also a plethora of inexpensive and even **FREE** events and activities to take advantage of. While we have listed a few examples here, please also feel free to contact anyone in the W&M DC Office for helpful hints.

- **The Kennedy Center Millennium Stage**

The Millennium Stage is great for free concerts, many of which are performers warming up or doing a pre-show before their actual Kennedy Center performance.

<http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html>

- **Tour the U.S. Capitol - The Capitol Visitors Center**

The Capitol Visitor Center is open to visitors from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Inauguration Day. Tours of the U.S. Capitol are conducted from 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Book your free tour in advance: <http://tours.visitthecapitol.gov/>

- **Eastern Market**

For the past 136 years, Eastern Market has been DC's destination for fresh food, handmade arts and crafts, and community events. Saturdays and Sundays are the best day to go to see local artisans and the flea market. The market does not have an admission cost, but make sure to bring cash – most stands do not accept credit cards. Market hours are Tuesday-Friday, 7am-7pm; Saturday, 7am-6pm; Sunday, 9am-5pm; and closed on Monday. The address is 225 7th Street, SE, accessible by the Eastern Market Metro on 7th Street. <http://www.easternmarket-dc.org/>

- **IMAX Movie**

IMAX is a movie experience with images up to eight stories high and wrap-around digital surround sound. The IMAX movie theaters in Washington, DC are located inside these three Smithsonian museums: The National Museum of Natural History, National Air and Space Museum, & Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. You may buy IMAX tickets online, at box offices and by phone at (202) 633-IMAX (4629). Tickets are \$8.75 per adult, \$7.25 per child (ages 2-12), \$7.75 for seniors (age 55+) and \$6.50 for Smithsonian members. <http://www.si.edu/imax/>

- **Museums**

We are lucky to have wonderful museums in the Washington, DC area. The best time to visit many of them is the winter because they are a lot less crowded. Here is a list of just SOME of your options:

Smithsonians: <http://www.si.edu/museums/>

National Gallery of Art: <http://www.nga.gov>

National Museum of Women in the Arts: <http://www.nmwa.org/facility>

Corcoran Gallery of Art: <http://www.corcoran.org>

Phillips Collection: <http://www.phillipscollection.org>

Textile Museum: www.textilemuseum.org

Newseum: <http://www.newseum.org/>

International Spy Museum: <http://spymuseum.org/>

For more information about events and activities in DC, check out these websites:

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

<http://www.dcpages.com/>

(We have also included some brochures for your convenience. More are available all over the city.)