

George Washington Memorial Parkway



Mason's Island

Fact: *Mason's Island is named for George Mason, a signer of the Constitution, who once owned the island.* Known today as Theodore Roosevelt Island, this 100-acre island in Washington, D.C. was used during the Civil War by the U.S. Army as a camp and training ground for the First Regiment, United States Colored Troops. It also became a refugee camp for hundreds of contrabands that fled a life of slavery. The picture on the front shows the ferry landing on Mason's Island with Georgetown in the distance.

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