

# Great Falls Park

George Washington Memorial Parkway



NPS Staff

Great Blue Heron

## ***Typical Habitat & When Found:***

*Great Falls Park is both a year-round home for Great Blue Herons and an important stop over site for migratory herons. They are well suited for any of the wetland areas in the park and are often better at catching fish with their long beaks, than our park visitors are with fishing poles. Look for Great Blue Herons along the river shoreline north of the Visitor Center or perched on rocks below the falls from Overlook 3.*

***Bird song:*** *Hérons have a deep, harsh croak, but are usually quiet away from the nest. They also snap their bills together producing a clapping chatter sound.*

***Importance to the park:*** *They assist with the control of fish and insect populations.*