



# National Mall Times

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## RANGER PROGRAMS OFFERED DAILY



Enhance your National Mall experience and join a National Park ranger for short talks and site tours in some of the park's major attractions. All programs are free. No prior sign-up is required.

Short presentation and tour times:  
10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.,  
6 p.m., 8 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Join these programs at:

- World War II Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Thomas Jefferson Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial

Look inside this issue for other ranger-guided programs, walks, runs, bike rides, and more!

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## Your Water Bottle's Second Life

by Kristen Murphy  
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The National Mall draws millions of visitors each year who seek to experience its historic memorials and expansive green spaces. The provision of amenities like food and restrooms means that the park must accommodate visitors and their food and beverage waste products. During the warm season, we collect over 100,000 pounds of waste each month from visitors to the National Mall. Fortunately, over 200 blue recycling bins dot the landscape and we are able to recycle approximately 16,000 pounds of that waste, a large portion of which consists of plastic bottles. This effort diverts the waste away from landfills and incinerators and back into the manufacturing process, creating a useful second life for used water bottles. Recycling is a collaborative effort that includes park staff, volunteers, industry services, corporate sponsors, non-profit organizations, and our visitors.

Recycling efforts began when National Mall and Memorial Parks made it a priority to recycle within their own facilities and during large-scale special events. To enable recycling at special events, the park began a volunteer recycling program for the annual Independence Day Celebration in 1999 and expanded the volunteer

program to include the National Cherry Blossom Festival in 2004. Since 2004, volunteers have helped the park to recycle more than 50,000 pounds of waste from these large annual events. The park has been recycling office materials at its headquarters since 2008, and has expanded efforts to recycle used tires, scrap metal, batteries, light bulbs, and a portion of the park's lawn waste.

The park is now addressing the waste stream generated by visitors and concession facilities. We were fortunate to have multiple partners interested in evaluating and developing a comprehensive recycling program for the National Mall. In partnership with the National Park Foundation and the Trust for the National Mall, the Coca-Cola Company provided a grant of \$500,000 in cash and in-kind donations for use in this effort. The donation provided for a recycling study, 255 permanent blue recycling bins that were installed throughout the National Mall in 2010, 400 mobile recycling containers and transportation trailers to serve special events, and educational signage that has been placed throughout the National Mall to inform visitors about what they can do to help.

The second life of a water bottle begins after a visitor decides to properly dispose of it by recycling. The distinctive blue color of the recycling bins,

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## No Picnic: The First Battle of Manassas

by Ranger Paul O'Brian

On the morning of July 21, 1861, civilians, reporters and members of the United States Congress decided to make the 35-mile trip from the federal capital of Washington to Manassas, VA to watch the war. These people viewed the war as a picnic; a spectator sport if you will. By the end of the day those casual attitudes would change forever.

With the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as the 16th President of the United States on March 4, 1861, and the firing on Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, the first major battle of the American Civil War did not take place until July 21, 1861. Both the Federal armies and the Confederate armies took their time to organize and prepare. Lincoln asked for recruits to volunteer for 90 days. Major General Irwin McDowell was given command of the Federal army of 35,000 men. The Confederate army was commanded by the hero of Fort Sumter, General Pierre G.T. Beauregard, and General Joseph E. Johnston. They had 34,000 troops under their joint command.

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AND MEMORIAL PARKS  
900 Ohio Drive, SW  
Washington, DC 20024



Park Headquarters: 202-485-9880  
Visitor Information: 202-426-6841

Park Websites: [www.nps.gov/nama](http://www.nps.gov/nama)  
[www.nps.gov/mall](http://www.nps.gov/mall)

National Mall Plan Website:  
[www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan](http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan)

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# Programs & Activities

## July

Fireworks over the Andrew Jackson statue in Lafayette Park, 1920.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3  2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m.	4  2-8 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9  8-9 a.m. 1-4 p.m. 2-3 p.m.
10  8-9 a.m. 2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m. 6-8 p.m. 6-8 p.m.	11	12	13	14  6-7 p.m.	15  6-8 p.m.	16  9-11 a.m.  2-4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  4-6 p.m. 12-2 p.m.  5-7 p.m. 1-3 p.m.  6-8 p.m. 2-3 p.m.  6-8 p.m.
17  1-4 p.m. 2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m. 6-8 p.m.	18  6-8 p.m.	19  6-7 p.m.	20	21  6-6:30 p.m. 6-7 p.m. 6-7 p.m.	22  6-7 p.m.	23  9-11 a.m.  6-8 p.m. 1-3 p.m.  2-3 p.m. 5-7 p.m. 6-8 p.m.
24  10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m. 6-8 p.m.	25  6-8 p.m.	26  6-7 p.m.	27	28  6-6:30 p.m. 6-7 p.m.	29  6-7 p.m.	30  1-4 p.m. 2-2:30 p.m. 6-8 p.m. 6-8 p.m.
31  2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m. 6-8 p.m. 6-8 p.m.	Daily ranger talks and site tours begin on the even hours - 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., and 10 p.m. - at many of the sites. Look for ranger talk signs posted in the memorials to join in!					

### PROGRAMS

#### Monday, July 4 235 Years of United States Independence 2 - 8 p.m.

Join Park Staff, in 1776 attire, remembering the history of and honoring the United States on its 235th Birthday. Take a photo with a 1776 flag and sign a large copy of the Declaration of Independence with a quill pen. Event held at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Mike G. Rose at 202-438-9667.

#### Thursdays, July 14, 21 & 28 WWII Operations and Vehicles 6 - 7 p.m.

The operations and vehicles of WWII proved to be monumental in history and invaluable for the United States' rendezvous with destiny. We will view the memorial's bronze timeline panels and era photographs to learn about battles and military vehicles. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Victor Pillow at 202-286-1624.

#### Tuesdays, July 19 & 26 Jefferson's Cloak 6 - 7 p.m.

The statue of Thomas Jefferson is draped in a long cloak. Who gave him that cloak, and what does it tell you about the founding father it covers? Join a Park Ranger for an in-depth look at Jefferson and the issues of his day! Meet in the chamber at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Don Stanko at 240-375-4857.

#### Thursday, July 21 Manassas: Chaos in 1861 6 - 7 p.m.

On July 21, 1861 the first major battle of the Civil War was fought in Manassas, VA. Originally the battle was intended to determine the outcome of the war. Instead it produced an uncertain future. Come and learn more about what happened on July 21, 1861. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

#### Thursday, July 21 & 28 A Look at FDR's Warm Spring Years: 1924-1945 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Before it was the Little White

House, Warm Springs, GA was a retreat, a farm, and a rehabilitative center. It was there that FDR boldly confronted his disability, formed close bonds with the townspeople, and drew inspiration for the New Deal. Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul Maisto at 240-375-6375.

#### Friday, July 22 Up the Boot 6 - 7 p.m.

The Italian Campaign began on July 9, 1943, and continued on into September with the invasion of Italy. The campaign was controversial, difficult, and it produced interesting personalities. Come and learn more about the history of WWII. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

#### Friday, July 29 Kursk: The Fall Out 6 - 7 p.m.

The Battle of Kursk began on July 5, 1943, continued through the end of the month, and was one of the largest tank battles fought during WWII. It began slowly, but eventually the Russians drove

the Germans out of the Soviet Union. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

### BIKE TOURS

All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet, and water. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at: 202-438-3456  
Richard\_Ayad@nps.gov

#### Saturday, July 2 Art at the Park: The American Revolution on the Mall 1 - 4 p.m.

See section below for tour information.

#### Saturday, July 9 History of the Mall 1 - 4 p.m.

From George Washington's original vision to the District of Columbia of today, how has this span of green space in the heart of the Nation's Capital been altered over time? Come see how the National Mall has evolved

into what you experience today. For more information please contact Ranger Richard Ayad 202-438-3456.

**Sunday, July 17**  
**Unexplored Tales of the City**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**

Were you taught that George Washington cut down a cherry tree or that Abraham Lincoln wrote his Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope? These tours prove once and for all that true American history is stranger than fictitious American history. For more information please contact Ranger Richard Ayad 202-438-3456.

**Sunday, July 24**  
**FAMILY BIKE TOUR**  
**Art at the Park: Symbols on the Mall**  
**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

See section below for tour information.

**Sunday, July 24**  
**D.C. People**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**  
D.C. is a city full of colossal and iconic memorials to great men and even greater deeds. Statues, urns, and symbolic gestures of friendship and remembrance are all over the city, yet their stories have gone largely untold until now. For more information, contact Ranger Richard Ayad 202-438-3456.

**Saturday, July 30**  
**Washington, D.C.: The Sylvan Capital**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**

Think about how many more buildings we could have in Washington if we paved over all the parkland. Throughout the city's history many people wanted to do exactly that. Join Park Rangers on a trip through some of the parkland that almost never was. For more information contact Ranger Tim Moore at 240-375-5755.



**Saturday, July 9**  
**Chit-Chat Run: Adding Change to the Banks of the Potomac**  
**8 - 9 a.m.**

Dash through a few of D.C.'s scenic sites, and learn about National Mall and Memorial Parks metamorphosis from river to swamp to National Parkland. Interpretive stops included on this approximately 3.5 mile route, and please bring your own water. Meet inside the circle of flags at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Neil Koch at 202-438-6640.

**Sunday, July 10**  
**Chit-Chat Run: Great Men in**

**America's History**  
**8 - 9 a.m.**

Join us for a tour of the great men that have been memorialized on the National Mall. We will be looking at how their decisions led to momentous remembrances. Interpretive stops included on this approximately 3.5 mile route, and please bring your own water. Meet inside the circle of flags at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Nikolette Williams at 202-345-6361.



**Sundays, July 3, 10, 17 & 24**  
**African American Life on Pennsylvania Ave.**  
**2 - 3 p.m.**

Join a Park Ranger for a one Hour walking tour of the aspects of African American Life on Pennsylvania Ave. Meet at the Old Post Office Plaza. For more information contact Ranger Shunda Yates at 202-606-8691.

**Sunday, July 10 & 16**  
**Four Score and Four Years: From Civil War to World War II**  
**6 - 8 p.m.**

On this walking tour we will visit sites marking our three deadliest conflicts. We will compare Lin-

coln and Roosevelt's wars, and discover how the conflict from 1861-1865 impacted World War II. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

**Sunday, July 10 & 24**  
**United States Navy Memorial**  
**6 - 8 p.m.**

Please join us as we explore the U.S. Navy's role in the second World War. Meet at the United States Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Ave. For further information contact Ranger Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.

**Friday, July 15**  
**Chillin' With a Ranger**  
**6 - 8 p.m.**

Avoid the brutal Washington heat! Learn about some of D.C.'s sights and memorials, not all well known, in the late afternoon. Stops include the Washington Monument, Constitution Gardens, and Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Does not include tour inside the Washington Monument. Wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

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## Art At the Park: The Founding of the Nation

### July 2011 Ranger Talk Series

Remarkable city planners, architects, sculptors, and painters have created an entire city to remind us of our ideals. Enjoy the season with FREE Sunday talks and bike tours on "Art at the Park" to explore this aspect of the Capital. [Note: the first event takes place on Saturday.]

Site talks are approximately 1 hour, family bike tours are 2 hours, and regular bike tours are 3 hours.

Check the details below for specific times.

For more information contact Ranger Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.

**Saturday, July 2**  
**BIKE TOUR: The American Revolution on the Mall**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**

America has generated numerous tributes to its Founding Fathers and Revolutionary War heroes with over 20 memorials across the Federal City. Join a tour of the highlights, from major sites to off-the-beaten path hidden jewels. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

**Sunday, July 3**  
**Pope's Jefferson Memorial**  
**3 - 4 p.m.**

Remarkable city planners, architects, sculptors and painters have created an entire city to remind us of our ideals. John Russell Pope's timeless Jefferson Memorial gives us Greece, Rome and the Renaissance, with Jefferson's challenge to posterity. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

**Sunday, July 10**  
**"The Committee of Five" and the 56 Signers**  
**3 - 4 p.m.**

Often overlooked is noted sculptor Adolph Weinman's Jefferson Memorial pediment, "The Committee of Five," whom Congress appointed to write the Declaration of Independence. Learn about the artist and this key to the meaning of the Memorial. Meet at the

Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

**Sunday, July 17**  
**The Washington Monument**  
**3 - 4 p.m.**

Get beyond Washington Monument 101! In 1783 the Continental Congress resolved to construct a Monument to the General. Learn why it took so long to start and finish, and about architect Robert Mills and his innovative design. Meet at the Washington Monument.

**Sunday, July 24**  
**FAMILY BIKE TOUR: Symbols on the Mall**  
**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

The Hunt is on! Join this family-friendly tour in search of symbols that remind us what Americans stands for and what we aspire to achieve. Bike tours are free but reservations are required. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

**Sunday, July 31**  
**The L'Enfant Plan**  
**3 - 4 p.m.**

Remarkable city planners, architects, sculptors and painters created an entire city to reminds us of our ideals. L'Enfant initiated the plan with a vision into the future where artists would collaborate over time to create a "City Beautiful." Meet at the Washington Monument.

**Saturday, July 16**

**Remembered in Statue**

**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Meet at **Union Station**

**12 – 2 p.m.** Meet at **Scott Circle**

**2 – 4 p.m.** Meet at **Sheridan Circle**

**4 – 6 p.m.** Meet at **Scott Circle**

When Pierre L'Enfant designed Washington he wanted to build memorials not on the National Mall but in the city's circles and squares. Join a Park Ranger to explore a few of these lesser-known parks and memorials along Massachusetts Ave. For more information please contact Ranger Tim Moore at 240-375-5755.

**Saturdays, July 16 & 23**

**¾ of a Mile in Two Hours**

**9 – 11 a.m., 1 – 3 p.m., 5 – 7 p.m.**

Have you ever said, "I wish I had a Park Ranger to walk with me to all of these wonderful places?" Here's your chance. Enjoy a walk in the space between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, and discover the symbolism of the monuments and memorials within the broader framework of the nation's capital. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Meet at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Brad Berger at 202-438-4173.

**Saturdays, July 2, 9, 16, & 23**

**The Early Days of Pennsylvania Ave.**

**2 – 3 p.m.**

Take a stroll through time down Pennsylvania Ave. with a Park Ranger. Learn about the earliest visions of Washington, D.C., the wilderness from whence it sprang, and the struggle to put America's Capital City on the Potomac. Meet at Freedom Plaza. For more information contact Ranger Jason Barna at 202-606-8691.

**Saturdays, July 16, 23 & 30**

**Long Live the Revolution!**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

Please join us as we explore how and why Latin America freed itself from Spain from 1810 to 1826. Meet at the Foggy Bottom Metro Station. Reservations not required. For further information contact Ranger Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.

**Sundays, July 17 & 31**

**Victims of Communism Memorial**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

The Victims of Communism Memorial honors the 100 million victims claimed by Communist regimes. Join us as we explore what Communism is, how it spread throughout the world, why it took so many lives, and how many different people fought it. Meet at the Victims of Communism Memorial. For further information contact Ranger Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.

**Mondays, July 18 & 25**

**Tidal Basin Walking Tour**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

Join us for a two-hour tour to enjoy the beauty of Washington's Tidal Basin! We will learn a little bit of its history, and investigate the various memorials that surround it. Be sure to bring walking shoes, water, and sunscreen! Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge Bookstore on 15th St. N.W. For more information contact Ranger Don Stanko at 240-375-4857.

**Saturday, July 23**

**WWII in DC**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

Come and learn about the sites in Washington, D.C. that have WWII connections. This two-hour walking tour will begin at the World War II Memorial, make stops at the First & Second Division Memorials, and finish at the United States Navy Memorial. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

**Sunday, July 24**

**Have We Learned Anything Yet?**

**Remembering the Holocaust**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

Are the horrors of the camps retreating into distant mental mists? In learning what the GIs of World War II saved and destroyed, our gratitude towards them will be rekindled as we discover the Holocaust's subtle menace. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

**Saturday, July 30**

**From the Right to Vote to the Vote for Rights - Alice Paul, Suffragettes, & Pennsylvania Ave.**

**2 – 2:30 p.m.**

Come and learn about Alice Paul and her suffragette sisters and their fight for women's rights in the United States. Learn about their struggles and triumphs in this long process for complete equality. This talk will focus on Alice Paul and the 1913 Suffrage March down Pennsylvania Avenue that turned the tide in favor of women's suffrage. Meet at Freedom Plaza. Contact Ranger Kayla Hentz at 202-606-8691.

**Saturday, July 30**

**An Evening With a Park Ranger**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

Spend an evening with a Park Ranger and tour the National Mall as you learn about the history of the park and the memorials while discovering the beauty of the park at night. Please bring water, a flashlight, and wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Kathy Kagle at 202-438-5377.

**Sunday, July 31**

**What the Tower Saw**

**2 – 3 p.m.**

Discover what the Old Post Office Tower has witnessed since 1899. As you stroll along Pennsylvania Ave., the stories will be revealed. Meet at the Ben Franklin Statue at the Old Post Office Tower. For more information contact Ranger Julia Clebsch at 202-606-8691.

**Sunday, July 31**

**How World War I Birthed Monty Python**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

Many of the seeming certainties prior to August 1914 were consumed in the first World War. This event heralded humanity's bloodiest century. Much of today's world is a result of that conflagration, including Monty Python! Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.



## How to Visit the Washington Monument

Washington Monument admission is free, but does require a ticket for everyone over the age of two. Open daily except July 4 and December 25.

Timed entry tickets are required and may be obtained in two ways:

1. The Washington Monument Lodge, located along 15th Street, opens at 8:30 a.m. for distribution of free, same day, timed tickets on a first come, first-served basis. One person may pick up as many as six tickets as well as select their preferred ticket time from what remains available for that operating day.
2. Reserved tickets may be obtained in advance by visiting [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777 (for individuals) or 1-877-559-6777 (for large groups). Reserved tickets are often booked 30 days or more ahead of time. Please plan accordingly. All reserved tickets carry a \$1.50 convenience charge.

**Operating Hours:**

September 6-May 29: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
May 30 - September 5: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### National Mall and Memorial Parks Cell Phone Tours

Lincoln Memorial: 202-747-3420  
First Amendment: 202-595-0085  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial: 202-595-0093

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along with increased messaging and signage at the park, helps visitors quickly make the right choice. Once collected, these recyclable materials are picked up and hauled to a Materials Recovery Facility in a single stream (in other words, unsorted) for preliminary processing. There the material is sorted into aluminum, glass, mixed paper, cardboard and plastic. Suitable PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) bottles are ultimately delivered to Spartanburg, South Carolina for use at a Coca-Cola bottle recycling plant. Through this process, our old bottles are used to create new ones.

Recycling provides multiple benefits to our local and global community: it conserves natural resources, reduces pollution caused by manufacturing products from virgin materials, and results in energy savings and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. For example, the EPA estimates that for every 20-ounce plastic bottle you recycle, the energy saved could light a 60-watt incandescent light bulb for over two hours or the equivalent compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulb for almost ten

hours. Because of the high energy-intensity of aluminum can production, the energy savings from recycling your cans is even higher- a CFL bulb could stay lit for 20 hours for the energy savings from a single can.

Despite these benefits, not all visitors choose to recycle their beverage containers. Used bottles and cans often end up in trash bins, either through carelessness or a lack of awareness and interest in recycling. The park is working with its partners to pursue new ways to educate visitors about the importance of recycling in order to meet the park's long-term sustainability goals. Because of these efforts, special event permittees are starting to recycle at their events such as street races, walks, First Amendment demonstrations, and festivals. As former acting Superintendent Mike Caldwell notes, "It's the responsibility of all employees, visitors, and special events attendees enjoying the cultural and natural landscape of this unique park to help to preserve it and the greater environment through recycling."



## Old Post Office Tower

This unique site stands on Pennsylvania Avenue near the halfway point between the White House and the Capitol. The Old Post Office Tower ranks third in height among the buildings of the Nation's Capital, soaring to a majestic 315 feet. At the 270 foot level, there is an observation deck allowing visitors an awe-inspiring view of Washington D.C. and the surrounding area. Beneath the observation deck is the tower clock, now more than a century old. On the tenth floor are the beautiful Bells of Congress. These bells are replicas of those at London's Westminster Abbey, and were a Bicentennial gift from the Ditchley Foundation in England.



### Ranger Programs:

Park Rangers are available throughout the tower to provide information. Have a question? Just ask!

### Talk for the Tower on the Half-Hour

Daily at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

The Old Post Office Tower always has time for you. Do you have a few minutes for the Tower? Join a National Park Service ranger to learn what connects Ben Franklin to this fascinating piece of iconic architecture on Pennsylvania Avenue - America's 'Main Street.' Meet at the Ben Franklin statue along Pennsylvania Avenue. Call 202-606-8691 for more information.

[www.nps.gov/opot](http://www.nps.gov/opot)

### Operating Hours

Summer: Memorial Day through Labor Day

Monday through Saturday  
9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
Sunday and Holidays  
10 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Winter: Labor Day through Memorial Day

Monday through Saturday  
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday and Holidays  
10 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

## Collectible Civil War Trading Cards Come to National Mall



Every visit to a national park during the Civil War sesquicentennial is a chance to collect free Civil War Trading Cards!

Each card has a photo and fun facts about people, places, and events of the Civil War now represented and protected in national parks. Find out about

Civil War leaders memorialized on the National Mall through more than a dozen trading cards, then go find the statues around town!

There are more than 100 Civil War trading cards to collect in the Washington, D.C. area national parks. Look for more collectible cards in national

parks around the country.

Visit Survey Lodge Ranger Station to start building your collection today! Cards are also available at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Vietnam Veterans, Korean War Veterans, World War II, and Thomas Jefferson Memorials.

Visit the updated Lincoln Memorial website! <http://www.nps.gov/linc>

Highlights include a Lincoln Memorial Construction Flipbook and an Interactive Site. The flipbook utilizes historic photographs to tell the story of the memorial construction from inception to completion. You can experience a virtual walk-through of the memorial, and listen to ranger reflections of the memorial and its history on the Interactive Site.



# 2011 Independence Day Celebration

**Monday, July 4, 2011**

**All events are FREE!**

## FIREWORKS

9:10 p.m. - 9:27 p.m.

The optimum viewing areas for the fireworks will be at a distance from the launch site (Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool). These areas include:

- U.S. Capitol
- Lincoln Memorial
- National Mall between 14th Street and 3rd Street
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
- Thomas Jefferson Memorial
- The White House Ellipse
- West Potomac Park
- East Potomac Park
- Benjamin Banneker Park
- Anacostia Park
- U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima)
- George Washington Memorial Parkway across the Potomac River in Virginia.

If you choose to view the fireworks near the launch site (Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool):

Consider wearing eye protection and ear plugs. Remain outside the fenced safety zones around the launch site.

Following the fireworks, avoid walking along Independence Avenue, SW between Daniel Chester French Drive, SW and 17th Street, SW, until safety teams clear the area of potentially harmful fireworks debris.

Arrive early in the day to claim your viewing spot and avoid the last minute rush.

## PARADE

*National Mall and Memorial Parks Independence Day Parade*

*Begins at 11:45 a.m., and lasts approximately two hours.*

The 2011 Independence Day Parade celebrates the 235th birthday of the United States of America. The parade participants march westward along Constitution Ave. from 7th Street to 17th Street, N.W. The parade will consist of over 3,000 performers, dancers, cultural organizations, balloons, floats, and military personnel from more than 25 states will march down Constitution Ave. Highlighting the parade will be representatives from all branches of the Armed Forces. Parade participants include marching bands, floats,

Giant helium balloons, and specialty units. The National Park Service will be represented with a Recycling Team and other NPS officials. Come help the National Park Service celebrate this time-honored tradition in the heart of the nation's capital. It is a patriotic, flag-waving, horn-tootin', red-white-and-blue celebration of America's liberty.

## CONCERTS

*The United States Air Force Band along with special guest artist Jo Dee Messina will provide the musical entertainment on the Washington Monument Grounds beginning at 6 p.m. and concluding at 9:10 p.m.*

- 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.  
The United States Air Force Band
- 7:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.  
The National Park Service will provide an Interpretive Vignette entitled "United We Stand"
- 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.  
Jo Dee Messina
- 9:00 p.m. until 9:10 p.m.  
The United States Air Force Band and Jo Dee Messina play patriotic music

- 9:10 p.m. until 9:27 p.m.  
Fireworks display accompanied by musical selections

*A Capitol Fourth Concert*

*A Capitol Fourth Concert on the United States Capitol Grounds will be presented during the evening of July 4, 2011, featuring the National Symphony Orchestra.*

## ROAD CLOSURES

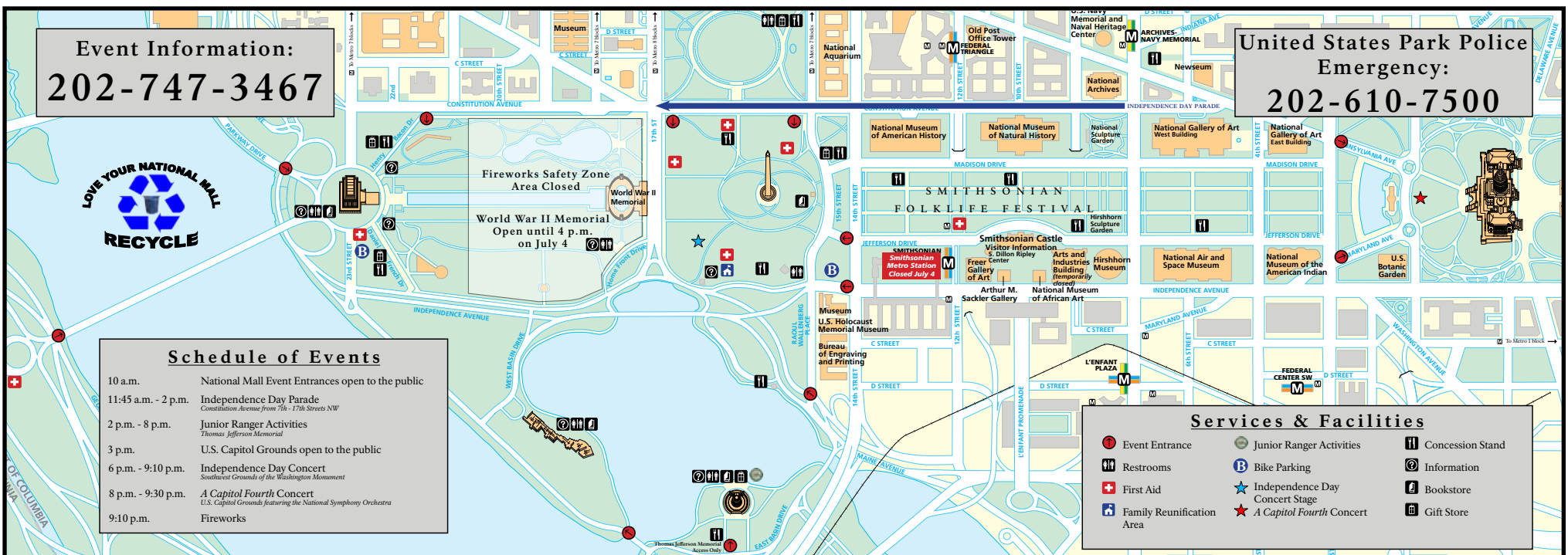
Numerous roads will be closed and there will be multiple checkpoints in and around the park. Please plan accordingly.

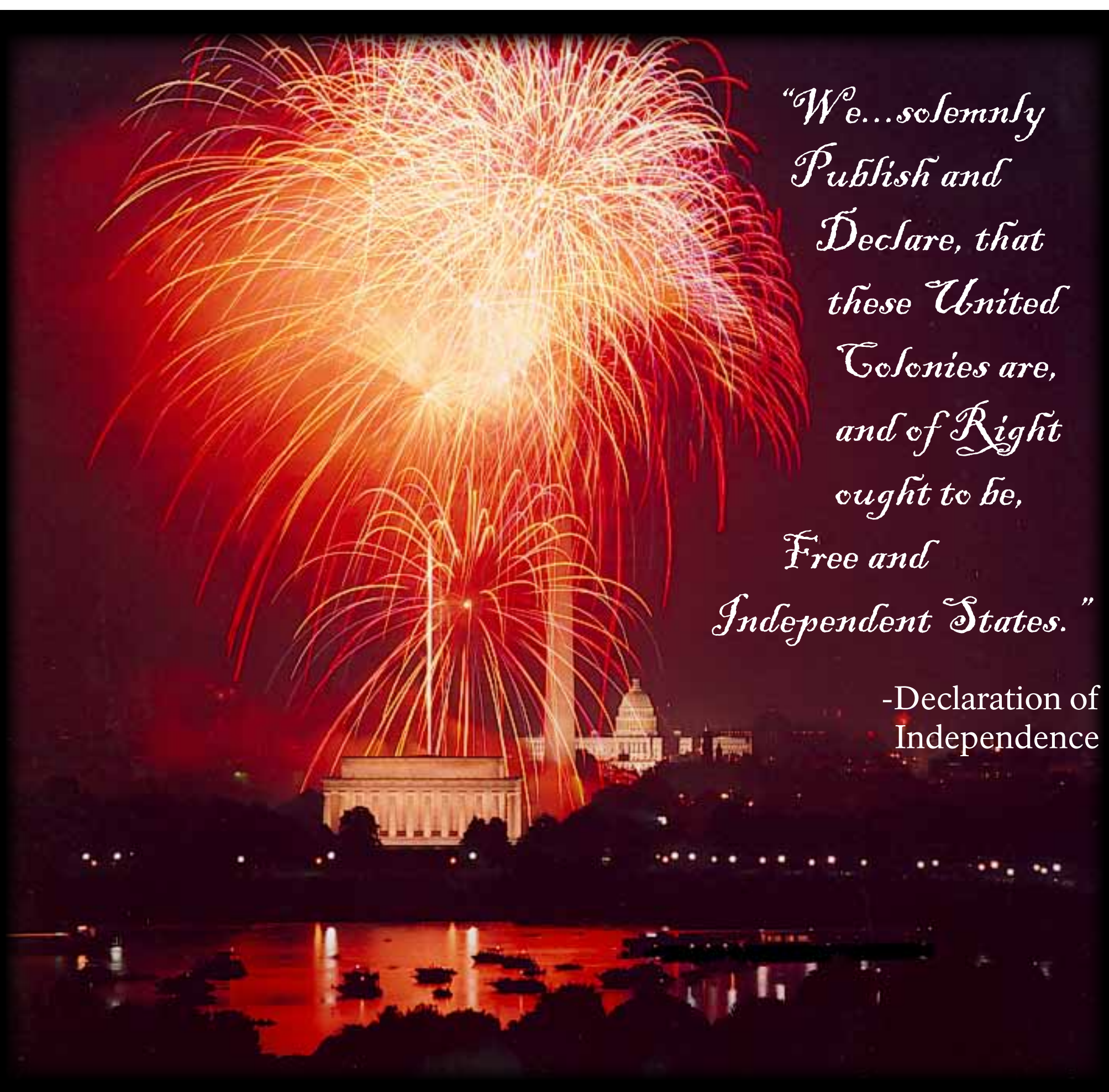
*For the most up to date information, visit our National Mall Independence Day Celebration website at...*

[www.nps.gov/foju](http://www.nps.gov/foju)

*or call for Event Information*

**202-747-3467**





*“We...solemnly  
Publish and  
Declare, that  
these United  
Colonies are,  
and of Right  
ought to be,  
Free and  
Independent States.”*

-Declaration of  
Independence

**O**n July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted these words, and a new nation was born. This new nation promised to secure the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for each and every one of its citizens. “In order to form a more perfect Union...and secure the blessings of liberty,” for itself and its posterity, the United States of America established a republican form of government to fulfill that promise. Today, America continues to uphold its ideals and is a symbol of freedom and democracy for the entire world.

Join us this Fourth of July in celebrating America’s 235th birthday in the Nation’s Capital. Nowhere else is this celebration as significant as in the place where our treasured memorials embody America’s ideals and where our country’s representative institutions fulfill America’s promise. We celebrate 235 years of independence and the continuing promise of freedom.

# Trust for the National Mall

The Trust for the National Mall is the official non-profit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to restoring and improving the National Mall. To learn more visit:

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# Helping Restore the National Mall

by the Trust for the National Mall

While you are touring the National Mall today – climbing the stairs to the Lincoln Memorial, strolling around the Tidal Basin to the Jefferson or lounging in the shade of historic elms along the Great Lawn – you may notice work underway. You may also notice areas that are in need of repair.

The Trust for the National Mall is helping transform America’s Front Yard. We are the official non-profit partner of the National Park Service (NPS) dedicated to restoring and improving the National Mall. Our mission is to help fund the National Mall Plan, a visionary blueprint for the future of one of America’s most-visited national parks.

During your visit, we hope you will see some of the brand new \$2.2 million way-finding system that the Trust and the NPS unveiled on May 17, 2011. Half of the project was funded by private contributions from people across the country and half by federal funds. When fully installed this September, you will encounter about 500 signs throughout the park, including maps and guide posts that will point you to monuments and memorials, as well as the Smithsonians, the White House and other great DC attractions.

We also encourage you to use the blue



recycling bins throughout the National Mall, a generous gift to the NPS by The Coca-Cola Company (see cover story). But Coca-Cola isn’t the only corporation supporting the restoration and improvement of the National Mall. Honda donated \$14,548 worth of landscaping equipment, including environmentally friendly lawnmowers, generators, and trimmers. The Boeing Company awarded the Trust a grant to establish a Volunteer and Community Outreach program which will supplement the work of the Park’s volunteer and interpretation programs. And, in summer 2010, Valley Crest Landscaping contributed hundreds of rakes, gloves, and gardening tools to outfit the Mall’s 2,500 annual volunteers. All of this represents money that the NPS can now spend on making National Mall and Memorial Parks the best park in the world.

The Trust is working with several other companies to provide the NPS with, among other things, energy efficient lighting, updated permitting software, specialty training, and waste management equipment. We hope you will visit us at [www.nationalmall.org](http://www.nationalmall.org) to learn more about the Trust for the National Mall or to make a contribution.

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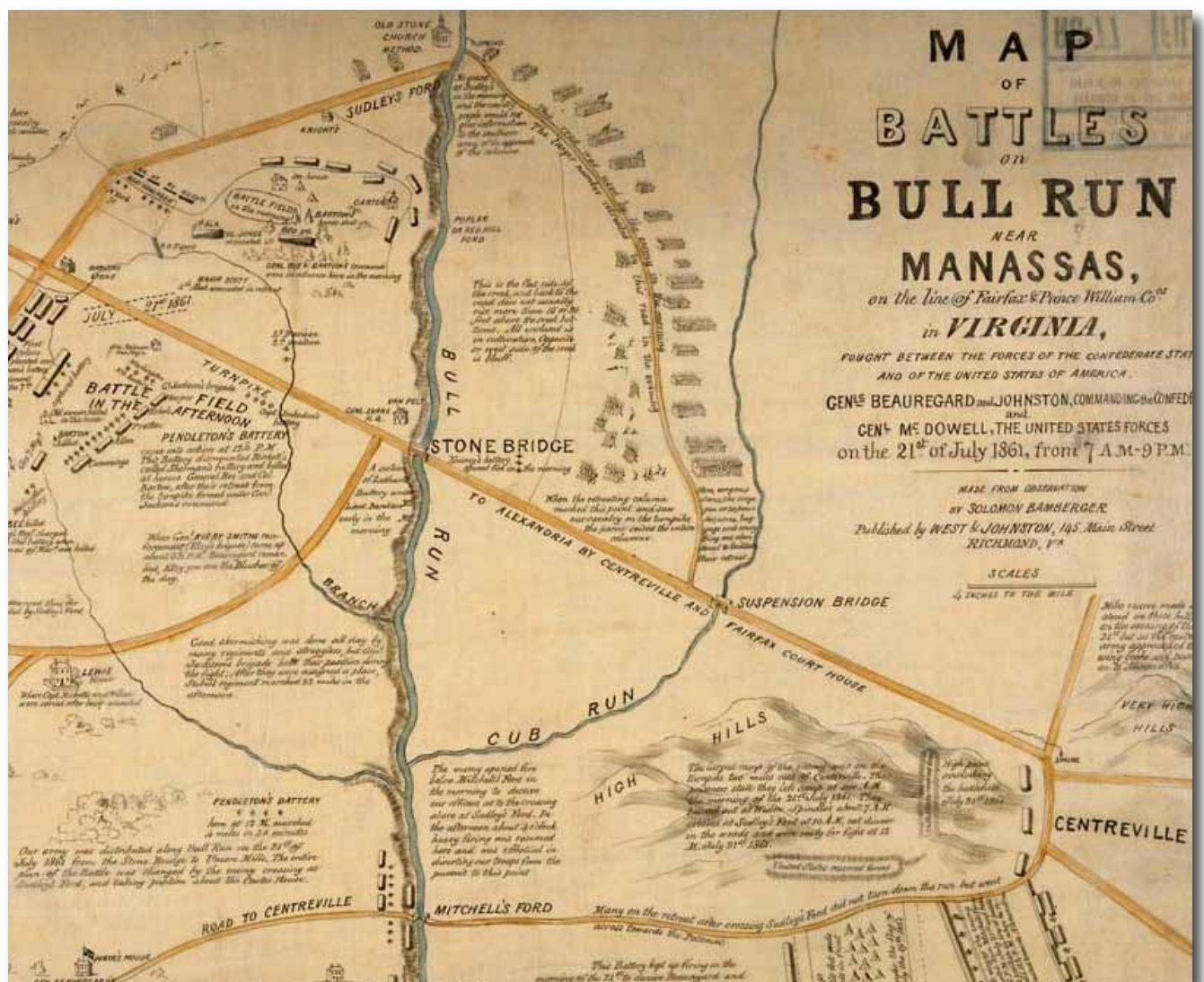
The battle began early in the morning at the Stone Bridge then moved to Matthews Hill in the early afternoon. One of the confusing aspects of this battle is that both sides wore gray and blue uniforms. On Henry Hill two Union artillery batteries were captured by the Confederates because of the confusion of the uniforms on that hot and sticky afternoon. Federal troops, exhausted from fighting in the hot weather conditions, were slowly being pushed off of Henry Hill. Instead of an organized retreat, the Federal troops panicked and headed toward the Stone Bridge. The civilians from Washington were also caught up in the panic. By 7 p.m., the Union troops headed toward Centerville, and some continued toward Washington itself. Even a Congressman from New York, Alfred Ely, was taken prisoner by the Confederates.

Lincoln realized the first major battle of the war was a Federal defeat and a debacle. The fear of the Confederates eventually attacking the city of Washington was replaced with a sense of calm as the Confederates were exhausted and disorganized. Both sides realized after the battle that the war would go on longer than originally thought, and both sides needed to be better prepared. The casualties of this First Battle of Manassas were a little over 4,000. Eventually, the American Civil War developed into a full scale war with 620,000 men losing their lives.

Drillmaster Charles C. Wight of the

17th Virginia Infantry of General Thomas Jonathan Jackson’s brigade, who witnessed the chaos and naiveté of the First Battle of Manassas, would summarize the war as not

being a picnic: “Some are killed so instantly that those who were nearest to them would not know it. We begin to think that a battle is not so nice as some had imagined.”



Historic map showing the Manassas Battlefield. A second, larger engagement was fought on the same ground August 28-30, 1862. Confederates won both battles.





## Ranger Kathryn Williams

**K**athryn Williams was born to parents of Scotch, Welsh, Irish, and Cherokee ancestry, and raised in Elizabethton, Tennessee, a small town among the peaks of the Great Smoky Mountains. According to Kathryn, growing up in Elizabethton was like being trapped in a bubble where time stood still.

“Elizabethton is a farm town. Farming is what people know and farming is what people do. It is not unusual for Southern folks to stay in the area they were born for generations. I was an exception.”

Despite deep familial roots in her home town, Kathryn explained her desire to move away. “I had a love for history because it was all around me and a part of me. My dad’s people were ‘Over-Mountain men’ who

fought the Battle of King’s Mountain during the Revolutionary war. My mom’s people married into the Cherokee nation after they settled into the mountains. Both sides of my ancestry were involved in the Civil War, and my grandfather was a veteran of World War I. Because I wanted to do something in the field of history - teach, do museum work, or become a park ranger - I knew I would have to leave the area in order to fulfill my career goals.”

### Q. Where did you go to college and what did you study?

A. I graduated from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee, majoring in History. I took public speaking courses to try to overcome shyness and ended up graduating with a double major in History and Public Speaking. I took graduate courses in Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. I was accepted into a college work-study program that allowed me to earn money for tuition and books. This was a huge achievement that has always given me satisfaction, knowing that I paid for my education, instead of being a financial burden on my parents. College taught me to believe in myself and develop courage and resilience to face life’s challenges on my own no matter what the difficulties.

### Q. What was your first National Park experience like?



Ranger Williams chats with visitors at the Jefferson Memorial.

A. My first National Park Service job was as a seasonal Park Technician at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park back in 1977. This was at a time when women were not allowed to wear the same National Park Service uniform as men. We had to wear various “fashionable” outfits that resembled everything from flight attendants to Girl Scouts. I came in at the “Girl Scout” phase.

Visitors would come into the visitor center and they would look at me with confused expressions like they were not exactly sure what my role was. They would go straight to a male ranger unless I was working alone. I felt like they expected me to be the hospitality person who would offer them a brochure and a box of cookies.

Being the only girl in my family, I was used to competing with boys. I knew how to handle the all-male environment although I did have to go the “extra mile” to prove to some of my co-workers and to visitors that I was there because of my experience and the fact that I knew Civil War history. I have always appreciated my male co-workers who treated me fairly and allowed me the same opportunities they had. The 1970s were tough for women who were in work fields

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## Eastern National Bookstores



National Mall and Memorial Parks is a very inspiring and powerful place, but your experience does not have to end in Washington, D.C. Continue learning more about park sites and American history by visiting the many Eastern National bookstores throughout the park. Capture the moment, take home a book, and explore the ideas and values that make visiting National Mall and Memorial Parks such a stirring experience. Eastern National, a park partner, operates four bookstores located at:

Washington Monument Lodge  
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial  
Sept. 7 - Mar. 25: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Mar. 26 - Sept. 6: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial  
Sept. 7 - Mar. 25: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Mar. 26 - Sept. 6: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Washington Monument Lodge

[www.easternnational.org](http://www.easternnational.org)

## Park Concessionaires

Guest Services, Inc. manages all retail operations for National Mall and Memorial Parks. This includes refreshment kiosks and gift stores throughout the park. They also operate the following recreational opportunities...



GUEST SERVICES

Tidal Basin Paddle Boats  
202-479-2426

[www.tidalbasinpaddleboats.com](http://www.tidalbasinpaddleboats.com)

East Potomac Tennis Center  
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Adults: \$32.00  
Children 3-11: \$16.00  
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that had been predominantly male. However, I like to think it was worth it, and that I was one of the early female “pioneers” who blazed the trail and made it easier for other women to come into the National Park Service as rangers.

**Q. What were the significant experiences that shaped your NPS career?**

A. I went to Ranger Skills, seven weeks of training at Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon National Park. This training was for rangers only, and along with class work we went through simulations of resource management, law enforcement, and interpretation. It made us aware and appreciate what rangers in our division did. It also brought us closer and made us feel we were part of a bigger NPS family.

**Q. Besides being a Ranger, what else do you do for National Mall and Memorial Parks?**

A. I am assistant editor of the park’s newspaper and I am in charge of collecting visitor statistics for the park. These statistics are important because they allow us to see where each of the memorials ranks in visitation with the other national parks, and they also help determine the next fiscal year’s budget for interpretation for the park. As assistant editor, I edit articles submitted for publishing and check special program dates and times for accuracy. Also, I create the game page to make the paper more interactive and entertaining.

**Q. What is the best part about being a ranger at the National Mall?**

A. We can make our interests part of our jobs. I enjoy creative projects involving architecture, photography, and design, and I have been able to incorporate all of that into my job. I use photography to create special programs, waysides, brochures, and other media, and I have designed wayside exhibits, web sites, and brochures. Also, I am in the process of redesigning the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial’s bookstore lobby to make it more visitor-friendly.

This is unlike any park I have ever worked in before. You have the vast history. You have the huge visitation and all the special events that take place at the National Mall. Once you get settled into your ranger duties, it is very exciting to get into different collateral duties and details. There is so much to do and learn, so in the process you are able to make your job what you want it to be.

# Who Said What?

## Civil War 150th Anniversary Edition



Match each individual to their quote.

Abraham Lincoln

“I have been up to see the Congress and they do not seem to be able to do anything except to eat peanuts and chew tobacco, while my army is starving.”

David Farragut

“The art of war is simple enough. Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can. Strike him hard as you can, and keep moving on.”

Robert E. Lee

“I hate newspapermen. They come into camp and pick up their camp rumors and print them as facts. I regard them as spies, which in truth, they are.”

Frederick Douglass

“Shoot the brave officers, and the cowards will run away and take the men with them.”

William Sherman

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

Stonewall Jackson

“Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them.”

Ulysses S. Grant

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

Harriet Tubman

“Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead.”

For answers to the puzzle visit Survey Lodge Ranger station or contact Ranger Kathryn Williams at: [Kathryn\\_Williams@nps.gov](mailto:Kathryn_Williams@nps.gov)

# KIDS' Column



## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

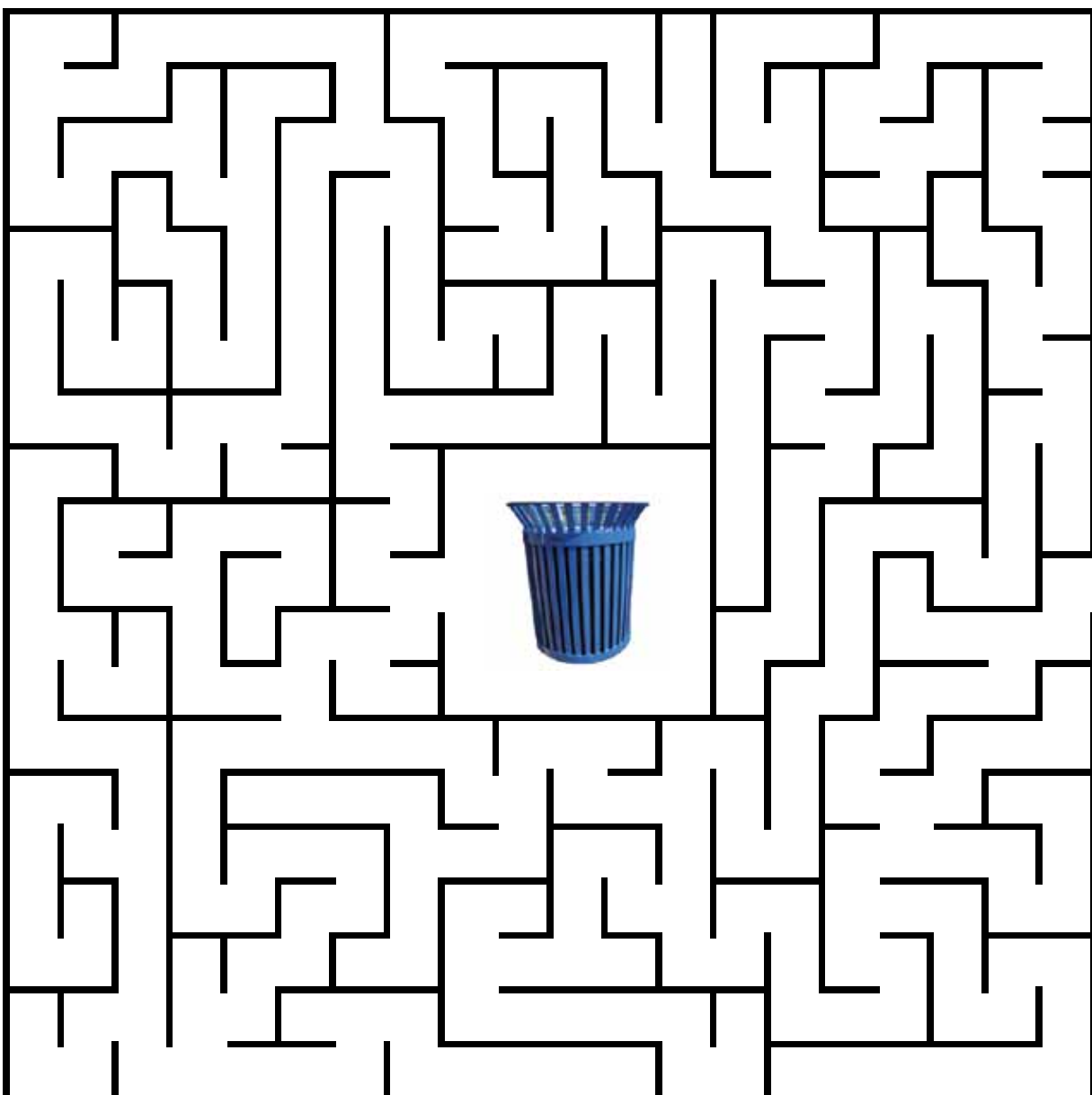
Since last July, 64 tons of recyclables have been collected on the National Mall. That's more than the weight of nine full-grown elephants!

Sadly, a lot of bottles and cans that could be recycled get thrown in the trash. Instead of being made into new bottles, these bottles go into landfills.

Here are some things you can do to help keep the National Mall clean and to save money too!

- Recycle your used plastic bottles in the park's blue recycling bins
- Reuse plastic bottles by refilling them at drinking fountains
- Bring your own metal or plastic water bottle

Color the recycling bin blue!



Help the empty bottles and cans navigate their way through the maze to the recycling bin!



# National Mall Map



## Major Attractions

### 1 Lincoln Memorial

A temple to “The Great Emancipator” who saved the Union, the Lincoln Memorial attracts anyone who seeks inspiration and hope. Museum, restroom, and elevator are located on the lower level. Bookstore on the upper level. For cell phone tours, dial 202-747-3420.



### 4 World War II Memorial

The second World War brought Americans together to defend freedom at home and abroad. This memorial commemorates the spirit of unity and honors the sacrifice of over 400,000 American lives in defense of freedom. Restrooms are located near the information booth.



### 7 Jefferson Memorial

An enduring reminder of the author of the Declaration of Independence and a staunch advocate for freedom, the Jefferson Memorial is located in a beautiful natural setting. Bookstore, elevator, and restrooms on the lower level.



### 2 Vietnam Veterans Memorial

This place of healing and remembrance honors the men and women who served when their nation called upon them. The Three Servicemen Statue and Vietnam Women’s Memorial are located nearby. For cell phone tours, dial 202-595-0093.



### 5 Washington Monument

A towering memorial to our first president, the Washington Monument overlooks the city named for George Washington. *Tickets are required to enter the monument*; see page 4 for details. Bookstore and restrooms located on 15th St. east of the monument.



### 8 Survey Lodge Ranger Station

Get information and brochures about the park sites, pick up or turn in a Junior Ranger booklet, and get your questions answered here.



### 3 Korean War Veterans Memorial

From June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, United Nations forces fought to defend freedom on the Korean Peninsula. Visitors are reminded of the hardships and sacrifice endured during the conflict, and that “Freedom is Not Free.”



### 6 Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial

A sprawling memorial in a park setting, the FDR Memorial honors the legacy of our nation’s longest-serving president. Restrooms located at the north and south ends of the memorial. Bookstore located on the north end of the memorial.



### 9 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

This memorial is currently under construction and will be dedicated on August 28, 2011.

#### More to Explore:

- George Mason Memorial
- DC War Memorial
- Old Post Office Tower
- Constitution Gardens
- 56 Signers Memorial
- White House Visitor Center
- Ford’s Theater

## Activities:

Ranger talks and site tours begin every day on the even hours - 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., and 10 p.m. - at Lincoln, Vietnam, Korea, World War II, FDR, and Jefferson Memorials. Find this month’s special programs on page 2.