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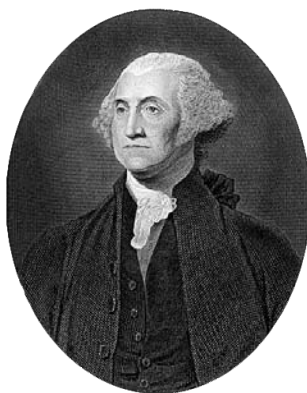
Welcome from the Superintendent

The National Mall & Memorial Parks is where America and the world come to reflect, honor, and celebrate. As part of the National Park System, we provide opportunities for use and enjoyment of the park for all while preserving the cultural and natural treasures of our nation's capital for future generations. Every one of us is dedicated to serving, educating, and inspiring visitors about the memorials and their place in our national heritage. I know you will enjoy the many interpretative programs provided by park rangers and I hope that your visit to the National Mall & Memorial Parks will be a wonderful experience.

Stephen Lorenzetti
Acting Superintendent
National Mall & Memorial Parks

The Funeral of George Washington

Jerry Hawn
Park Ranger



In recent years, park rangers on the National Mall were actively involved with funerals for former President Reagan and

former President Ford. These events seemed to overtake the emotions of the nation for several days and even weeks. As you stand at the base of the Washington Monument and reflect on the life of George Washington, how do you think the nation responded to his death?

On December 14, 1799, George Washington died at his estate at Mount Vernon, Virginia. The nation had to deal with the loss of a true leader of the young nation. Washington led the troops to victory. He advanced the process of creating the new form of government. He became the first leader for a newly formed government. Now...this man was gone. How would the nation react?

Some of the most well known words describing George Washington came in a eulogy delivered by "Light-Horse Harry" Lee. After hearing of Washington's death, the United States Congress which was meeting in Philadelphia, chose Mr. Lee to deliver a tribute

for the whole country. Lee, who was serving as a Virginia Congressman, had been an officer with the Revolutionary forces and a close associate of Washington for many years. He gave his speech on December 26, 1799. Mr. Lee's words still echo with Americans after over two centuries:

"First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life. Pious, just, humane, temperate and sincere—uniform, dignified and commanding—his example was as edifying to all around him as were the effects of that example lasting. . . . Correct throughout, vice shuddered in his presence and virtue always felt his fostering hand. The purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues. . . . Such was the man for whom our nation mourns."

Mock funerals were held all over the country. Perhaps, the most memorable of these funerals took place on December 26, 1799, in Philadelphia, which was serving as the nation's "temporary" capital for 10 years while the new federal city was being constructed. The many mock funerals took place over a period of several weeks.

The firing of sixteen cannons at

day break in Philadelphia signaled the beginning of funeral events on the 26th, and volleys repeated on a half hour basis through out the morning. Troops assembled at the State House as people came from the surrounding countryside to observe the ceremony. The splendid and somber march, accompanied by the sounding of muffled drums, proceeded through Philadelphia a little past noon. A riderless horse, escorted by two marines wearing black scarves, preceded the clergy. In the Pennsylvania Gazette it was reported that the horse carried an empty saddle, holsters, pistols, and boots reversed in the stirrups. The horse also was "trimmed with black the head festooned with elegant black and white feathers - the American Eagle displayed in a rose upon the breast, and in a feather upon the head." In the midst of the procession, pallbearers carried an empty casket. Arriving at the German Lutheran Church, the bier was put in the middle of the center aisle, and members of Congress and other participants heard prayers by the Reverend William White, a bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Congressman Henry Lee read his eulogy from above before a crowd reported to be. The memorial service concluded with vocal and instrumental music, and the firing of three volleys.

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Bike Tours

Join National Park Service Rangers every Saturday and Sunday for FREE guided bike tours of the Nation's Capital. All tours start at 1:00 p.m. from the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Plaza (at the base of the memorial steps) and last approximately three hours. All riders must have their own bike, helmet, and water. Call Ranger Jason Martz for more information (202)438-4391.



Saturday, October 6 Off the Beaten Path Discover Lonely and Overlooked Landmarks

You may have seen them on a map, driven past them hundreds of times, or even walked up to one of them out of curiosity. What are they, who do they memorialize, and, more importantly, why are they here? In a city full of colossal and iconic memorials to great men and even greater deeds, these statues, urns, and symbolic gestures of friendship and remembrance can be found all over DC, yet, their stories have gone largely untold, until now. Find out the stories of these lonely landmarks from our Rangers.

Sunday, October 7 Unexplored Tales of the City "All Quiet Along the Potomac Tonight:" The Battle of Ball's Bluff

On October 21, 1861, the Civil War Battle of Ball's Bluff raged just a few dozen miles from Washington City near a bend in the Potomac River. Immediately in the wake of this Union disaster, Washington politicians commenced the usual game of finger pointing, backstabbing, and fault finding in their search for a scapegoat. Would they blame the President, the Secretary of War, the commanding general, or the senior officer on the field? Who would take the fall? This tour will focus on how this small-scale, yet fascinating, military engagement forever altered the course of the American Civil War and affected the life of everyone associated with it - for better or for worse.

Saturday, October 13 People of DC Famous Names, Extraordinary Stories

Get to know the people behind the city. See and hear how the influential personalities of Washington, DC have affected the city, the landscape, the architecture, and the culture of the Nation's Capital over time. Presidents, First Ladies, Governors and Mayors, authors, poets, famous and infamous characters alike have helped shape the history of Washington, DC. These people have helped influence, not only the city, but the entire nation. These are their stories.



Sunday, October 14 History of the Mall Washington during the Second World War

Threats of assassination, air raids, and sabotage filtered through every layer of Washington society and government during the uncertain years of 1941-1945. Explore the sites of the Nation's Capital through the words and thoughts of those who led and served the United States war effort during World War II.

Saturday, October 20 Off the Beaten Path Discover Lonely and Overlooked Landmarks

See tour description for Saturday, October 6.

Sunday, October 21 People of DC Famous Names, Extraordinary Stories

See tour description for Saturday, October 13.

Saturday, October 27 Unexplored Tales of the City Truth is Always More Fascinating than Fiction

The truth surrounding the Presidents of the United States; strokes, heart attacks, depression, gout, dysentery, or worse. They're human too, but their job description often hides the truth from the public. Were you taught that George Washington cut down a cherry tree or Abraham Lincoln wrote his Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope while riding a train? The truth regarding these and other misunderstood and fictitious legends is just the beginning concerning these tours. These tours prove once and for all that *true* American history is stranger than *fictitious* American history.

Sunday, October 28 History of the Mall Explore the History of America's Front Yard

The history of the National Mall is as diverse and fascinating as the history of our nation itself. From George Washington's vision of the Federal City 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? How has this area been influenced by great natural, cultural, historical, and social events through time? Come see and hear how The National Mall has evolved into what you experience today.

Walking Tours

Thursday, October 11 First Woman of the World: Eleanor Roosevelt in 20th Century America 1:00 p.m. 1-2 hours

Eleanor Roosevelt left her mark on many causes and left a lasting impression of the role of the First Lady. Get to know the effects she had on the country as her own woman, as First Lady, and her impact on the FDR Administration. Join National Park Service Rangers for this special program on the anniversary of the former First Lady's birthday. Please meet at the entrance to the FDR Memorial. Contact Stacy Shannon for more information (240) 375-3004.



Saturday, October 20 Walking Tour: Constitution Avenue Past and Present 10:00 a.m. 2-3 hours

Wars, Presidents, Parks, and Canals have something in common. Lace up your favorite walking shoes and explore Constitution Avenue with National Park Service Rangers. As you explore one of the significant avenues of the Nation's Capital, learn the history of the area as well as view some of the landmarks that make Washington D.C. a city for all ages. Meet the rangers at the 17th street entrance to the WWII Memorial. Please bring water, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and a hat. For more information contact Joshua Bernick at (240) 375-5349.

Saturday, October 27 Working for Equality: Women in 20th Century Wartime America 1:00 p.m. 2 hours

"Women who stepped up were measured as citizens of the nation, not as women . . ." The role of women in American History has changed significantly over time. Join National Park Service Rangers for this tour as they explore the lives and efforts of notable women of the 20th Century as they worked for change, broke boundaries, and redefined long standing traditional roles. Meet at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial kiosk. Contact Stacy Shannon for more information (240) 375-3004.

National Mall & Memorial Parks Trivia

1. Who was the President of the United States when construction started on the Washington Monument?
2. Who laid out the city of Washington and what was the original name?
3. What was the original name of Constitution Avenue?
4. How tall is the statue of Thomas Jefferson inside the Thomas Jefferson Memorial?
5. What future president was at the Washington Monument ground breaking?
6. Whose portrait hangs on the presidential box at Ford's Theatre?
7. True or False? Was Abraham Lincoln the keynote speaker at the opening of the Gettysburg National Cemetery?
8. How many Presidents are quoted on the granite walls of the World War II Memorial?

Answers on page 4

Evening Walking Tours

Come out and enjoy National Mall & Memorial Parks at night as our Rangers present numerous evening interpretive programs. These programs will take you to familiar locations that you will never see the same way again! All tours are two hours in length, and are free of charge. Read each description to find out more and where to meet.

How World War I birthed Monty Python or Three Memorials in One Evening

Friday October 12
7:00 p.m.

How did the deaths of over 14 million persons ironically produce someone like Monty Python? How does a small obscure monument, which commemorates one of the great events of the 20th century, connect to the heavily visited Franklin Delano Roosevelt and World War II Memorials? How did the assassination of an archduke, nearly 100 years ago, lead to current events in the United States and the world? Meet at the World War II Memorial information booth. Call Ranger Lowell Fry (202)438-9603 for more information.

Who Won the Civil War? Slavery, Causes, Consequences, and Steps toward Reconstruction

Friday October 5 and 26
7:00 p.m.

The obvious answer to that question is only partially correct. Why has this conflict, that took over 620,000 American lives, (the last Civil War veteran died only fifty years ago) been termed "our felt history"? We have to start at the Washington Monument to find out! Meet on the west side (the side facing the Lincoln Memorial) of the Washington Monument. Call Ranger Lowell Fry (202) 438-9603 for more information.



Washington, DC and the National Mall: Permanent Location, Changing Vision

Friday October 19
7:00 p.m.

Why was this location chosen for the last of America's eleven capitals? How has the purpose and meaning of the two mile space between the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol changed over time? To discover that answer, meet at the entrance to the Washington Monument. Call Ranger Lowell Fry (202)438-9603 for more information.

Tracing the path of an uneasy peace: 20th century warfare in America

Sunday October 7, 14, 21, 28
7:00 p.m.

The 20th Century was a violent time that included two world wars and a cold war. These events would cost the United States dearly in lives but would shape our present, and our future, on the world stage. How did our involvement in the Great War affect our mindset as we entered World War II? How do these two conflicts stand in contrast with the Cold War era struggles in Korea and Vietnam? The outcome of these defining 20th century events can still be felt today. Tour begins at the World War II Memorial Ranger station. For more information, call Ranger Paul O'Brian at (202) 438-7066.

Urban Campfire Programs

Sylvan Theater Washington Monument Grounds

Wednesdays in October
7:30 p.m.

Spend the evening in our Nation's Capital and experience your National Mall & Memorial Parks in a unique and interesting way. Bring comfortable chairs or blankets and spend an hour on the Washington Monument grounds in front of the historic Sylvan Theater at 15th Street and Independence Avenue, SW. Also, bring what you know about the history of the United States and Washington, D.C. and be prepared to learn new ways of seeing our great national icons. Hear fascinating, yet largely overlooked, tales about our capital city and its National Park Service sites.

Wednesday, October 3
Park Ranger Heidi Dietze

From Election to Infection: Illnesses in the White House

Being President of the United States can be dangerous to your health. Over two-thirds of the nation's Presidents have died prematurely, from various ailments brought on by stress to being struck down by an assassin's bullet. We will examine the medical history behind some of our more illustrious leaders and also assess how these medical conditions impacted stateside and international politics.

Wednesday, October 10
Park Ranger Jennifer Epstein

"Is He Really Buried There?" The Search for Fifty-Six American Heroes

"Traitors" to the Crown, Continental Congress delegates voted to declare independence from Great Britain on July 2, 1776 and subsequently to adopt a Declaration of Independence document on the Fourth of July. Find out more about the fifty-six men who heroically signed the document - their own death warrant - and where they are now! Learn how often the question, "is he really buried there," is asked - and the surprising answers. How do these stories connect to a little known memorial on the National Mall and to the creation of the United States of America?

Wednesday, October 17
Park Ranger Jerry Hawn

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial: A Memorial Created Through Rebellion

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial was constructed to honor one of the men that led a "Rebellion for American Independence." Learn about the "Rebellion" that was a part of the creation of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. In addition, discover the fascinating details about the designer of this great memorial and other interesting places throughout Washington, D.C. and the United States. Finally, discover some important truths about that "rebellious" document that Thomas Jefferson wrote...the Declaration of Independence.

Wednesday, October 24,
Park Ranger Shunda Yates

For Coloreds Only? The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Was King's struggle for blacks alone-or does it represent a fulfillment of the founders' vision for everyone? Focusing on the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill, this program traces the evolution of the struggle for freedom, equality, and acceptance. How do the struggles of the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. resonate among us today? How has the legacy of this great man of peace guided us into the present while simultaneously leading all of us into the future? What will his memorial on the National Mall proclaim to the world for all time?

Pennsylvania Avenue Walking Tours

A hat, good walking shoes, and some water is recommended. For more information call: (202) 606-8691.

Political and Economic Influence on the Pennsylvania Avenue Landscape

3:00 p.m.: October 6

Monuments Off the Mall

10:00 a.m.: October 7

Street of Fire

3:00 p.m.: October 7

Do You Have An Opinion About Washington, DC?

10:00 a.m.: October 3

America's Avenue of Glory and Sorrow

10:00 a.m.: October 6 and 20

3:00 p.m.: October 13 and 27



Daily Ranger Programs

Join National Park Service Rangers to learn more about the meaning, symbolism, and significance of the park's many memorials. No prior signup is required and all programs are free. Program length varies. For more information contact a Park Ranger at each memorial.

Programs are offered at the following memorials...

World War II Memorial
 Lincoln Memorial
 Thomas Jefferson Memorial
 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
 Vietnam Veterans Memorial
 Korean War Veterans Memorial

Scheduled Programs are
 Presented at: 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

**Additional programs on request

Park Partners

Want to learn more about the National Mall & Memorial Parks? Eastern National a park partner operates four bookstores throughout the park. The bookstores are located at:

Lincoln Memorial
 Open 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jefferson Memorial
 Open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
 Open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Washington Monument Lodge
 Open 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



"Monuments, and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

National Park Service Organic Act

-August 25, 1916-

Answers to Trivia from page 2

1. James K. Polk
2. Pierre Charles L'Enfant: The Federal City
3. B Street NW
4. 19 Feet
5. Abraham Lincoln
6. George Washington
7. False
8. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Washington Monument

Open daily (except July 4 and December 25. Monument Lodge opens at 8:30a.m. All persons who wish to visit the Monument must have a ticket. One person may pick up to six tickets.

Free timed tickets may be obtained in two ways:

- Tickets may be picked up at the Washington Monument Lodge (located at the base of the Monument along 15th Street) on a *first come - first serve* basis, the morning of your visit.
- Tickets may be reserved ahead of time by visiting www.reservations.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777 (for individuals) or 1-877-559-6777 (for large groups).



*Note: Groups may only make reservations by calling 1-877-559-6777. Reserved tickets are often booked 30 days ahead of time during peak times (spring, summer, weekends, and holidays). Please plan accordingly. All reserved tickets carry a small surcharge for each ticket.

Ford's Theatre NHS

The evening of April 14, 1865, has forever been marked with tragedy. On that night, our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, was assassinated in Ford's Theatre by actor John Wilkes Booth. Just days after General Lee's Confederate troops surrendered at Appomattox, VA, a time of

hope and peace in Washington and around the country turned to a period of mourning that America had never seen before.



Ford's Theatre is closed for renovations. Peterson House is open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Old Post Office Tower NHS

The Old Post Office, built between 1892 and 1899, is home to the Bells of Congress, which were a present from England on our Nation's Bicentennial. From the observation deck, located 270 feet above the street level, the visitor can get a spectacular view of our nation's capital.

Operating Hours

Summer: Begins 1st weekend in June through Labor Day, 9:00 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. (Monday through Friday) Saturday, Sunday and Holidays 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Winter: (Labor Day through Memorial Day): 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.



For more information call (202)606-9686.