



# National Mall and Memorial Parks

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## DAILY INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS



Join National Park Service rangers to learn more about the meaning, symbolism and significance of the park's many memorials. No prior sign-up is required and all programs are free. Program length varies. Contact a ranger at each memorial for more information.

Programs are offered at the following memorials...

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

Scheduled programs are presented on the hour from:

10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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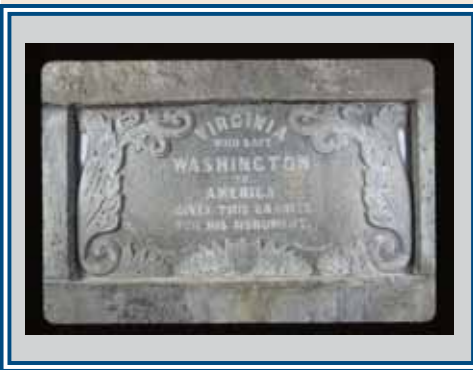
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## The Washington Monument's Inner Jewels

By Ranger Miriam Hornstein

"Virginia who gave Washington to America gives this granite for his Monument." These words, inscribed in the native stone, reflect the pride with which Virginia presented the Washington Monument Society an ornament for the interior of the monument to George Washington.



The Virginia Stone

Starting in 1848 the Washington Monument Society had undertaken the task of finally building a fitting tribute to America's first president, but found that the flow of public support, in the form of funding, had slowed to a trickle. A fundraising scheme was devised that would also allow "the states of the union to be properly represented" if they were so minded. Along with monetary donations, they could present the Washington Monument Society with special engraved stones that celebrated not only Washington's many accomplishments, but also indicated their own pride in their home state. The society conveniently provided instructions as to the size of the stones: 4 feet long by 2 feet high and only 12 to

18 inches in depth. But the variety of sizes and shapes of stones within the completed monument can attest that very few groups followed those directions.

The one instruction that was generally followed was that the stone was to be made out of a material native to the state in question. Alabama, who led the charge by donating the first stone in 1850, gave a block of pure white marble inscribed with not only the name of the state, but also the words "A Union of Equality as adjusted by the Constitution."



The Alabama Stone

The society quickly figured out that if it wished to actually make any money off this project, it would need to expand the scope of the groups for possible donations and soon enough the stones came pouring in. However the money did not. Very few of the stones were accompanied by cash donations. Most groups felt that the gift of the stone was enough to help honor the memory of George Washington and getting their name installed in the interior of the monument for all time was an important motivation as well.

Stones from Indian tribes,

professional, fraternal and community organizations, cities and towns, individuals and foreign countries arrived at the building site for the Washington Monument, brought there by rail, ship and ox teams. As each stone arrived, it was unpacked, cataloged and stored in various sheds until 1853 when a lapidarium was built. This long one-story building was used for the storage and display of the commemorative stones until they were placed in the interior walls of the monument. There were seven stone blocks presented to the Monument Society that weren't even carved. They were transported to Washington D.C. and delivered with instructions on how they were to be properly engraved, which was done at the lapidarium.



The Lapidarium (foreground) stored & displayed stones before installation in the Washington Monument

Some of the stones spent many years there. Only 92 of them had been placed inside the monument by the time construction ground to a halt in 1854 due to a political struggle and the subsequent lack of funding.

Despite what most people think, this struggle did not involve the issues that would soon tear

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

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# October

**Don't Forget...**

**Daily ranger programs presented at the memorials every hour from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## PROGRAMS

**Sunday, October 3, 10, 17**  
**Victims of Communism**  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join a park ranger at the Victims of Communism Memorial on Sunday October 3, 10, and 17 at 6 p.m. The topic will be the rise and fall of Communism. The memorial is at the intersection of Massachusetts and New Jersey avenues. Contact Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.

**Tuesday, October 5**  
**The Election of 1864**  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The re-election of President Lincoln was not a sure thing. It took the military successes of Generals Sherman and Grant for Lincoln to get re-elected. Why was this the case? Come and learn more about the election of 1864. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. Contact Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

**Wednesday, October 6**  
**Above and Beyond**  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award for valor. Throughout history only 3,446 Americans have received this distinction. Hear some of the courageous stories about Medal of Honor recipients who served in Vietnam. Meet at the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial. Contact Laura Abbott at 202-233-3520.

**Saturday, October 9**  
**Argh!! The Barbary Pirates & the Second U.S. Navy**  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mediterranean pirates threatened American merchant shipping after the Revolution. Would America continue to pay ransoms or go to war? Learn about the heroic actions of Bainbridge, Eaton, Decatur and others in building the second U.S. Navy. Meet at Constitution Gardens at Signer's Island. Contact Marsha Barrett at 202-233-3520.

**Sunday, October 10**  
**Above and Beyond**  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award for valor. Throughout history only 3,446 Americans have received this distinction. Hear some of the courageous stories about Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients who served in Korea. Meet at the Korean Veterans War Memorial. Contact Cecilia Vitale-Reddy at 202-233-3520.

**Monday, October 11**  
**Wednesday, October 27**  
**Whispers of the Ancients: Memorial Design**  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. & 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Why does the Washington Monument look like a big pencil? What kind of chair is Lincoln sitting in? Is there a hole in the dome of the Jefferson Memorial? Come and learn about the Egyptian, Greek, and Roman symbols hidden in your favorite

Memorials. Meet at the Washington Monument. Contact Susan Philpott at 202-233-3520.

**Wednesday, October 13**  
**Friday, October 15**  
**Lincoln's Motivation - Stephen Douglas**  
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln was a former congressman and prosperous Illinois attorney in 1854. Then the actions of Senator Stephen Douglas caused him to re-enter politics. Come hear how Abe Lincoln passed Stephen Douglas on the way to the White House. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. Contact David Rappel at 202-359-1533.

**Saturday, October 16**  
**New Guinea: Operation Cartwheel**  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The attack and capture of the coast of New Guinea was one segment of Operation Cartwheel during General MacArthur's campaign on the road to recapture the Philippine islands. New Guinea is engraved in the WWII Memorial; why then is the story not well known? Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

**Tuesday, October 19**  
**A World Turned Upside Down**  
11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m.

The month of October in the Ameri-



The Lincoln Memorial

can Revolution featured two key victories by American troops over the British. Join our rangers to talk about the impacts of battles like Saratoga and Yorktown on the anniversary of General Cornwallis's surrender. Meet at the Washington Monument. Contact Michael DiPaolo at 202-426-6841.

**Wednesday, October 20**  
**Above and Beyond**  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

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**Thursday, October 21**  
**The Battle for Moscow**  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The Battle for Moscow began in October, 1941. The weather along the stubborn Soviet defenses stopped Hitler's attempt to take the city. Why was Moscow so important to Hitler and Stalin? How close were the Germans to taking the city? Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

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**Sunday, October 24**  
**Above and Beyond**  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

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**Saturday, October 30**  
**Grant and Lee**  
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Generals Grant and Lee achieved great fame during the Civil War. They met once during the Mexican War in 1847 and then again in 1865 at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, but their paths were vastly different. Why? Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. Contact Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

## BIKE TOURS

**Saturday, Oct 2**  
**Off the Beaten Path**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

In a city full of colossal and iconic memorials to great men and even



World War II Memorial

**Saturday, October 23**  
**The Battle of Leyte Gulf**  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

When General MacArthur landed on Leyte Island, he and Admirals Kinkaid and Halsey were not prepared for a Japanese naval assault. Learn about the efforts of so many who faced the largest naval battle in history. Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Marsha Barrett at 202-233-3520.

**Saturday, October 23**  
**The Air War in Europe**  
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The air war in Europe was one of the most important campaigns fought during WWII. The Americans and British were bombing German targets throughout Europe between 1942 and 1945. Why is the campaign mentioned in the WWII Memorial? Meet

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. Contact Kathy Kagle at 202-438-5377.

**Sunday, October 3**  
**The Cherry Tree Rebellion**  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Join the park ranger to learn about the "Cherry Tree Rebellion." This rebellion was a last-ditch attempt to spare the Japanese cherry trees along the Tidal Basin in order to build the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. This three-hour bike tour separates fact from fiction as we explore local sites associated with this fight which gripped Washington, D.C. in the fall of 1938. Contact Eric Pominville at 202-359-7040.



Visitors learning about John Paul Jones on their Bike Tour

**Saturday, October 9**  
**History of the Mall**  
1 p.m. – 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. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact George McHugh at 240-375-5904.

**Sunday, October 10**  
**Bicycles, Birds and Trees... Oh, My!**  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Join park rangers for a bicycle ride around East Potomac Park. Discover many interesting and fascinating trees and birds along the way. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact New Thanyachareon at 202-438-4098.

**Saturday, October 16**  
**Trees of the Mall**  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Learn about the people who envisioned the Park as the core of the Federal City with an international collection of trees, and visit some of its highlights. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.

**Sunday, October 17**  
**"Affairs of Honor:" – American Duels**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

In the 18th century, gentlemen of power and politics would duel to defend their honor and their good names. President Andrew Jackson found "justice" and "satisfaction" on the dueling grounds. Stephen Decatur, a naval hero, was mortally wounded in a duel. The Burr and Hamilton duel, perhaps history's most famous, is itself an incredible and tragic story. Join this tour focusing on the violent lives and deaths of famous men and their duels. Contact Brad Berger at 202-438-4173.

**Sunday, October 17**  
**Family Bike Tour: The hunt is on!**  
The search for symbols on the National Mall  
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Have you ever thought there might be something hidden inside the monuments and memorials on the National Mall? If so, you're right! There are symbols, some in plain view, others hidden, which are clues about the person or event being memorialized. These clues help us better understand the structure's meaning; you just need to know where and what to look for. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Janet Buerger at 202-497-1397 to make reservations.

**Saturday, October 23**  
**Off the Beaten Path**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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 D.C., yet their stories have gone largely untold until now! Contact Kathy Kagle at 202-438-5377.

**Sunday, October 24**  
**The Dramatic History of D.C.**  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Washington, D.C. has a history unlike any other city in the world. On this tour we will be stopping by some familiar landmarks where legends will be explored and myths dispelled. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Heidi Dietze at 202-438-7033.

**Saturday, October 30**  
**Off the Beaten Path**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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**Sunday, October 31**  
**Unexplored Tales of the City**  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Stories, myths and legends abound surrounding famous events and infamous personalities. What is not so widely known is how they are connected to Washington, D.C. Join park rangers for a tour that will help explain how these mysterious events, and the people involved, are linked to the nation's capital. Material may not be suitable for children on this Unexplored Tales tour. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Heidi Dietze at 202-438-7033.

 **WALKING TOURS**

**Friday, October 1, 15, 22, 29**  
**Wednesday, October 6**  
**A Day with a Ranger**  
10 a.m. - mid afternoon

Spend the day with your very own park ranger and learn about the history and architecture of the National Mall from A to Z. The tour ends on the grounds of the Washington Monument (entrance not included). Bring comfortable shoes and water. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Statue. Contact Brad Berger at 202-438-4173.

**Saturday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**Vive la Revolucion:**  
**South America's War for Freedom**  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why some of Latin America's greatest leaders have statues in the heart of the nation's capital? Join us for a guided tour of the memorials to the heroes that helped liberate Latin America from Spain. Meet at the Foggy Bottom Metro Station. Contact Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.

**Saturday, October 2**  
**Sunday, October 10, 24, 31**  
**Holocaust:**  
**Remembrance and Repetition?**  
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The year 1945 marked the end of World War II and its death camps. Or was it only a pause in time before that industry of death resurfaced? We will discuss these matters at this memorial and sites nearby. *Warning: content and photos are graphic.* Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

**Wednesday, October 6**  
**Friday, October 8, 15**  
**A Walk In The Park**  
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Join a park ranger for a walking tour that will highlight large and small memorials alike along a one-mile route. The tour begins at Survey Lodge Ranger Station on the southwest grounds of the Washington Monument and ends at the Lincoln Memorial. Meet at the Survey Lodge Ranger Station. Contact Victor Pillow at 202-841-1774.

**Thursday, October 7**  
**The Trees of Constitution Gardens**  
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Join a park ranger for a moderate stroll through Constitution Gardens, created in 1976 to celebrate the American Bicentennial. The area was originally in the Potomac River ("Potomac Flats") and then headquarters for the U.S. Army and Navy. Meet at Vietnam Veterans Memorial kiosk. Contact Harry Gedney at 202-438-9640.

**Thursday, October 14 & 28**  
**Tuesday, October 19**  
**An Evening with a Ranger**  
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Spend an evening with a ranger and tour the mall as you learn more about its history, monuments and memorials. Bring water and a flashlight. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Kathy Kagle at 202-438-5377.

**Sunday, October 17 & 24**  
**Evening Lantern Walk**  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Discover the history and nature of the National Mall! Come join park rangers to explore the memorials and enjoy the evening glow. Family friendly! Please wear comfortable shoes, bring water and a small flashlight. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. Contact Donald Stanko at 240-375-4857.

 **RUNNING TOURS**

**Saturday, Oct. 9**  
**Chit-Chat Run:**  
**Meet the Presidents**  
8 a.m.-9 a.m.

The three presidential memorials on the National Mall are recognized as national symbols. The run will cover about 3 miles with interpretive stops at the Jefferson Memorial, the FDR Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. Please bring your own water. Meet at the Washington Monument. Contact Susan Martin at 202-437-1888.

**Sunday, Oct. 10**  
**Chit-Chat Run -**  
**Women at the Mall**  
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Join a park ranger to stretch your morning legs and learn about the often overlooked women who are memorialized on the National Mall. The run is approximately 3.5 miles. Please bring your own water. Meet at the Washington Monument. Contact Susan Martin at 202-437-1888.

**Saturday, Oct. 23**  
**Chit-Chat Run-D.C. History Dash**  
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Stretch your muscles and exercise your mind! Join a park ranger for a morning run and learn about several of Washington D.C.'s scenic sites and lesser known attractions. The route will cover approximately 3.8 miles.

Please provide your own water. Meet at the Washington Monument. Contact Susan Martin at 202-437-1888.

**Sunday, Oct. 24**  
**Chit-Chat Run -**  
**The Summer of '63**  
8 a.m.

Run through fractured America in July, 1863 as we explore three battles that forever changed the course of the Civil War and the future of this nation. The run is approximately 3.5 miles. Please bring your own water. Meet at the Washington Monument. Contact Susan Martin at 202-437-1888.

*The National Mall from the  
Washington Monument  
to the Lincoln Memorial*

Now....



...and Then!



# The Washington Monument's Inner Jewels

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the country apart in civil war. Instead, it resulted from the rise of the anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic society nicknamed the "Know-Nothings." The Know-Nothings were infuriated by the donation of so many foreign stones to the Washington Monument and the final straw came when a stone from the ancient Temple of Concord in Rome was given to the society from Pope Pius IX.

Seizing on the gift as proof of interference from un-American influences, the Know-Nothings raided the Washington Monument grounds and stole the "Pope stone" from the lapidarium on the night of March 6, 1854. It was supposedly destroyed using sledgehammers, but stories persist of pieces having been tossed into the Potomac River or smuggled out during the attack and passed down through the generations to resurface at later times. Unfortunately, no pictures or colored drawings exist of the original Pope stone or pieces of the Temple of Concord from whence it came, leaving no means of comparing the alleged remains against historical facts.

The public outcry against the blatant theft of one of the donated stones halted any further donations or appropriations of money for finishing the monument. Even when an advertised \$100 reward could not bring the culprits to light, the Washington Monument Society

could progress no further.

It would take the centennial celebration of American independence on July 4, 1876 to shame the country's leaders into authorizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete the monument. The first task was to complete the outside walls. Once that was done and the monument properly dedicated in February of 1885, it was time to move the "presentation blocks" from the lapidarium where they'd been stored for over two decades and properly place them inside the monument. By September of that same year, 53 more stones had been added to the interior of the monument and then by February of 1887, another 11 had been installed. One reason for this slow pace was the need to trim the depth of some of the stones to a more uniform 12 to 18 inches – as the Washington Monument Society had originally asked for, as well as the time it took to carve out a properly sized niche for the stone. It would take years before the process of inserting commemorative stones into the interior of the Washington Monument would be complete. After the monument opened up to public visitation in 1888, new stones were still arriving, and were usually unveiled and installed with great fanfare.

Of the total 193 commemorative stones inside the monument, most are from the 1849

to 1855 period. In 1911, however, the Washington Monument Society (which exists to this day) sent letters to the western states that were not yet represented in the monument. Those states had not gained either statehood or territorial status during the first period of construction. Nine states submitted their stones for inclusion in 1913, adding Hawaii's territorial stone in 1935. Alaska's state stone was fitted in place in 1982, though it was not the last stone installed in the monument. That honor belongs to the Carthage stone.



The Carthage Stone

The Carthage stone has a mysterious story behind it. It is made of marble taken from the ruins of the ancient north African city of Carthage and in 1855 was shipped from Tunis to the United States for inclusion in the Washington Monument. As a gift from Dr. David P. Heap, the son of

the Tunisian consul, it is one of the few stones given by an individual. In 1880 it was listed in the inventory of stones in the lapidarium, but for some reason, it was never installed in the walls of the monument and assumed lost. Amazingly, almost 80 years later it was found in a dark stairwell corner when workmen were installing a new elevator system in the Washington Monument.

At that point, it was placed on display at the 500-foot level for the public to view. Finally in February of 2000, it was installed at the 380-foot level of the monument,

taking its place among the other commemorative stones honoring George Washington, nearly 150 years after it first arrived in America. Sadly the commemorative stones became the target of souvenir hunters from the very first day that visitation to the monument was permitted. Very rapidly, vandalism became a pervasive problem in the administration of the monument. That, plus other safety factors, has caused the National Park Service to limit access to the commemorative stones, but if you'd like to take a closer look, visit the website at [www.nps.gov/wamo](http://www.nps.gov/wamo) and click on the links to look even further in depth into the stories and mysteries of the inner jewels of the Washington Monument.

## Eastern National Bookstores



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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. - 10 p.m.

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

Thomas Jefferson Memorial  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Franklin Delano  
Roosevelt Memorial  
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...



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## Wildland Firefighting and the National Park Service - A Brief History and Timeline

By Ranger Steve Price

The National Park Service is steward to over 84 million acres of land in 392 park units. At least 50 million of these acres have burnable vegetation and many of this country's most spectacular, but destructive fires have taken place within our national parks.



Yellowstone Fire 1988

As a result, the National Park Service developed a fire management plan designed to work in tandem with other agencies to protect the future of our national parks.

Fighting wildland fires in our national parks can be traced back to our first national park, Yellowstone, located in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. However, it wasn't park rangers who first battled fires, but the United States Cavalry. On Aug. 20, 1886, Captain Moses Harris of Troop M, 1st U.S. Cavalry assumed command of Yellowstone National Park and within days of



U.S. Cavalry arrives at Yellowstone Park

arriving, he and his men began fighting fires throughout the park.

Consequently, the U.S. Army began producing regulations for park visitors which included indicated areas for camping and restrictions on building camp fires. This led to the system of designated campgrounds now common on public lands.

In 1902 the first firewatch towers were built in our parks as a preventive measure against fires. Specific tools also began appearing such as the "Pulaski,"



The Pulaski Fire Tool

a half ax, half pick invented by Ed Pulaski in 1911, and still used by firefighters today.

Pulaski became famous during the Great Fire of 1910 which destroyed over 3 million acres in Washington, Idaho and Montana. He was credited with saving 40 of his 45-man crew by leading them into an abandoned mine.



The Great Fire of 1910

In 1914 Hallie M. Daggett became the first woman employed by the U.S. Forest Service as a lookout. She worked in this position at Klamath National Forest for the next 14 years. In 1915 the California National Forest, (now Mendocino National Forest) hired the first female firefighters, Mrs. Durham, (wife of a ranger) and Ms. Kloppenberg.

About this time in the 20th century, wildland fire research took hold in an attempt to better understand fire behavior and in 1919 the U.S. Forest Service produced "A Policy of Forestry for the Nation." This included objectives like using fire in "controlled burning" situations to promote natural growth and reproduction in the parks.



National Park Service Firefighters Initiating a Controlled Burn

In 1923 the U.S. Forest Service published a paper demonstrating for the first time that low relative humidity (below 35 percent) also had a large impact on hazardous fire potential. At the same

time, the Fire Weather Warning Service was established by the U.S. Weather Bureau in San Francisco. It worked in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service to create a far-reaching and carefully organized fire warning service.

As early as the 1930s "smokejumping" was first proposed by T.V. Pearson, a U.S.F.S. forester, as a means to

quickly provide initial attack on fires. Since then, aircraft have become an integral part of forest firefighting. In 1935 tests began on using aircraft to drop retardant on fires and in 1947 the first official aircraft to enter this service was a converted B-29 bomber christened *Rocky Mountain Ranger*.



The Presentation Ceremony of the B-29 Bomber, *Rocky Mountain Ranger*

In the latter part of the 20th century emphasis was placed on developing an organized command center for incidents. Together with multiagency cooperation, and all that was learned in the past, forest firefighters today are much better trained and prepared to fight fires than their predecessors in the U.S. Cavalry so long ago.

Today the National Park Service fire management program has a staff of over 800, and maintains a large inventory of equipment placed strategically throughout the U.S. in order to provide quick support should they be needed.



### 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.

**Summer Hours:** 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Monday, May 31 - Monday, September 6

**Rest of Year:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### National Mall and Memorial Parks Cell Phone Tours

Lincoln Memorial: 202-747-3420  
First Amendment: 202-595-0085  
Cherry Blossom Festival: 202-747-3465

# KIDS' Column



## CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY EXPLORE THE NATIONAL MALL!

Did you know this site is part of the National Mall and Memorial Parks? Take time this fall to explore this statue!

Celebrate Columbus Day with a trip to the Columbus Memorial in front of Union Station.

See if you can find these items:

- the bow of a ship
- the globe
- the lions
- the king and queen who paid for Columbus's trip
- the eagles
- Christopher Columbus



**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS FOUNTAIN**

Break the code to find out what the Native American and the older man represent.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	C	D	E	F	G	I	L	N	O	R	S	T	W

The Native American represents the

$\frac{9}{14}$   $\frac{4}{14}$   $\frac{14}{10}$   $\frac{11}{8}$   $\frac{3}{3}$  facing  $\frac{14}{4}$   $\frac{12}{13}$

The older man represents the

$\frac{10}{8}$   $\frac{3}{14}$   $\frac{10}{11}$   $\frac{8}{3}$  facing  $\frac{4}{1}$   $\frac{12}{13}$

### CAN YOU SOLVE THIS MONTH'S MALL MYSTERY?

What do the three flags at the Columbus Memorial represent? Go to the Survey Lodge Ranger Station with the correct answer to receive your prize!

**Message from the Superintendent**

October is a great time to experience your national park. Our ranger staff presents interpretive programs throughout the park including park-wide walking tours and shorter detailed programs of each memorial.

To learn more about the future of the National Mall, visit the National Mall Plan website, [www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan](http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan) to read current alternatives, express ideas, and follow our progress.

Page through this newspaper to find out more about the many fascinating ranger programs offered throughout the park. Our park staff and volunteers will be glad to answer any of your questions. Thanks for visiting, and have a wonderful experience at National Mall and Memorial Parks.

Superintendent  
John Piltzecker

“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

**Potomac Nature Packs**

Birds, Bugs and Trees, OH MY!

Discover the wild side of the National Mall with nature packs designed to engage the entire family. Each pack is filled with a sketch pad, binoculars, books, park brochures, maps and activities for the whole family. These self-guided nature packs allow the whole family to put on their eagle eyes and explore the unbelievable sights and sounds of the National Mall!

Packs are available at the Survey Lodge Ranger Station near the southwest corner of the Washington Monument grounds. Packs are available on a first come, first served basis, and require an adult's drivers license. One pack per family. Call 202-426-6841 for more information.



**Old Post Office Tower**

The Old Post Office, built between 1892 and 1899, is home to the Bells of Congress, which were a gift 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:** 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.

**Ranger Programs: Twenty for the Tower on the Half-Hour**

Daily at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

The Old Post Office Tower always has time for you. Do you have 20 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.

For Whom the Bell Tolls: The Washington Ringing Society and the Bells of Congress

First Thursday of every month  
6:45 p.m.

The art of change ringing goes back to the Middle Ages and you can experience it first hand at the Old Post Office Tower. To learn more about the systematic ringing of the Bells of Congress, join members of the Washington Ringing Society the first Thursday of each month for a full explanation of the Bells of Congress, why they are here and how they work. The program will be followed by their weekly practice session. Call 202-606-8691 for more information.

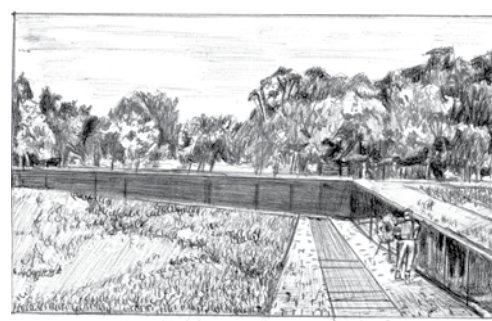
[www.nps.gov/opot](http://www.nps.gov/opot)

**Farewell Ranger Mosso!**

This month the entire staff at National Mall and Memorial Parks bids a fond farewell to Dennis Mosso, who will be leaving the ranks of his fellow rangers and heading home to the Johnstown, Pennsylvania region

for some much needed time to relax.

Dennis is well known for his color mural on the wall of the local ranger lodge depicting the World War II Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial in the distance. Here we see Dennis at the World War II Memorial and his own version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Take care, Dennis!



Be sure to visit the updated Lincoln Memorial web site! <http://www.nps.gov/linc>

Highlights include a new 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.

