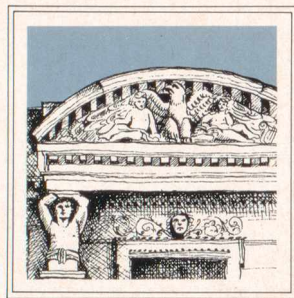
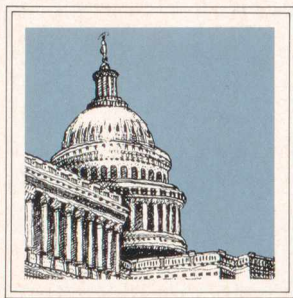
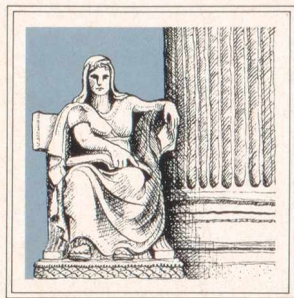


City of the Constitution

Washington, DC



This is a welcome to Washington with a special purpose. Like no other city, Washington came into being because of the Constitution. The document called for a new capital in a federal district "not exceeding ten miles square," a proposal that reflected the brave ideals of the delegates to the Convention of 1787 and the practical compromises necessary to reach agreement.

The area selected, though not frontier wilderness, was made up of woods and thinly settled farmland, lacking roads and means of commerce. Gouverneur Morris, the Pennsylvania delegate credited with putting the Constitution into final form, described Washington in 1800 as the "best city in the world for a future residence. We want nothing here but houses, cellars, kitchens, well informed men, amiable women, and other trifles of this kind." The process of making a city worthy of the nation began, and as the functions and scope of government grew, so did the federal city.

Now, for the bicentennial of the United States Constitution, the National Park Service invites you to join in celebration with the parks in the Washington area. This map locates sites chosen to illustrate the Constitution and Bill of Rights. An illustrated guidebook, *Washington: City of the Constitution*, will be available at any National Park Service bookshop. Some of the 25 featured sites will be familiar to Washington visitors, but the discussions of their Constitutional ties may be new. Other sites are off the beaten path of Washington tourist spots, but well worth seeking for what they reveal about the city the Constitution built.

Whatever else, pay your respects to the nation's greatest documents themselves, enshrined at the National Archives. They live today because of citizens' vigilance to guard our freedoms.

Special Events

Many local and national events will be offered during the three-year bicentennial celebration. For information on the special activities occurring during your visit, call the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution: (202) 653-2430, weekdays.

A **walking tour**, "Through the Constitution," led by **National Park** rangers, begins at Western Plaza with a description of L'Enfant's plan for the capital city, proceeds to buildings and monuments that represent the Constitution, and concludes at the Lincoln Memorial, dedicated to the President who faced the Union's most crucial test. The two-hour tour is free but available by reservation only. For information call 426-6770, weekdays.

The **National Archives** offers two exhibits: "The American Experiment: Creating the Constitution," through February 1989, and "Living with the Constitution," through September 1988. (Open daily; Constitution Avenue at 8th Street, NW; phone: 523-3183.)

The **Library of Congress** exhibit, "The American Solution," explores the origins of the U.S. Constitution through a rich collection of letters, illustrations and documents. The exhibit in the main Library of Congress building continues through September 17, 1987. (Open daily; First Street, across from the Capitol; phone: 287-5108.)

The **Smithsonian Institution's** bicentennial exhibit "The Blessings of Liberty" opens at the National Museum of American History November 1987 and continues indefinitely. (Open daily; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW; phone: 357-2700.)

The **Supreme Court's** exhibit, "Documenting the Constitution: A Manuscript History," features original materials dealing with interpretation of the Constitution. The exhibit in the Supreme Court Building continues through October 1987. (Weekdays; 1 First Street, NE; phone: 479-3298.)

On September 16, 1987, every school in the country has an opportunity to join a day-long "Celebration of Citizenship." National leaders will participate in special radio and television coverage.

Further Reading

The following books about the Constitution can be purchased at National Park bookshops or from Parks and History Association, P.O. Box 40929, Washington, D.C. 20016; phone: 472-3083.

The Constitution of the United States of America. The text of the Constitution in a pocket-sized edition prepared by the National Archives.

The Constitution of the United States of America, by Sam Fink. A large format collection of Fink's illustrations illuminate the text of the Constitution.

Are We to Be a Nation?, by Richard Bernstein. How our national policies were formed under the Constitution.

Miracle at Philadelphia, by Catherine Bowen. A classic narrative about the Constitutional Convention.

A Machine That Would Go of Itself, by Michael Kammen. A Pulitzer-prize winning historian examines the cultural impact and changing views of the Constitution.

The Founding, by Fred Barbash. A journalist's description of how the Constitution came into being.

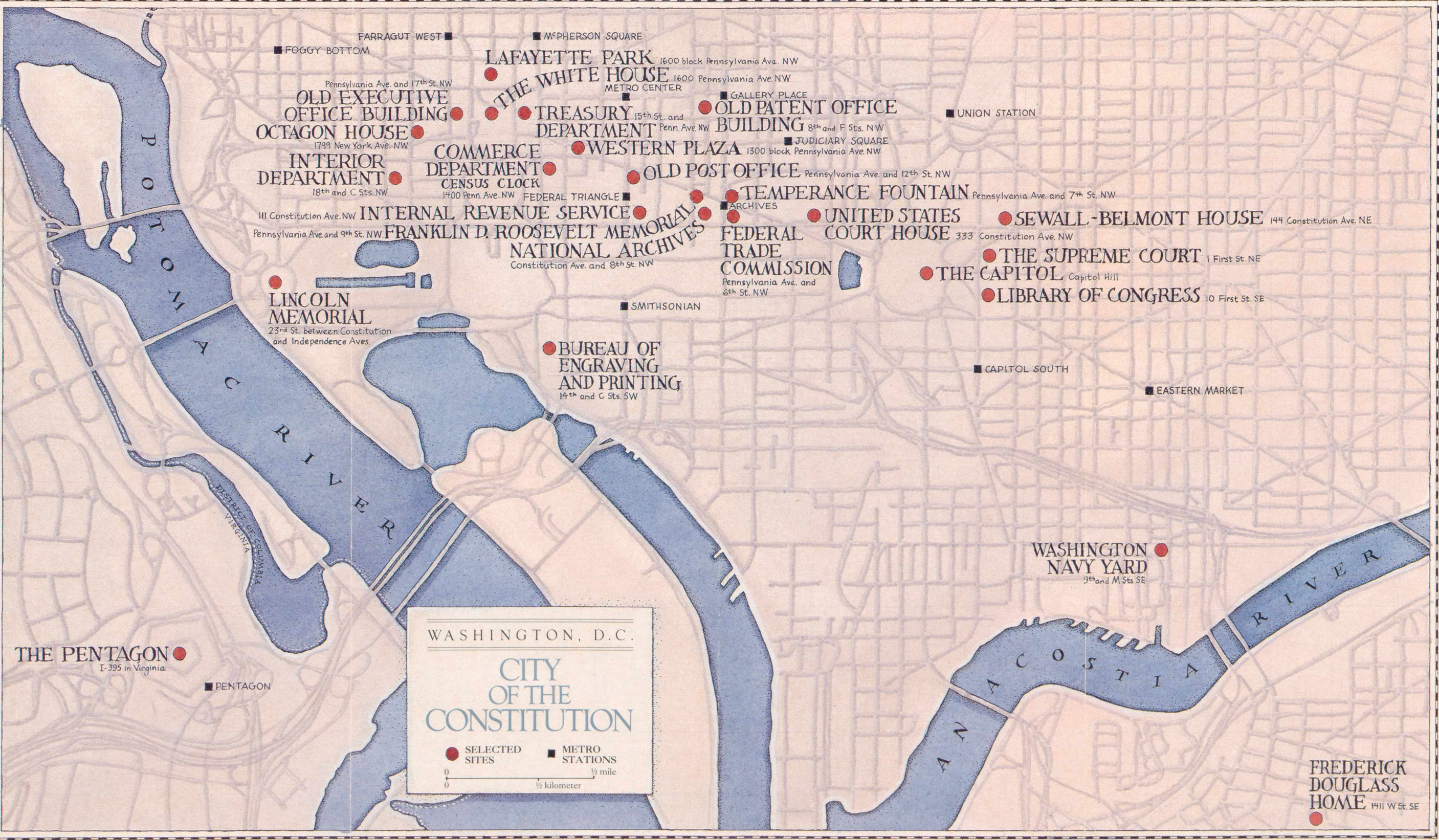
The Federalist, edited by Michael Chadwick. A new, annotated edition of the essays by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison, that Thomas Jefferson called "the best commentary on the principles of government."

The U.S. Constitution for Everyone, by Mort Gerberg. Secondary school students especially will enjoy the humor used in this explanation of the Constitution.

Shh!... We're Writing the Constitution, by Jean Fritz. Involves the young reader in the events of the summer of 1787.



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**CITY
OF THE
CONSTITUTION**

● SELECTED
SITES

■ METRO
STATIONS

0 1/2 mile
0 1/2 kilometer

■ FARRAGUT WEST
■ FOGGY BOTTOM
Pennsylvania Ave. and 17th St. NW
**OLD EXECUTIVE
OFFICE BUILDING**
OCTAGON HOUSE
1749 New York Ave. NW
**INTERIOR
DEPARTMENT**
18th and C Sts. NW

III Constitution Ave. NW
Pennsylvania Ave. and 9th St. NW
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL
NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Constitution Ave. and 8th St. NW

● **LINCOLN
MEMORIAL**
23rd St. between Constitution
and Independence Aves.

■ McPHERSON SQUARE
LAFAYETTE PARK 1600 block Pennsylvania Ave. NW
● **THE WHITE HOUSE** 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
METRO CENTER

● **TREASURY
DEPARTMENT** 15th St. and
Penn. Ave. NW
● **WESTERN PLAZA** 1300 block Pennsylvania Ave. NW

● **COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT**
CENSUS CLOCK
1400 Penn. Ave. NW

● **OLD POST OFFICE** Pennsylvania Ave. and 12th St. NW

■ GALLERY PLACE
● **OLD PATENT OFFICE
BUILDING** 8th and F Sts. NW
■ JUDICIARY SQUARE

■ UNION STATION

● **TEMPERANCE FOUNTAIN** Pennsylvania Ave. and 7th St. NW

■ ARCHIVES

● **FEDERAL
TRADE
COMMISSION**
Pennsylvania Ave. and
6th St. NW

● **UNITED STATES
COURT HOUSE** 333 Constitution Ave. NW

● **SEWALL-BELMONT HOUSE** 144 Constitution Ave. NE

● **THE SUPREME COURT** 1 First St. NE

● **THE CAPITOL** Capitol Hill

● **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS** 10 First St. SE

■ SMITHSONIAN

● **BUREAU OF
ENGRAVING
AND PRINTING**
14th and C Sts. SW

■ CAPITOL SOUTH

■ EASTERN MARKET

● **WASHINGTON
NAVY YARD**
9th and M Sts SE

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● **FREDERICK
DOUGLASS
HOME** 1411 W St. SE