

 Smithsonian

# Large Print Guide

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# Welcome to the Smithsonian

The Smithsonian was established in 1846 with funds bequeathed to the United States by James Smithson, an English scientist, “for the increase and diffusion of knowledge.”

When you visit the Smithsonian today, you’re entering the world’s largest museum complex, with 19 museums and the National Zoo, holding approximately 155 million artifacts and specimens in trust for the American people. Ten museums are located along the National Mall, six others and the Smithsonian’s National Zoo are nearby, and two more are in New York City. The Smithsonian Castle and the Arts and Industries Building are closed for renovation until further notice.

Two new museums are in the works. Congress passed legislation authorizing both in 2020, and planning and fundraising are underway. For more information about the two museums, email [info@si.edu](mailto:info@si.edu), call 202-633-1000, or visit their websites:

**National Museum  
of the American Latino:**  
[latino.si.edu](http://latino.si.edu)

**Smithsonian American  
Women’s History Museum:**  
[womenshistory.si.edu](http://womenshistory.si.edu)

# Smithsonian Information

**Web** [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

**Plan** Start your visit planning at the Smithsonian's Virtual Visitor Center at [www.si.edu/visit](http://www.si.edu/visit).

**Hours** Most museums are open daily except December 25; visit [si.edu/visit/hours](http://si.edu/visit/hours) for details.

**Entry** Free, unless otherwise noted.

## Contact Us

**Phone** 202-633-1000  
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**Email** [info@si.edu](mailto:info@si.edu)

# Virtual Visitor Center | [si.edu/visit](https://si.edu/visit)

The Virtual Visitor Center is a digital hub where visitors can learn and explore at their own pace, from anywhere in the world. Online visitors are presented with a variety of trip planning tools to begin designing their ideal visitor experience at the Smithsonian.



## My Visit

Create a list of your favorite exhibitions and museums to help you make the most of your time at the Smithsonian.



## Virtual Information Desk

Talk with one of our expert volunteers online to discover things to see and do that match your interests.



## Gems of American Philately

National Postal Museum



## Out of Many: Portraits from 1600 to 1900

Portrait Gallery



## Human Spaceflight

Air and Space Museum  
Udvar-Hazy Center



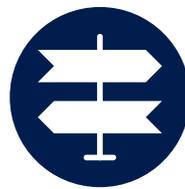
## Bird House

National Zoo



## Castle Stories

Join a Castle docent for a virtual talk and discussion and discover treasured stories from the Castle's history.



## Scavenger Hunts

Explore your favorite Smithsonian museums and gardens with touchless scavenger hunts.

# Accessibility Information

The Smithsonian welcomes all visitors with disabilities. Our museums offer the following: a limited number of manual wheelchairs on a first-come, first-served basis; free Aira minutes for visual interpretation assistance; access for service dogs trained to perform individual work tasks; and tours in ASL or visual description upon advance request. For information on additional accessibility services, visit [www.si.edu/visit/VisitorsWithDisabilities](http://www.si.edu/visit/VisitorsWithDisabilities). For an English version of this brochure in an alternative format, call or email Smithsonian Information.



## Smithsonian Ambassadors

Join one of our volunteer ambassadors (dressed in red) on the National Mall in front of the Castle for a Smithsonian Orientation or roving the National Mall near Smithsonian museums (weather permitting) for information on current museum offerings and for tips to maximize your visit. See QR code on the back cover for details.

# From Home

Your adventure doesn't have to end when you leave Washington, D.C. You can find Smithsonian artifacts, exhibitions, events, and more from your home and community.

**Sidedoor: A Podcast  
from the Smithsonian**  
([si.edu/sidedoor](https://www.si.edu/sidedoor))

**Smithsonian  
Affiliations**  
([affiliations.si.edu](https://www.affiliations.si.edu))

**Smithsonian Channel**  
([smithsonianchannel.com](https://www.smithsonianchannel.com))

**Smithsonian  
Digital Collections**  
([collections.si.edu](https://www.collections.si.edu))

**Smithsonian Global**  
([global.si.edu](https://www.global.si.edu))

**Smithsonian Journeys**  
([smithsonianjourneys.org](https://www.smithsonianjourneys.org))

***Smithsonian Magazine***  
([smithsonianmag.com](https://www.smithsonianmag.com))

**Smithsonian Traveling  
Exhibition Service**  
([sites.si.edu](https://www.sites.si.edu))



Farragut West

McPherson Square

Metro Center

Federal Triangle

Smithsonian (12th & Jefferson Dr.)

Smithsonian (12th & Independence Ave.)

Renwick Gallery

The White House

African American History and Culture Museum

American History Museum

Natural History Museum

National Mall

Washington Monument

Common Ground: Our American Garden

Victory Garden

Urban Bird Habitat

Pollinator Garden

Smithsonian Castle

Ripley Center

Asian Art Museum

African Art Museum

Arts and Industries

Hirshhorn Museum

Tidal Basin

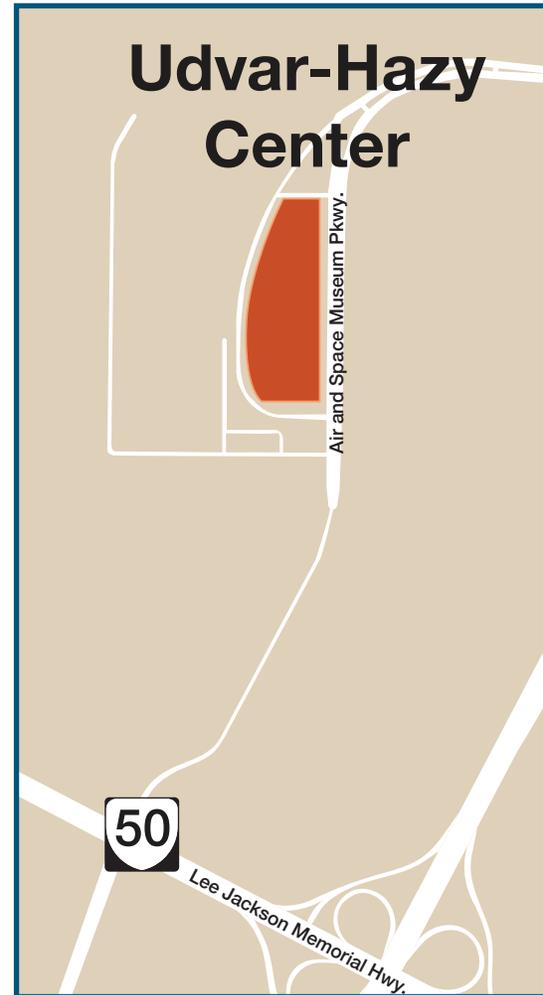
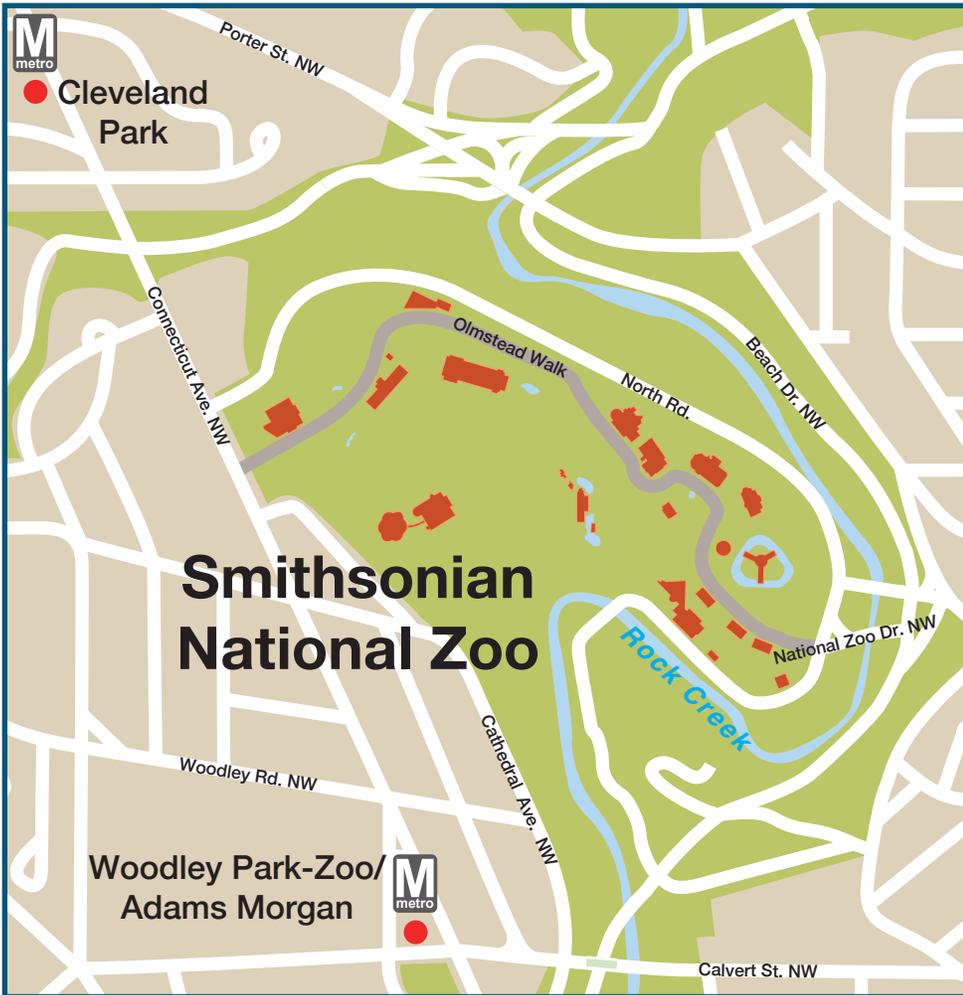
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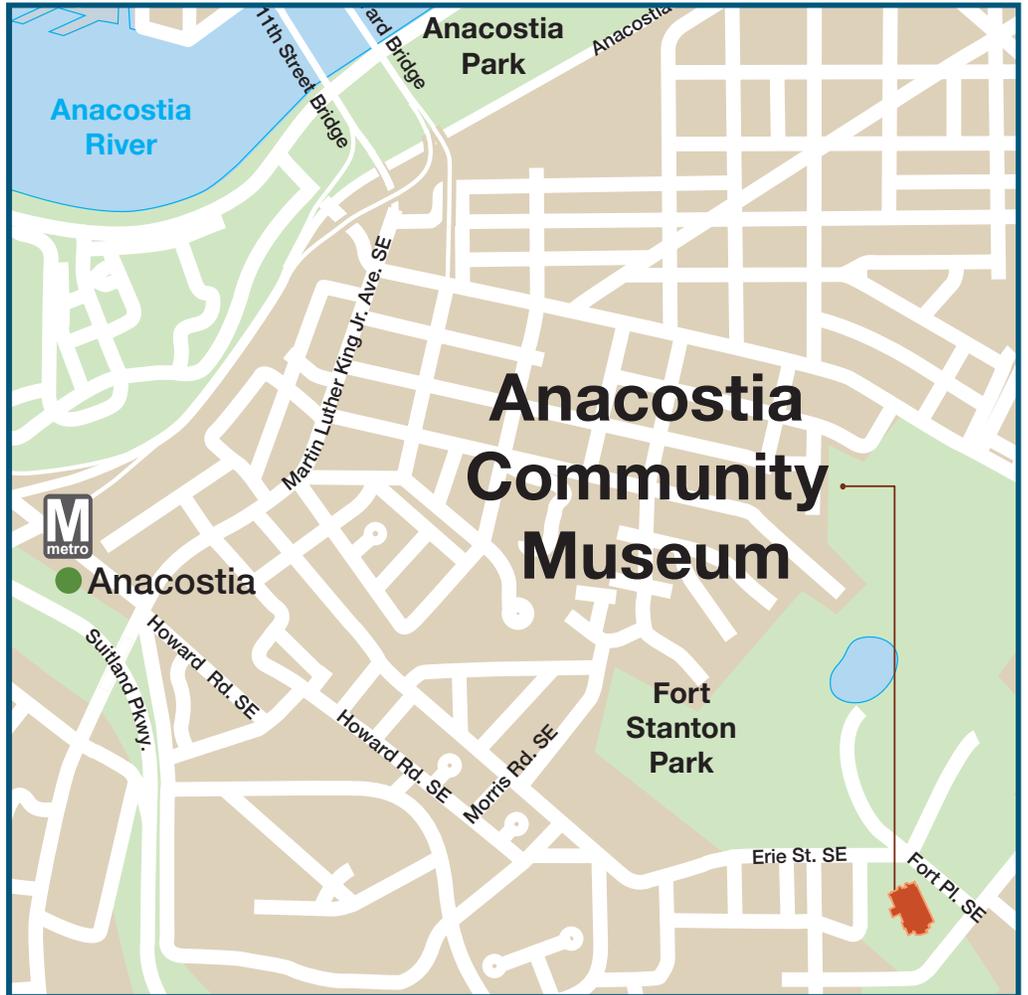
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I St. NW, H St. NW, G St. NW, F St. NW, Constitution Ave. NW, Madison Dr. NW, Jefferson Dr. SW, Independence Ave. SW, C St. SW, D St. SW, 17th St. NW, 15th St. NW, 14th St. NW, 13th St. NW, 12th St. NW, 11th St. NW, 8th St. NW, 17th St. SW, 15th St. SW, 14th St. SW, 13th St. SW, 12th St. SW, 9th St. SW, New York Ave. NW, Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Constitution Ave. NW, Jefferson Dr. SW, Independence Ave. SW, L'Enfant Plaza SW, C St. SW, D St. SW







**Legend:**

-  Smithsonian Museums
-  Smithsonian Gardens
-  Non-Smithsonian Landmarks
-  Footpath

**Metro Lines**

-  Red Line
-  Blue Line
-  Orange Line
-  Silver Line
-  Green Line
-  Yellow Line



# Smithsonian Museums

Museums open daily except December 25;  
visit [si.edu/visit/hours](https://www.si.edu/visit/hours) for details.

## Legend:

-  Accessible Entrance
-  ATM
-  Lockers/Checkroom
-  Food Services
-  IMAX® Theater
-  Museum Store
-  Parking  
(fee at some sites)
-  Planetarium
-  Bike Rack

## Metro Lines

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## African American History and Culture Museum

**Free timed-entry passes required;** visit [nmaahc.si.edu/visit](http://nmaahc.si.edu/visit) for details.

This is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, art, history, and culture.

**Constitution Ave. between 14th & 15th Sts., NW**

**Metro:** Federal Triangle or Smithsonian ● ● ●



## African Art Museum

On view are outstanding examples of African creativity from the 11th century to contemporary works commissioned by the museum.

**950 Independence Avenue, SW**

**Metro:** Smithsonian ● ● ●





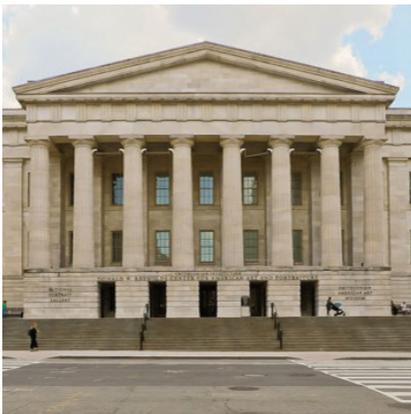
## Air and Space Museum

**Free timed-entry passes required;**  
visit [airandspace.si.edu/visit](http://airandspace.si.edu/visit) for details.

Eight new galleries house hundreds of aircraft, spacecraft, and other flight-related artifacts.

**Independence Avenue and 6th Street, SW**

**Metro:** L'Enfant Plaza ● ● ● ● ●



## American Art Museum

The nation's flagship museum of American art and craft is recognized internationally as home to one of the most significant and inclusive collections of American art in the world.

**8th and G Streets, NW (shares a building with the Portrait Gallery)**

**Metro:** Gallery Place/Chinatown ● ● ●



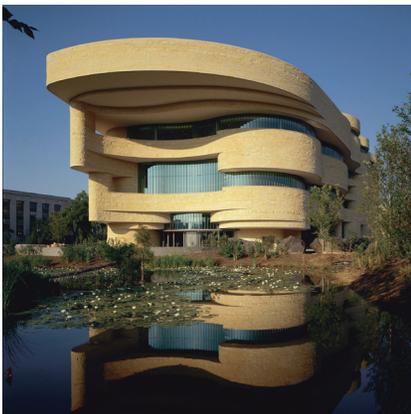


## American History Museum

This museum is devoted to exploring, preserving, and sharing the complexity of our past through the cultural, social, political, technological, medical, and scientific development of America.

**Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets, NW**

**Metro:** Federal Triangle or Smithsonian ●●●



## American Indian Museum

Home to one of the largest and most diverse collections of Indigenous art and historical objects, the museum offers exhibitions designed in collaboration with Native communities from throughout the Western Hemisphere.

**3rd Street and Maryland Avenue, SW**

**Metro:** L'Enfant Plaza ●●●●●





## Anacostia Community Museum

Located in the Anacostia neighborhood, this museum examines, documents, and interprets the impact of historical and contemporary social issues on urban communities.

**1901 Fort Place, SE**

**Metro:** Anacostia ●

Transfer to the W-2 or W-3 bus.

Call 202-633-4820 for driving directions.



## Arts and Industries Building

**Temporarily Closed for Renovation**

**900 Jefferson Drive, SW**

**Metro:** Smithsonian ● ● ●



## Asian Art Museum

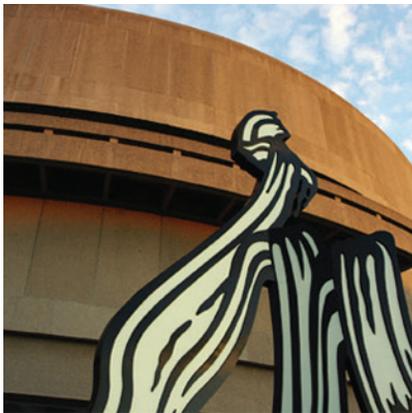
The first national museum of art is home to one of North America's largest and most comprehensive collections of Asian art, plus James McNeill Whistler's masterpiece, the Peacock Room. Two separate buildings are connected by an underground passageway.

**Jefferson Drive and 12th Street, SW**

**Metro:** Smithsonian ● ● ●



**West of Independence Ave. entrance or Haupt Garden**



## Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

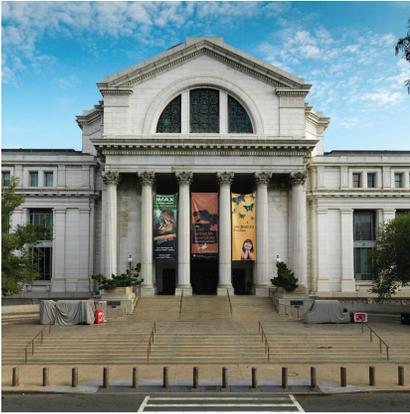
On display is international modern and contemporary art in a celebrated Gordon Bunshaft-designed cylindrical building and adjoining Plaza. The Sculpture Garden across Jefferson Drive is closed for

revitalization; visit [hirshhorn.si.edu](http://hirshhorn.si.edu) for details.

**Independence Avenue and 7th Street, SW**

**Metro:** L'Enfant Plaza ● ● ● ● ●



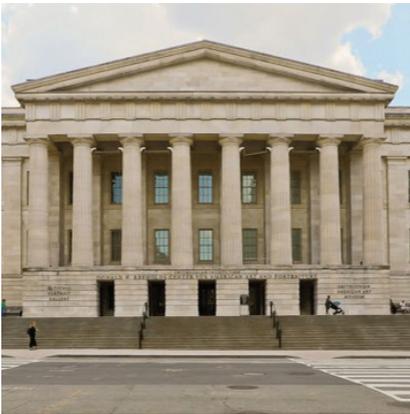


## Natural History Museum

The world's most popular natural history museum is dedicated to understanding the natural world and our place in it.

**Constitution Avenue and 10th Street, NW**

**Metro:** Federal Triangle, Archives, or Smithsonian ●●●●●



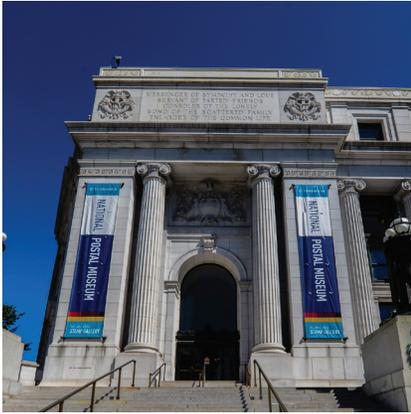
## Portrait Gallery

The Portrait Gallery tells the story of the nation through the individuals who have shaped its culture, from poets and presidents to actors and activists.

**8th and G Streets, NW (shares a building with the American Art Museum)**

**Metro:** Gallery Place/Chinatown ●●●





## Postal Museum

Often called a hidden gem, this museum shares the story of America as seen through the lens of its mail and reveals how objects as small as stamps can tell a big story.

**2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE**

**Metro:** Union Station ●



**1st & North Capitol Street**



## Renwick Gallery

This branch of the American Art Museum is dedicated to contemporary craft and maker culture, featuring works by artists exploring traditional and innovative approaches to their materials.

**Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street, NW**

**Metro:** Farragut West ●●● or Farragut North ●



**Ramp on 17th St.**



## Smithsonian Castle

### Temporarily Closed for Renovation

Check out our Virtual Visitor Center at [si.edu/visit](http://si.edu/visit).

**1000 Jefferson Drive, SW**

**Metro:** Smithsonian ● ● ●



## Smithsonian Gardens

The 13 gardens surrounding Smithsonian museums are a “museum without walls.” All are designed to complement the museums they border and to enhance learning, appreciation, and enjoyment.

**Adjacent to most museums; see map for locations**

**Metro:** See map





## Smithsonian's National Zoo

**Free timed-entry passes required;** visit [nationalzoo.si.edu/visit](http://nationalzoo.si.edu/visit) for details.

The Zoo is home to more than 1,800 animals, including some of the planet's most critically endangered species.

Zoo staff work to save species by engaging in cutting-edge science, sharing knowledge, and providing inspirational experiences for guests.

**3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW**

**Metro:** Cleveland Park (on arrival) or Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan (on departure) ●



## Udvar-Hazy Center

This branch of the Air and Space Museum features hundreds of historically significant aircraft and spacecraft, along with thousands of small artifacts in an open, hangar-like setting.

**14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia, near Washington Dulles International Airport**

**Metro:** Innovation Center ● Transfer to Fairfax Connector bus 983



# Smithsonian in New York City

Museums open daily except  
December 25. The Cooper Hewitt is  
also closed on Thanksgiving day;  
visit [si.edu/visit/hours](http://si.edu/visit/hours) for details.

## Legend:



Accessible Entrance



Museum Store



Lockers/Checkroom



Bike Rack



Food Services



## American Indian Museum, Heye Center

The New York museum presents the lifeways and traditions of Native people throughout the Western Hemisphere through an active schedule of exhibitions.

**1 Bowling Green between State and Whitehall Streets**

**Subway Station:** Bowling Green on 4/5 trains **4 5**



**West of Main Entrance**



## Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

**Paid tickets required;** visit [cooperhewitt.org](http://cooperhewitt.org) for details.

Located in the landmark Andrew Carnegie mansion and boasting a beautiful public garden, Cooper Hewitt makes design come alive with unique temporary exhibitions and installations from the permanent collection of over 215,000 design objects spanning thirty centuries.

**2 East 91st Street on New York City's Museum Mile**

**Subway Station:** 86th Street on 4/5/6 trains **4 5 6**



**Ramp at Main Entrance**

# Scan, Plan & Go!



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