

Family-Friendly Attractions inside Washington, DC

ORGANIZATION	HIGHLIGHTS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
African American Civil War Memorial & Museum	Family programs, exhibitions	
Anacostia Arts Center	Family programs, exhibitions, performances, classes	
Arena Stage	Family programs, performances	
Atlas Performing Arts Center	Family programs, performances, classes	
Barnes & Noble – downtown	Children’s and young adult books, author talks	Membership discount available
Bureau of Engraving & Printing	Tours	Weekdays, closed federal holidays
Capitol Visitor Center	Tours, exhibitions	Strict security and multiple prohibited items; free tours require tickets
Cultural Tourism DC	DC Heritage Trails, guided tours, embassy events	
Dance Place	Adult and youth dance classes, performances	
DC Public Library	Family and teen programs, children’s and young adult books, author talks, homework assistance, teen programming, online resources	Library cards are free to those who live or work in DC; cards provide access to multiple services
Department of Parks & Recreation (DC)	Family and teen programs; parks, swimming pools, athletic facilities	
Ford’s Theatre & Museum	Family programs, exhibitions, performances, tours	
Folger Theatre & Gardens	Performances, tours, outdoor garden	
GALA Hispanic Theatre Grupo de Artistas Latinoamericanos	Family programs, performances, special events	Discounted parking for patrons
Hill Center (at the Old Naval Hospital)	Family programs, performances, demonstrations	
Joy of Motion	Adult and youth dance and fitness classes, performances	
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts	Family Nights, Millennium Stage, tours, Opera in the Outfield (Nationals Park), exhibitions,	Free shuttle from Foggy Bottom station

	musical petting zoo	
Library of Congress	Family programs, tours, exhibitions, performances, author talks, films, annual book festival	
Lincoln Theater	Family programs, performances	
National Archives	Historic/founding documents, programs, films, tours	
National Building Museum	Family programs, architectural and environmental programs	
National Gallery of Art & Sculpture Garden	Exhibitions, films, outdoor art and performances, ice skating	
National Geographic Society Museum	Family programs, exhibitions, performances, films	
National Museum for Women in the Arts	Art exhibitions, family programs, performances	Free admission once per month
National Park Service	Multiple monuments and memorials, Rock Creek Park (nature center, hiking, horses, planetarium), Fort Circle Parks, amphitheater	Most events are free but may require reservations; check weather and travel advisories for outdoor events
National Theatre	Family performances, movies	
Newseum	Exhibitions, current events programs, author talks	Summer family discounts
Other	Local colleges, universities, schools, federal buildings, and places of worship	May offer a variety of public programming at no or little cost
Phillips Collection	Art exhibitions, performances	Weekdays by donation, occasional free weekends
President Lincoln's Cottage	Family programs, tours	
Professional Sports Leagues	Live competitions, family events	Most major teams offer family packages and discounted tickets
Smithsonian Institution	20 museums including National Zoo, IMAX, Discovery Theater; annual Folk Life festival; family programs, tours, special events, afterschool programs	Extended summer hours; membership discounts available for dining, gift shop, IMAX
THEARC Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus	Family programs, teen nights, performances, classes	

United States Mint	Gift and collectibles shop	Weekdays, closed federal holidays
U.S. Botanic Garden	Indoor and outdoor gardens, programs, exhibitions, Season's Greenings	
U.S. National Arboretum	Family programs, indoor and outdoor gardens, tours	
Washington Historical Society	Family programs, exhibitions	
White House Visitor Center	Exhibitions, author talks, special events	
Yards Park	Family programs, special events	