



Getting to the Cherry Blossoms 2023

The National Cherry Blossom Festival invites you to Spring It On! Make the most of your event experience by leaving the car behind and trying transit instead!

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS



METRORAIL

Rides start at \$2 and require a SmarTrip® card.
wmata.com/rail



DC CIRCULATOR/DC STREETCAR

Buses arrive every 10 - 12 minutes. Ride DC Circulator for just \$1 or DC Streetcar for FREE! Take a Blossom Ride on the specially wrapped blossom bus and streetcar operating through April! #BlossomRideDC
dccirculator.com / dcstreetcar.com



CAPITAL BIKESHARE

Check out a bike and return it to any station. A single trip up to 45 minutes starts at \$1. Unlimited trips under 45 minutes cost \$8/day. Download the app or visit the website.
capitalbikeshare.com



METROBUS

Buses run on a schedule and rides cost \$2.
wmata.com/bus



SHARED MICROMOBILITY

Scoters, mopeds, and dockless bikes are available; prices vary by provider. No parking on the National Mall.
goDCgo.com/scooter



OPENING CEREMONY

Date: March 25
Time: 5pm - 6:30pm
Location: Warner Theatre, 513 13th St NW

Co-presented with The Japan Foundation, the Opening Ceremony celebrates the Festival's roots and the gift of trees showcasing Japanese performing arts and culture. This one-time-only performance featuring world-renowned artists is a celebration of the friendship between the US and Japan. Featured performances by Anna Sato & Toshiyuki Sasaki, Mika Stoltzman, and PETÆL.

Metro Center ● ● ● ●

Metro Center/12th & F St NW
11th & F St NW
10 & E St NW
14th & D St NW/Ronald Reagan Building
 54, 59, D6



BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL

Date: March 25 (Rain Date: March 26)
Time: 10am - 4:30pm
Location: Washington Monument (north side between 15th and 17th St NW)

Spring on the kite flying fun with activities, music, competitions, and performances. Kite enthusiasts, beginners, families, and friends are all welcome – bring your own kite, purchase one onsite, or pick up a free kite kit that you can decorate onsite, courtesy of presenting sponsor Hilton.

Federal Triangle ● ● ● ●
Smithsonian ● ● ● ●

National Mall
 15th St & Constitution Ave NW
19th St & Constitution Ave NW

16E, 52
 Constitution Ave NW will be closed until 10 or 11am for the Rock & Roll Marathon.



PETALPALOOZA

Date: April 8
Time: 1pm - 9pm
Fireworks: 8:30pm
Location: The Yards Park - Navy Yard Metro (Dept of Transportation Exit)

This free festival finale takes over the Capitol Riverfront with art, music, and more, culminating in dazzling fireworks over the Anacostia River as the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge is lit up in pink.

Navy Yard-Ballpark ●
 Eastern Market-Enfant Plaza

3rd & Tingley St SE
4th & M St SE
3rd & M St SE
 P6, V4
 Water St SE and 3rd St SE will be closed.



NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE

Date: April 15
Time: 10am - 12pm
Location: Constitution Avenue NW between 7th and 17th St NW

This energy-filled celebration brings colorful balloons, elaborate floats, marching bands, with Grand Marshals Mickey Mouse & Minnie Mouse from Walt Disney World Resort®, other celebrities and performers. Experience the parade through free standing room access or paid, reserved grandstand seating from \$25-40.

Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter ● ● ● ●
Federal Triangle ● ● ● ●
Metro Center ● ● ● ●

National Mall
 10th St & Constitution Ave NW
15th St & Constitution Ave NW
 3F, S2, 33, 64, 70, 79

Constitution Ave NW will be closed from 6th to 23rd St and cross streets one block north and one block south of Constitution Ave.



SAKURA TAIKO FEST

Date: March 25
Time: 12 - 5pm
Location: Sylvan Theatre, Independence Avenue & 15th Street, SW

After a two-year hiatus, the Sakura Taiko Fest is back! It's one of the largest annual taiko gatherings on the East Coast with Japanese drumming performances by taiko players and community groups from the DMV area and beyond.

Smithsonian ● ● ● ●
 National Mall
 Jefferson Dr & 14th St SW
Jefferson Dr & 12th St SW/Smithsonian-National Mall
17th St & Independence Ave SW
 16E, 52



CHERRY NIGHT

Date: March 31
Time: 7 - 11pm
Location: Multiple locations

Cherry Night is an exclusive, one-night-only cherry blossom-themed celebration of DC nightlife through music, fashion, and food.

Select venues elevate the dinner scene with custom springtime menus, blossom décor, and live entertainment. Plan to wear your best pink outfit to show off your spring spirit! To find participating venues, visit NationalCherryBlossomFestival.org.



FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL BRIDGE LIGHTING

Dates: March 20, 2023 - April 16, 2023
Location: South Capitol St & Suitland Pkwy SE and South Capitol St & R St SW

In celebration of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, the District Department of Transportation will light the new Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge in Cherry Blossom colors. The bridge will feature a unique XR experience – look for the signs on the pedestrian walkway. Residents and visitors are encouraged to view lights from near and far.

Navy Yard-Ballpark ●
Anacostia ●
 Congress Heights-Union Station

1st St & Potomac Ave SE
1st & Q St SW
Potomac Ave & Half St SW
 A2, A4, A6, A8, P6, W2, W3, W4, W5, W6, W8, 74, 90



TIDAL BASIN WELCOME AREA & ANA STAGE

Date(s): Exact dates TBD based on peak bloom period. Visit NationalCherryBlossomFestival.org for details.
Time: 10am - 6pm (Welcome Area)
Time: 12pm - 6pm (ANA Stage)
Location: West Basin Drive SW

Live performances among the blossoms at the Tidal Basin celebrate the longstanding friendship between the U.S. and Japan with a dynamic, cross-cultural mix of American, Japanese, and other performing arts. The Welcome Area will feature resources, Ranger Talks, activities, refreshments, and more!

Smithsonian ● ● ● ●
 National Mall
 17th St & Independence Ave SW
Jefferson Memorial
Ohio Dr & West Basin Dr SW / MLK & FDR Memorials
 16E, 52
 West Basin Dr will be closed between Ohio Dr SW and Independence Ave SW.



ART IN BLOOM

Date: March 20 - April 17
Location: Multiple Locations (DC & VA)

Giant Cherry Blossom sculptures created by local DMV artists are returning to locations across all eight DC wards and beyond. Use the map at NationalCherryBlossomFestival.org to find Art In Bloom locations.



Spring
It On!

EVENT LOCATIONS



Opening Ceremony



Blossom Kite Festival



Petalpalooza



National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade



Sakura Taiko Fest



Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge Lighting



Tidal Basin Welcome Area & ANA Stage



Art in Bloom Sculpture Locations

TRANSPORTATION



DC Circulator



Capital Bikeshare



Metrorail



Bike Route

