NATIONAL Cherry Blossom FESTIVAL

Getting to the
Cherry Blossoms 2024

The National Cherry Blossom Festival invites you to the 2024 Cherry Blossom Festival. Let's Spring Together and 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
Buses arrive every 10 - 12 minutes. Ride DC Circulator for just $1!
dccirculator.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
Scooters, mopeds, and dockless bikes are available; prices vary by provider. No parking on the National Mall.
goDCgo.com/scooter

OPENING CEREMONY

Date: March 23
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 Kaoru Watanabe, The Washington Ballet choreographed by Jo Kanamori, and Naotaro Moriyama.

🚆 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

TIDAL BASIN WELCOME AREA & ANA STAGE

Date(s): March 23 - April 7
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 US 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 14
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.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL BRIDGE LIGHTING

Dates: March 20 - April 14
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. 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 St & Q St SW
Potomac Ave & Half St SW
🚌 A2, A4, A6, A8, P6, W2, W3, W4, W5, W6, W8, 74, 90

SAKURA TAIKO FEST

Date: March 30
Time: 12 - 5pm
Location: Sylvan Theatre, Independence Avenue & 15th Street, SW

The Sakura Taiko Festival is 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
🚲 17th St & Independence Ave SW
🚌 16E, 52

BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL

Date: March 30 (Rain Date: March 31)
Time: 10am - 4pm
Location: Washington Monument (north side between 15th and 17th St NW)
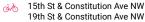
Spring on the kite flying fun with activities, music, competitions, and performances. Kite enthusiasts, beginners, families, and friends are all welcome – bring your own kite, or children can make a kite to fly at an activity station (while supplies last).

🚆 Federal Triangle ● ● ●
Smithsonian ● ● ●
🚆 National Mall
🚲 15th St & Constitution Ave NW
19th St & Constitution Ave NW
🚌 16E, 52

CHERRY NIGHT

Date: March 29
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*.

NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE

Date: April 13
Time: 10am - 12pm
Location: Constitution Avenue NW between 7th and 17th St NW

This energy-filled celebration brings colorful balloons, elaborate floats, marching bands, celebrities, and performers, like Sugar Hill Gang and American Idol Finalist, Colin Stough. 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.

PETALPALOOZA

Date: April 6
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.
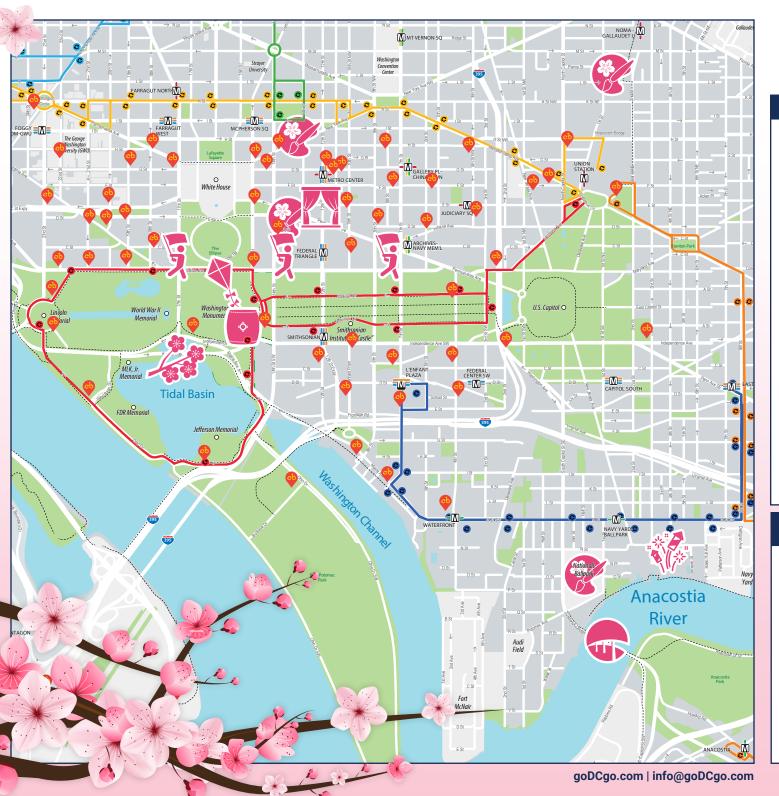
🚆 Navy Yard-Ballpark ●
🚆 Eastern Market-L'Enfant Plaza
🚲 3rd & Tingey St SE
4th & M St SE
3rd & M St SE
🚌 P6, V4
🚗 3rd, 4th, 5th, and Water Street SE will be closed

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

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Map labels:
NOMA-GALLAUDET U
MT VERNON SQ
Ridge St
Washington Convention Center
Strayer University
FARRAGUT NORTH
FOGGY BOTTOM-GWU
The George Washington University (GWU)
FARRAGUT WEST
MCPHERSON SQ
Lafayette Square
White House
METRO CENTER
GALLERY PL-CHINATOWN
JUDICIARY SQ
UNION STATION
Stanton Park
The Ellipse
FEDERAL TRIANGLE
ARCHIVES-NAVY MEM'L
SMITHSONIAN
Smithsonian Institution "Castle"
Washington Monument
World War II Memorial
Lincoln Memorial
MLK, Jr. Memorial
Tidal Basin
FDR Memorial
Jefferson Memorial
L'ENFANT PLAZA
FEDERAL CENTER SW
U.S. Capitol
CAPITOL SOUTH
EAST
WATERFRONT
NAVY YARD-BALLPARK
Washington Channel
Potomac Park
Nationals Ballpark
Anacostia River
Audi Field
Fort McNair
Navy Yard
Anacostia Park
ANACOSTIA
PENTAGON