

# NATIONAL Cherry Blossom FESTIVAL

## Getting to the Cherry Blossoms 2025

The National Cherry Blossom Festival invites you to celebrate cherry blossom season in the District. Experience the blossom magic and make the most of your event experience by leaving the car behind and trying transit instead!

### TRANSIT OPTIONS



#### METRORAIL

Rides start at \$2.25 and require a SmarTrip® card. [wmata.com/rail](http://wmata.com/rail)



#### CAPITAL BIKESHARE

Check out a bike and return it to any station. A single trip up to 45 minutes starts at \$1. [capitalbikeshare.com](http://capitalbikeshare.com)



#### METROBUS

Buses run on a schedule and rides cost \$2.25. [wmata.com/bus](http://wmata.com/bus)



#### MICROMOBILITY

Scooters and dockless bikes are available; prices vary by provider. [goDCgo.com](http://goDCgo.com)



### PLAN YOUR TRIP

Use goDCgo's Interactive Map to plan your trip and commute smarter, not harder while visiting the Blossoms, attractions, restaurants, and more!

[goDCgo.com/interactivemap](http://goDCgo.com/interactivemap)



### BLOSSOM KICKS FOR KIDS "DISTRICT OF BLOSSOM" SHOWCASE

**Date:** March 20 - April 13  
**Time:** 2pm-8pm (Fridays), 12pm-8pm (Saturdays & Sundays)  
**Location:** Gallery Space at Gallery Place

DC's rising young designers have turned their creative visions into stunning, one-of-a-kind custom-painted sneaker masterpieces. These custom Air Force 1s celebrate the beauty of cherry blossoms and the unique spirit of DC's neighborhoods.

Gallery Pl-Chinatown ● ● ●

8th & H St NW  
7th & F St NW/National Portrait Gallery  
9th & G St NW

33, 70, 74, 79, 80, D4, G8, P6, X2, X9



### FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL BRIDGE LIGHTING

**Dates:** March 20-April 13  
**Location:** South Capitol St & Suitland Pkwy SE, South Capitol & R St SW

In celebration of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, the District Department of Transportation will light the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge in Cherry Blossom colors. Residents and visitors are encouraged to view lights from near and far.

Navy Yard-Ballpark ●  
Anacostia ●

1st St & Potomac Ave SE  
1st & Q St SW  
Potomac Ave & Half St SW

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### OPENING CEREMONY

**Date:** March 22  
**Time:** 5pm - 6:30pm  
**Location:** Warner Theatre

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 tap dancer Kazunori Kumagai and the puppetry organization Seiwa Bunraku.

Metro Center ● ● ● ●

Metro Center/12th & G St NW  
11th & F St NW  
10 & E St NW  
14th & D St NW/John A Wilson Building  
 32, 36, 52, 54, 59, 3F, D6, P6, S2



### BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL

**Date:** March 29 (Rain Date: March 30)  
**Time:** 10am - 4pm  
**Location:** Washington Monument (north side between 15th & 17th St NW)

Bring 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 ● ● ● ●

15th St & Constitution Ave NW  
17th St & Independence Ave SW  
Jefferson Dr & 14th St SW

52, 3F, 3Y, D51, DC3



### PETALPALOOZA®

**Date:** April 5  
**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 ●

3rd & Tingey St SE  
1st & N St SE  
M St & New Jersey Ave SE

90, 92, A6, A8, P6, V4

3rd, 4th, 5th, & Water Street SE will be closed



### CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM 10 MILE

**Date:** April 6  
**Time:** 7:18am - 10am - 12pm  
**Location:** Washington Monument Grounds

The Cherry Blossom 10 Miler is an annual race established in 1973 that takes runners on a scenic journey through historic landmarks in the District. Set against the backdrop of peak cherry blossom bloom, this race offers a unique, breathtaking view for runners. The two-day race event features a kids run, 5K, and 10K race.

#### Washington Monument:

Federal Triangle, Smithsonian ● ● ● ●

15th & Constitution Ave NW  
17th St & Independence Ave SW  
Jefferson Dr & 14th St SW  
Smithsonian-National Mall/Jefferson Dr & 12th St NW

52, 3F, 3Y, D51, DC3

Visit [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) for road closures.



### NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE®

**Date:** April 12  
**Time:** 10am - 12:30pm  
**Location:** Constitution Avenue NW between 7th & 17th St NW

This energy-filled celebration brings colorful balloons, elaborate floats, marching bands, celebrities, and performers, like musical group Quad City DJ's and Grammy-nominated Kathy Sledge. 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 ● ● ● ●

10th St & Constitution Ave NW  
15th St & Constitution Ave NW

32, 36, 59, 63, 64, 70, 74, 79, P6, D6, S2

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 MATSURI - JAPANESE STREET FESTIVAL

**Date:** April 12 & 13  
**Time:** TBD  
**Location:** Pennsylvania Ave NW between 3rd & 7th St NW

The Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival is the largest celebration of Japanese culture in the United States. Celebrating its 63rd year, this festival features 24 hours of Japanese cultural performances, exhibitors and food.

Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter ● ● ● ●

Constitution Ave & 2nd St NW/DOL  
4th St & Madison St NW  
6th St & Indiana Ave NW  
17th St & Independence Ave SW

32, 36, 70, 74, 79, A6, D6, P6, S2, X8



### TIDAL BASIN WELCOME AREA & ANA STAGE

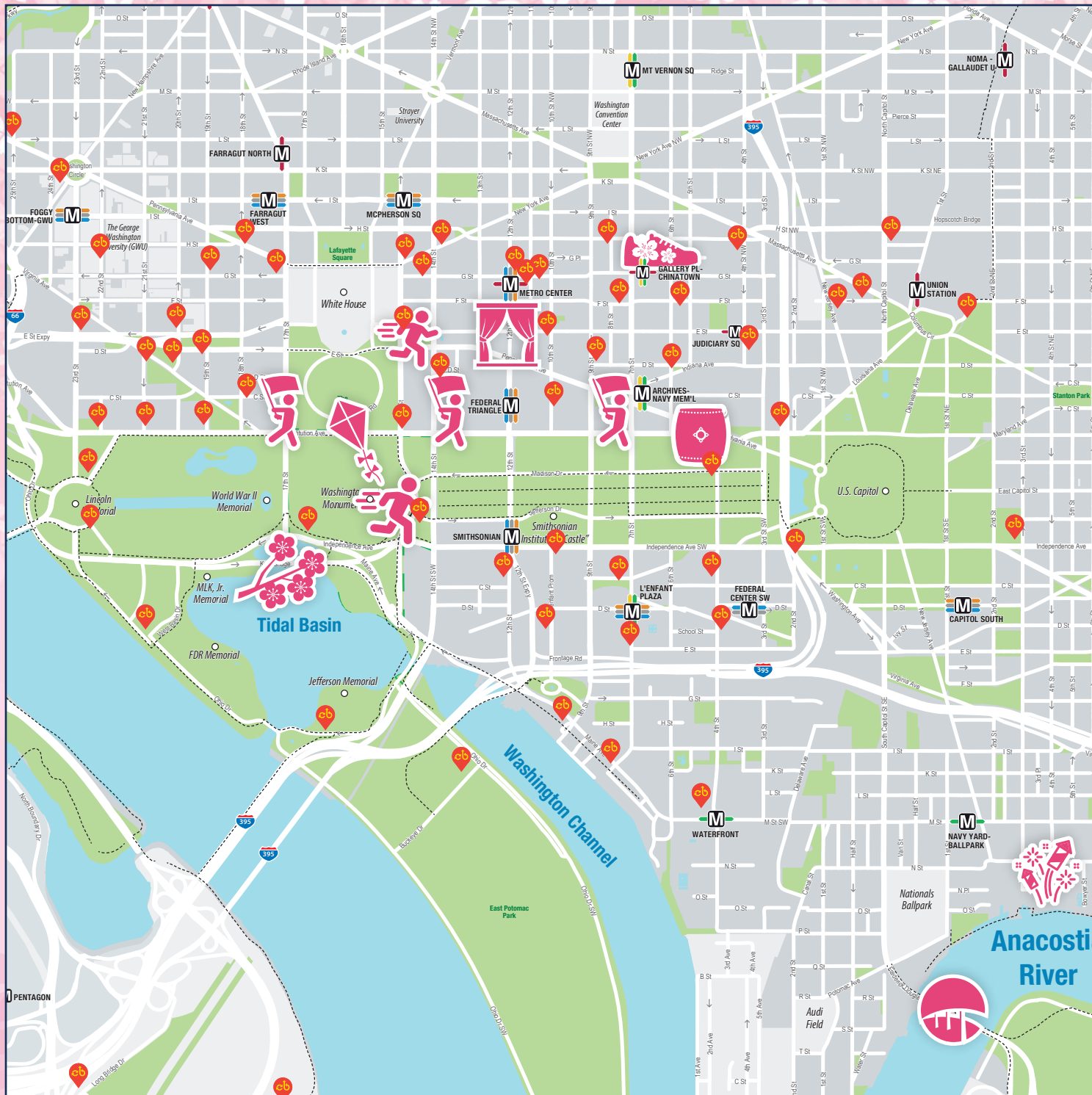
**Date(s):** During Peak Bloom  
**Time:** 10am - 6pm (Welcome Area)  
**Time:** 12pm - 6pm (ANA Stage)  
**Location:** West Basin Drive SW

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 ● ● ● ●

17th St & Independence Ave SW  
Lincoln Memorial  
Ohio Dr & West Basin Dr SW / MLK & FDR Memorials

D51



## EVENT LOCATIONS



**Blossom Kicks for Kids Showcase**



**Opening Ceremony**



**Tidal Basin Welcome Area & ANA Stage**



**Blossom Kite Festival**



**Petalpalooza®**



**Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile**



**National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®**



**Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival**



**Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge Lighting**

## TRANSPORTATION



Capital Bikes



Metrorail



Bike Route



Scooters and dockless bikes

\*Scooters and dockless bikes are available throughout the District



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