

# The Capitol Visitor Center

## Amenities and Educational Opportunities

At the Capitol Visitor Center, visitors can explore “Out of Many, One,” an exhibit that tells the story of the development of representative democracy in the United States and the construction of the U.S. Capitol building. The Exhibition Hall will include a treasure trove of rarely seen documents and artifacts from the National Archives and the Library of Congress and will feature a 10-foot touchable model of the Capitol Dome. Also included in this area are virtual House and Senate galleries with live feeds from both chambers when Congress is in session.



*In the Capitol Visitor Center Exhibition Hall, photo murals, models, artifacts, historic documents and interactive programs will educate visitors on the workings and history of the Congress, the legislative process, and the architecture of the Capitol.*

Conveniences such as a large cafeteria, coat checks, public telephones, ATM machines, and multiple information desks as well as Senate and House appointment desks will greet visitors as they pass through a single security check-in area on the entry level. As visitors make their way through the Capitol Visitor Center, they will pass through Emancipation Hall where they can view the majestic Capitol Dome through two magnificent skylights.

Visitors who have booked tour passes via an advance reservation system online or by phone may choose to check in at an information desk to prepare for their visit to the Capitol building or they can explore an extensive interactive exhibition area. Walk-in visitors may check one of several constantly updated LCD screens located behind the information desks which will help keep them up to date regarding tour availability. Tours will begin in one of two orientation theaters where visitors will watch a 13-minute film that serves as an inspiring introduction to the Capitol Building and the workings of the U.S. Congress.

Through its many amenities and educational opportunities, the Capitol Visitor Center will greatly enhance the visitor experience to the U.S. Capitol and may help inspire citizens to become more active participants in our nation’s democracy.



*A 10-foot-high touchable model of the Capitol Dome in the Capitol Visitor Center Exhibition Hall will provide visitors an intimate perspective of this iconic symbol of our representative democracy. Every architectural feature of the dome, both interior and exterior, has been meticulously replicated.*