

Welcome to the Smithsonian!

When you visit any of the Smithsonian's 19 museums and galleries or the National Zoo, you're entering the world's largest museum complex. The Smithsonian Institution holds approximately 137 million artifacts and specimens in its trust for the American people. The Institution, also a center for research, is dedicated to public education, national service and scholarship in the arts, sciences and history. The Smithsonian was established in 1846 with funds bequeathed to the United States by James Smithson, an English scientist, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge."

Ten Smithsonian museums and galleries are located on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol. Six other museums and the National Zoo are nearby in the Washington metropolitan area, and two Smithsonian museums are located in New York City. The Arts and Industries Building is closed in preparation for renovation.

Future Museum

The 19th and newest museum to be established within the Smithsonian is the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Scheduled for completion in 2015, the museum will be built on the National Mall on a five-acre tract adjacent to the Washington Monument. In the meantime, visitors can go to the virtual museum at <http://nmaahc.si.edu>. A key feature of the Web site is the Memory Book, which allows site visitors to upload their memories in the form of a story, an image or an audio recording. These diverse memories are linked to each other and to museum content, placing a spotlight on people, places, issues and moments in African American history.

National Programs

Across the Country As a national institution, the Smithsonian presents a variety of programs that have cultural and educational value:

Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service develops and circulates exhibitions on art, history and science to museums, colleges and other public centers; **Smithsonian Affiliations** establishes long-term partnerships with cultural organizations to enable Americans to see Smithsonian artifacts and programs in their own communities; **Smithsonian magazine**, a monthly general interest publication, features articles on art and culture, history and science; **Air & Space/Smithsonian** is a bimonthly publication for aviation enthusiasts; **The Smithsonian Associates** offers educational programs, performances and events on the National Mall and in many U.S. cities; **Smithsonian Channel** offers high-definition television programming about history, science, art and popular culture; **Smithsonian Folkways Recordings** produces audio recordings that present cultural traditions

from around the world; **Smithsonian Journeys** provides in-depth educational travel programs with expert study leaders.

Research Centers

Worldwide The Smithsonian is one of the world's foremost research centers in science, the arts and the humanities. Besides the basic research carried on in each of the museums, there are a number of special facilities:

Archives of American Art preserves primary source material documenting the visual arts in the United States; **National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center** studies the Zoo's rare and endangered animals; **Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory** carries out research in astronomy, astrophysics, space sciences and geophysics; **Museum Conservation Institute** carries out research in the technical study, analysis and conservation methods of museum objects; **Smithsonian Environmental Research Center** studies the connections between ecosystems in the coastal zone where 70 percent of the world's population lives; **Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce** performs research in marine science; **Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute** performs basic research and outreach on the ecology, behavior and evolution of tropical organisms and environments.

Folklife Festival



Usually held over 10 days in early summer, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival brings musicians, cooks, storytellers, artisans and workers from around the world to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., to speak about their experiences and demonstrate their creative talents. Check the Smithsonian's Web site for dates.

Smithsonian Information

Phone Call (202) 633-1000 (voice/tape) or (202) 633-5285 (TTY) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

E-mail Send to info@si.edu.

Web Log onto www.smithsonian.org for information on all Smithsonian museums and research centers.

Postal Mail Write to Smithsonian Information, SI Building, Room 153, MRC 010, P.O. Box 37012, Washington, D.C. 20013-7012.

Wayfinding Check out maps and information signs located around the National Mall and at Eighth and F streets N.W.

Admission Free, unless otherwise noted.

Hours The Washington, D.C., museums are open daily, except December 25, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Extended summer hours are determined annually. The Smithsonian Information Center in the Castle is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tours Most museums offer free highlights tours on a walk-in basis. For details, call Smithsonian Information, ask at any museum information desk or check the Web.

Free Publications General information brochures are available in various languages. Publications and services for visitors with disabilities are available in alternative formats. To request an English version of this brochure in an alternative format, contact Smithsonian Information.



Smithsonian Membership The Institution offers a range of memberships that appeal to a variety of interests. Contact Smithsonian Information to learn more.

Gardens Check the brochure map for the locations of these Smithsonian gardens—Enid A. Haupt Garden; Kathrine Dulin Folger Rose Garden; Mary Livingston Ripley Garden; Butterfly Habitat Garden. From mid-April through September (weather permitting), horticulturists lead 30- to 45-minute tours once a week. Check at garden entrances for signs or inquire at any museum information desk about a tour for that day.

Kid Stuff

Carousel Outdoors on the National Mall, across Jefferson Drive from the Arts and Industries Building, the Smithsonian carousel operates year-round, weather permitting.

Freer Gallery and Sackler Gallery "ImaginAsia" invites children ages 8 to 14, with adult companions, to explore an exhibition and create an art project. Children also learn about Asian culture through music and stories.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden ArtLab in the Sculpture Garden is a learning space where innovative programs stimulate creativ-

ity and broaden understanding of modern and contemporary art in kids and teens.

National Air and Space Museum The gallery "How Things Fly" explains the principles of flight and features hands-on activities and live demonstrations. The Einstein Planetarium projects images about space and astronomy onto a star-filled, domed ceiling. IMAX Theaters show large-format films on five-story-high screens.

National Museum of African Art Programs held throughout the year for children of all ages offer African music, hands-on workshops, storytelling and special tours.

National Museum of American History, Kenneth E. Behring Center Spark!Lab is a hands-on science and invention center where families can experience the "Eureka!" moment of invention. The exhibition "Invention at Play" features hands-on activities that explore how play leads to invention, and artifact carts let young visitors learn by touching objects.

National Museum of Natural History The Discovery Room allows visitors to handle natural science objects and learn about them from volunteer assistants. (Children under 12 admitted with an adult.) Don't miss the Dinosaur Hall, Mammals Hall, Geology Hall, Insect Zoo, Butterfly Pavilion, Johnson IMAX Theater and the new Sant Ocean Hall.

National Museum of the American Indian Annual events for children include the Children's Festival in May, Day of the Dead celebrations in the fall, storytelling festivals and numerous workshops, activities and performances throughout the year. Check the calendar of events at the Welcome Desk or www.americanindian.si.edu for details.

National Postal Museum Children can make and send a postcard or sit in a replica mudwagon that really rocks.

National Zoo Look for volunteer interpreters at most exhibits. The How Do You Zoo? center, open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, offers youngsters an opportunity to role-play different zoo jobs. Elephant and sea lion training demonstrations are held daily. Check at the Visitor Center for times.

S. Dillon Ripley Center Discovery Theater offers live shows for children ages 2 to 16, year-round.

Smithsonian American Art Museum A collection-based scavenger hunt is available every day in the Luce Foundation Center. Other free programs include "Art a la Cart," Family Days, artist demonstrations and musical performances.

Smithsonian in New York City

Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum

The only museum in the nation devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design, the Cooper-Hewitt presents compelling perspectives on the impact of design on daily life through exhibitions and educational programs. Housed in the former home of industrial magnate Andrew Carnegie, the museum's collections include wallcoverings, product design and decorative arts, textiles, drawings, prints and graphic design.



Highlights Rotating exhibitions and dynamic education programs for families and children

2 East 91st Street An admission fee is charged; free to Smithsonian Associates and museum members. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Call (212) 849-8300 (voice) or (212) 849-8400 (recording) for information.



George Gustav Heye Center of the National Museum of the American Indian

The New York Museum presents the lifeways and traditions of Native people throughout the hemisphere through an active schedule of exhibitions, family programs, performances and film screenings.



Highlights The Diker Pavilion of Native Arts and Cultures, daily film screenings, Resource Center and numerous public programs throughout the year

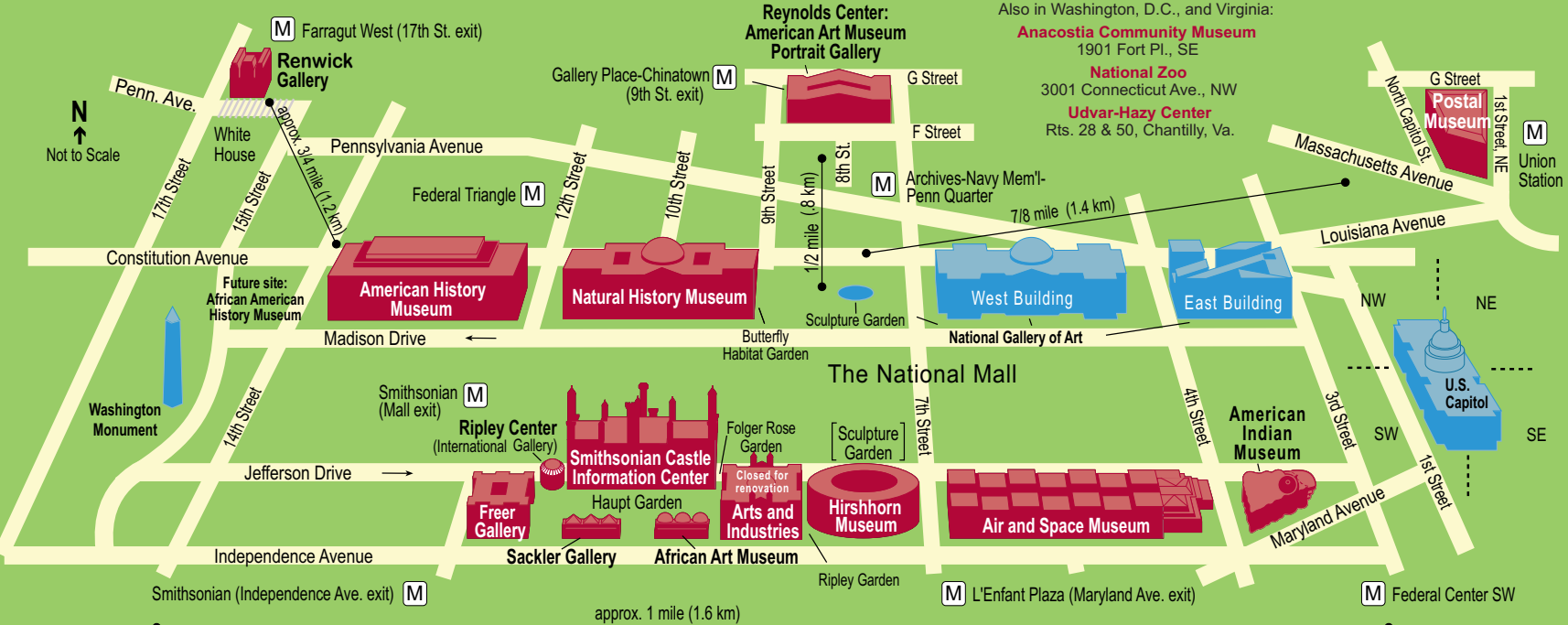
One Bowling Green, Between State and Whitehall Streets. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Thursdays, open until 8 p.m.



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Smithsonian National Museums



Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle)



Home to the Smithsonian Information Center and a permanent exhibition, "The Smithsonian Institution: America's Treasure Chest," as well as the Institution's administrative headquarters

Highlights Video orientation, interactive touch-screen stations with information on the Smithsonian in several languages and a scale model of the federal city

1000 Jefferson Drive S.W. Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall exit) Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Arthur M. Sackler Gallery



Features exhibitions of Asian art highlighting varied artistic traditions, from ancient times to the present

Highlights Chinese jades and bronzes, ancient Iranian silver, Persian manuscripts, modern Japanese ceramics

1050 Independence Avenue S.W. Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall or Independence Avenue exit)

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Freer Gallery of Art



Exhibitions of Asian art with objects dating from Neolithic times to the early 20th century, as well as the world's most important collection of works by American artist James McNeill Whistler

Highlights Chinese paintings, Japanese lacquer, Indian sculpture, Korean ceramics, Islamic metalware, Whistler's Peacock Room

Jefferson Drive at 12th Street S.W. Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall or Independence Avenue exit)

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Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Displays the art of our time in a cylindrical building and adjoining plaza and sunken sculpture garden



Highlights In-depth collection of modern masters and works by emerging artists in the galleries; cutting-edge films; sculptures by Rodin, Matisse and Moore in plaza and garden

Independence Avenue and Seventh Street S.W. Metro Station: L'Enfant Plaza (Smithsonian Museums exit)

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National Air and Space Museum



Twenty-three galleries, exhibiting hundreds of aircraft, spacecraft, missiles, rockets and other flight-related artifacts

Highlights Wright 1903 Flyer, Spirit of St. Louis, SpaceShipOne, Apollo 11 Command Module, Hubble Space Telescope test vehicle

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Anacostia Community Museum

Dedicated to the documentation, preservation and interpretation of African American history and culture from a community perspective



Highlights Research library, call (202) 633-4862 for required reservation; "Precious Memories," a free genealogy resource booklet, call (202) 633-4868 for a copy

1901 Fort Place S.E. Take the Green Line to Anacostia Metro Station; transfer to W-2 or W-3 bus (both stop in front of the museum). Call (202) 633-4820 for driving directions. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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National Museum of African Art



Exhibits the finest examples of traditional and contemporary art from the entire continent of Africa

Highlights Sylvia H. Williams Gallery dedicated to contemporary African art

950 Independence Avenue S.W. Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall or Independence Avenue exit)

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National Museum of American History, Kenneth E. Behring Center



Devoted to the scientific, cultural, social, technological and political development of the United States

Highlights Star-Spangled Banner, the flag that inspired the national anthem; Washington's uniform; Jefferson's desk; Dorothy's ruby slippers; family programs

14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W. Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall exit) or Federal Triangle

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National Museum of the American Indian



Home to one of the largest and most diverse collections of Native art and historical and cultural artifacts; exhibitions are designed in collaboration with Native communities from across the hemisphere

Highlights Film "Who We Are" in the Lelawi Theater, wall of gold objects and Geronimo's rifle in "Our Peoples" gallery, Mitsitam Cafe featuring a Native-inspired menu

Independence Avenue and Fourth Street S.W. Metro Station: L'Enfant Plaza (Smithsonian Museums exit)

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National Museum of Natural History



Exhibitions on earliest human origins; development of world cultures; ancient and modern mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects and sea creatures

Highlights Dinosaurs; history and culture of Africa; geology, gems and minerals; Hope diamond; Mammals Hall; Ocean Hall; Butterfly Pavilion

10th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W. Metro Station: Federal Triangle or Smithsonian (Mall exit)

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Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center of the National Air and Space Museum



Displays hundreds of aviation and space artifacts that are too large to exhibit in the museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., along with thousands of small flight-related artifacts

Highlights Space Shuttle Enterprise, B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay, Concorde, Lockheed Martin SR-71 Blackbird, Boeing Stratoliner

14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia; near Washington Dulles International Airport

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S. Dillon Ripley Center



Features changing exhibitions on subjects related to science, history, art, technology and culture from Smithsonian museums and other organizations

Discovery Theater Offers live educational performances in music, theater, storytelling, puppetry and more for young people ages 2 to 16. For reservations and schedule information, contact (202) 633-8700 or visit the Web site www.discoverytheater.org.

1100 Jefferson Drive S.W. Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall exit)

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Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum



Dedicated to exhibiting American contemporary crafts and decorative arts from the 19th to the 21st centuries

Highlights Larry Fuentes's "Game Fish," Wendell Castle's "Ghost Clock," Grand Salon, craft sales in the museum store

Pennington Avenue at 17th Street N.W. Metro Station: Farragut West (17th Street exit) or Farragut North (K Street exit)

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Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture

National Portrait Gallery



Tells the stories of America through the individuals who have shaped our nation, from pre-Colonial times to today, including poets and presidents, visionaries and villains, actors and activists

Highlights "America's Presidents" features the nation's only complete collection of presidential portraits outside the White House; Lunder Conservation Center, an innovative public space with interactive kiosks and video

Smithsonian American Art Museum



Artworks, including paintings, sculpture, photographs, folk art and decorative arts from the Colonial period to today, offer an unparalleled record of the American experience

Highlights Lunder Conservation Center; Luce Foundation Center for American Art, a public study center with more than 3,300 artworks to explore; Kogod Courtyard with free, public Wi-Fi internet access

Both museums share a historic building located at Eighth and F Streets N.W. Metro Station: Gallery Place/Chinatown. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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National Postal Museum



Devoted to the history of America's mail service and the hobby of stamp collecting

Highlights Full-size, Freightliner semitruck-cab cutaway; three vintage mail planes; a stagecoach; 1931 Ford Model A postal truck; replica of a railway car; letters; mailboxes and a circa 1917 post office; special exhibits of rare and important stamps; videos, computer interactives and hands-on activities

2 Massachusetts Avenue N.E. Metro Station: Union Station (First Street exit)

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National Zoological Park



One of the world's best zoos and home to approximately 2,000 animals representing nearly 400 species; its mission is to provide leadership in animal care, science, education and sustainability

Highlights Nearly a quarter of the animals at the National Zoo are endangered species, including giant pandas, Asian elephants, white-naped cranes, western lowland gorillas, Sumatran tigers, African lions and cheetahs

Main Entrance: 3001 Connecticut Avenue N.W. Metro Station: Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan or Cleveland Park. For grounds hours, call (202) 633-4800 (tape) or Smithsonian Information (202) 633-1000 (voice).

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Symbols accompanying the entries indicate available services in each museum.		
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☎ Post Office	☎ Public TTY	♿ Wheelchair Access
☑ Museum Store	\$ ATM	🚪 Checkroom or Lockers
? Information	🌐 Planetarium	

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