



Straight to the Blossoms...

National Cherry Blossom Festival Motorist Information

This year we want you to spend more time experiencing the beauty of the National Cherry Blossom Festival and less time in traffic. The best way to do that is to AVOID driving through the Tidal Basin and take advantage of FREE parking made available by the National Park Service.

Hains Point

There is FREE public parking at Hains Point for up to 320 cars. The benefits of parking in Hains Points are that visitors can:

- Avoid the congestion around the Tidal Basin and Downtown DC
- Enjoy over 1600 Cherry Blossom Trees along scenic coastline of Hains Point.
- Experience the world famous "Awakenings" sculpture
- Enjoy a family friendly park with picnic areas and playgrounds for kids
- Walk to the Tidal Basin and the National Mall.

Directions to Hains Point

From Northern Virginia and Points West

1. Take I-395 North toward Washington, DC
2. Take a right onto East Potomac Park/Park Police Exit
3. Go Straight until off ramp dead-ends at Buckeye Drive
4. Turn Left on Buckeye Drive
5. Turn Right on Ohio Drive
6. Find Parking along Ohio Drive or in the designated parking area near the northern end of Hains Point.

From Maryland and Points East

1. Take I-395 South toward Virginia
2. Take a right onto East Potomac Park/Park Police Exit
3. Turn Right on Ohio Drive
4. Find Parking along Ohio Drive or in the designated parking area near the northern end of Hains Point.

Union Station and City Center Parking (former Convention Center site)

If you are going to pay for your long-term parking, Union Station and City Center Parking allow you to take advantage of great access to the Tidal Basin via the DC Circulator buses. The benefits of parking at Union Station and City Center Parking are that visitors can:

- Avoid the congestion around the Tidal Basin and Downtown DC
- Take Pleasure in world class dining, shopping and museums.
- Enjoy a direct connection to the Circulator - a \$1 public transit trip to the Mall and the Festival area. For more information visit dccirculator.com

Directions to Union Station

From Inside DC

The street address is 50 Massachusetts Avenue, NE.

From The North (via I-95)

1. Follow I-95 South toward Washington, DC to I-495 and exit East.
2. Follow I-495 East to US Route 50 and exit West.
3. Follow US Route 50, which becomes New York Avenue.
4. Follow New York Avenue (West).
5. Turn Left onto First Street, NE.
6. Follow First Street approximately 12 blocks to Massachusetts Avenue.
7. Turn left unto Massachusetts Avenue and travel one block to Columbus Circle.
8. Union Station is on the Left.

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Directions to City Center Parking (former Convention Center site)

From Inside DC

The surface parking lot is located on New York Avenue between 9th and 11th Streets.

From The North (via I-95)

1. Follow I-95 South toward Washington, DC to I-495 and exit East.
2. Follow I-495 East to US Route 50 and exit West.
3. Follow US Route 50, which becomes New York Avenue.
4. Follow New York Avenue (West) to 9th Street.
5. The former Convention Center site surface lot is on the Left.

From The East (via US Route 50)

1. Follow US Route 50, which becomes New York Avenue.
2. Follow New York Avenue (West) to 9th Street.
3. The former Convention Center site surface lot is on the Left.

There are many additional parking facilities in the downtown DC area. By visiting the interactive map at www.goDCgo.com you can find the most convenient parking for you. You can also click on the garage of your choice to find additional information such as hours of operation, prices, and contact information.

We want your experience getting to and from the National Cherry Blossom Festival to be as enjoyable as the blossoms themselves!

Visit www.goDCgo.com for more information on ***driving straight to the blossoms!***

