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Trails**  
*District of  
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Explore the National Mall with its iconic monuments and memorials via the wide paths that crisscross the mall's 1,000 acres of greenspace in the heart of Washington, D.C. Enjoy paddle boating on the Tidal Basin, bike along the paths, picnic on the grass, take a tour, or go on a nighttime walk with a park ranger.

Located in downtown D.C., there are lots of restaurants, parks, museums, and numerous other cultural and recreational attractions. Public restrooms and drinking fountains located throughout the mall.

Nearby trails include [Rock Creek Park Trails](#), the [Metropolitan Branch Trail](#), the [Capital Crescent Trail](#), the [C&O Canal Towpath](#), [Beach Drive \(Rock Creek Park\)](#), and the [Anacostia River Trail](#) (also known as the Anacostia



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**States:** District of Columbia

**Counties:** Washington

Length: 3 miles

**Trail end points:** United States Capitol to Potomac River

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

Washington, DC's public transit systems offer a number of options for accessing Beach Drive. To plan your trip, check out the websites for the [Metro](#), [DC Circulator](#), [Capital Bikeshare](#), or see all options on the [District's Department of Transportation website](#).

Parking is available at several lots located around the mall.