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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: 3miles

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.