

Transportation Options in Washington, D.C.

Option One: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority



The Metro system in Washington DC and surrounding areas (see separate document: Metro Map) will provide transportation to almost all necessary locations in the DC area.

Official Website: <http://www.wmata.com/default.cfm>

Rates:

Fare cards, including SmarTrip Cards for the Metro can be purchased online or at any Metro station

Regular Fare	\$2.10 minimum
(In effect on weekdays from 9:30 a.m., 3-7 p.m. and 2 a.m. to closing)	\$5.75 maximum
Reduced Fares	\$1.70 minimum
(All other times)	\$2.15 mid-range \$3.50 maximum

There is now a \$1 surcharge for anyone using a paper fare card to enter the Metro system. You may purchase a SmarTrip Card at any Metro Station. Using a SmarTrip Card eliminates the \$1 surcharge and may be used on both the Metro(subway) and Metro bus service. Once you purchase a SmarTrip Card all that is required is to swipe the card as you enter any Metro station.

Information on fares between stations can be found at the Metro Station or online.

Hours of Operation:

Opens: 5 a.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. weekends

Closes: Midnight Sunday-Thursday, 3 a.m. Friday-Saturday nights
Please note that, for many stations, first trains leave later than system opening times and last trains leave earlier than closing times. When traveling near system opening and closing times, please check the first and last train departure times posted in the stations. Holiday hours vary

Option Two: Metrobus



The Metrobus stops are easy to identify. They have red, white and blue signs or flags. Some have four-sided cases that include route and schedule information. You can only board a Metrobus at designated stops. On selected routes operating after 9 p.m., you can ask the Metrobus driver to let you get off the bus

anywhere along the route—*not necessarily a bus stop*—that is more convenient to your destination and considered safe by the driver.

Rates:

\$1.50 using SmarTrip®

\$1.70 using cash

\$3.65 express routes using SmarTrip®

\$3.85 express routes using cash

Senior/disabled fare is 75¢

Exact change: Bus drivers do not carry money. Please have your pass, transfer or exact fare ready when you board.

Express Buses: B30, P17, P19, W13, 5A, 11Y, 17A, 17B, 17G, 17H, 17K, 17L, 17M, 18E, 18G, 18H, 18P, 29E, 29G, 29H, 29X.

Option Three:

Taxi



Taxi cabs in the DC area are limited to certain zones. Please contact the DC Taxicab Commission at (202) 645-6010 to learn more information on zoning maps.

To find information on rates visit the DC Taxi Cab Commission Website at:

<http://connect21connect2all.net/georgetown/taxifares/index.html>

(Note: additional charges may apply. A rush hour surcharge will be added if you travel between 7 and 9:30 a.m. or 4 and 6:30 p.m. An extra \$1.50 is charged for each additional passenger. Zone charges are doubled during snow emergencies. A luggage charge may apply on trips to and from the airport)

Option Four:

Personal Vehicle or Rental Car



If you plan on driving your own car or renting a car, please be aware that parking is limited downtown. Plan on walking or taking the Metro to avoid traffic and parking shortages once you arrive in the DC area.

We suggest using MapQuest (www.mapquest.com) or Google Maps (www.maps.google.com) for the most recent and accurate directions in the DC area.

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