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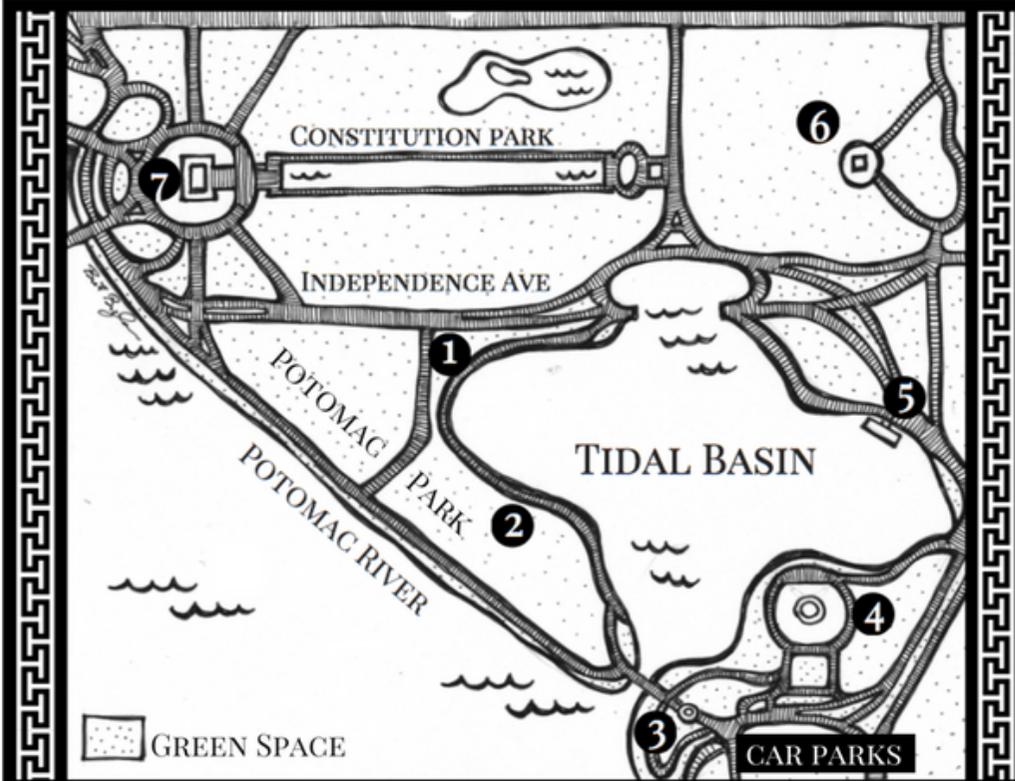


I Am Going For A Walk Around the Washington, D.C. Tidal Basin!

A Step-by-Step Guide On How To Tour This National Attraction

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WASHINGTON, D.C. TIDAL BASIN



Here is a map of the Tidal Basin. There are restrooms at most of the memorials.

1. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL  2. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL  3. GEORGE MASON MEMORIAL  4. JEFFERSON MEMORIAL  5. PADDLEBOAT RENTAL  6. WASHINGTON MONUMENT  7. LINCOLN MEMORIAL 

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The Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. is a great place to take a walk. There are many memorials and monuments that surround the Tidal Basin.



One of the easiest ways to visit the the Tidal Basin is to start near the Jefferson Memorial. There are several car parks nearby. You can also start at the Martin Luther Kind, Jr. Memorial. That is where these people are starting their walk. Let's follow the path to the right.

There is a path that goes around the entire Tidal Basin. There is no railing on the path so it is important that you walk and don't go near the edge.



This man does not want to fall into the water so he is walking as far away from the edge as he can.

There are several memorials along the pathway. This is the sign for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. He was a great President during World War II.



This is one of the statues you will see if you go to this memorial. There is even a statue of FDR's dog!



A little farther down the path you will see this small memorial. It is from the people of Japan.



This statue is in the shape of a pagoda!

If you look across the Tidal Basin you will see the Jefferson Memorial. This is a very famous building. If we keep following the path we will get to the Jefferson Memorial!



The path around the Tidal Basin is very popular. Some people walk around for exercise and some people ride bikes. These people are fishing!



**If you see people fishing, be careful! Don't walk in front of them, you might get tangled up in their fishing lines!
If you look down the path you'll see a bridge.**

**This is the bridge. The path goes right over the top of it!
Watch out for cars while you cross the bridge.**



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We are getting closer to the Jefferson Memorial. If you look across the Tidal Basin you can see the Washington Monument!



Sometimes the path goes very close to the road. Be careful of the traffic and watch out for big buses!



Are you going to go up the stairs into the Jefferson Memorial? There is a large statue of Thomas Jefferson inside the memorial.



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The Jefferson Memorial is very popular. Many people come here so be ready for a crowd.

You can sit on the steps to rest if you need a break. Enjoy the view and maybe take a picture.



See the little boat in the lake? Those are paddle boats. You can rent them and paddle around the Tidal Basin.



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There are different kinds of paddle boats. Some of them look like swans! If you go on a paddle boat I wonder what kind of boat you will use?



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I hope you enjoy your walk around the Tidal Basin. Many people like to go in the springtime when the cherry blossoms are in bloom.



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This book will also help teachers prepare their students on how to visit the Tidal Basin for field trips.

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