Life Defenders Washington D. C. Bus Trip 2027

Wednesday, January 20th - Departure

7:00 pm - Registration begins at Blackhawk Ministries (7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)

7:30 pm - Pre-launch meeting starts

7:45 pm - Bus loading starts
(**NOTE**: No luggage access until Thursday night)

8:00 pm - Bus departure

10:00 pm - Final rest stop before bed (Perrysburg, OH)

Thursday, January 21st - Sight-Seeing

6:30 am - Get dropped at Ronald Regan Building and International Trade Center (breakfast opens at 7:00) ($); **reload at 8:20 am**
(**NOTE**: If you don't do the Capitol tour next, you'll have a while to wait until most attractions open at 10)

8:45 am – Buses drop off at U.S. Capitol Building (Garfield Circle SW); Capitol tours begin at 9:00

10:30 am - Photo with Rep. Stutzman on House steps; afterwards, buses pick up at Peace Monument
(**NOTE**: If you need help finding the pickup spot, the Capitol will be behind you and you'll be facing the Washington Monument; the Peace Monument will be on your right)

11:00 am - Buses drop at the L'Enfant Plaza for sightseeing time and lunch ($)

6:00 pm - Buses pick up in front of Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (Madison Dr.); go to hotel

6:30 pm - Buses arrive at Hilton Garden Inn Arlington; pizza is delivered to rooms

Free time for the rest of the evening! Student and chaperone groups are allowed to leave the hotel together as desired, but must be back by 10pm (or sooner, if chaperones/schools require)

Friday, January 22nd - March for Life

6:00-7:15 (A-K last names); **7:15-8:30 am** (L-Z last names) - Breakfast in room at hotel

9:00 am - Students pack up and DROP KEY CARDS AT FRONT DESK - students are responsible for dropping cards
(**NOTE**: You will not have access to luggage until the morning when we get to Fort Wayne, so pack everything you need for today/tonight in a backpack and take it with you.)

9:15 am - Buses free to sightsee; before departure, students should load up on snacks from under the buses since you may not have an opportunity to eat lunch

11:30 am - Buses drop off students at the Holocaust Museum

12 pm - Pre-march Rally
(NOTE: Signs for the march are not allowed in any government building or museum, so you will need to leave these outside if you need to enter a building for a restroom.)

1 pm - March for Life
2-4 pm - (optional) Senator Young's coffee and cocoa open house at Dirksen Senate Building G-11

3:30 pm-4:15:pm – Head to Museum of the Bible after march and wait for bus pickup (walking route on page #4)

4:30 pm - Go to Fashion Centre at the Pentagon for dinner and free time ($)

7:00 pm - Load buses and head towards Fort Wayne!

10:00 pm - Final rest stop before bed (Bedford, PA)

Saturday, January 23rd - Return Home

*** Students to contact parents 1 – 1 ½ hours before anticipated arrival (or at last restroom stop)***

5:30 am approx. - Bus arrives at Blackhawk Ministries

My Chaperones:

Names: _____

Phone #s: _____

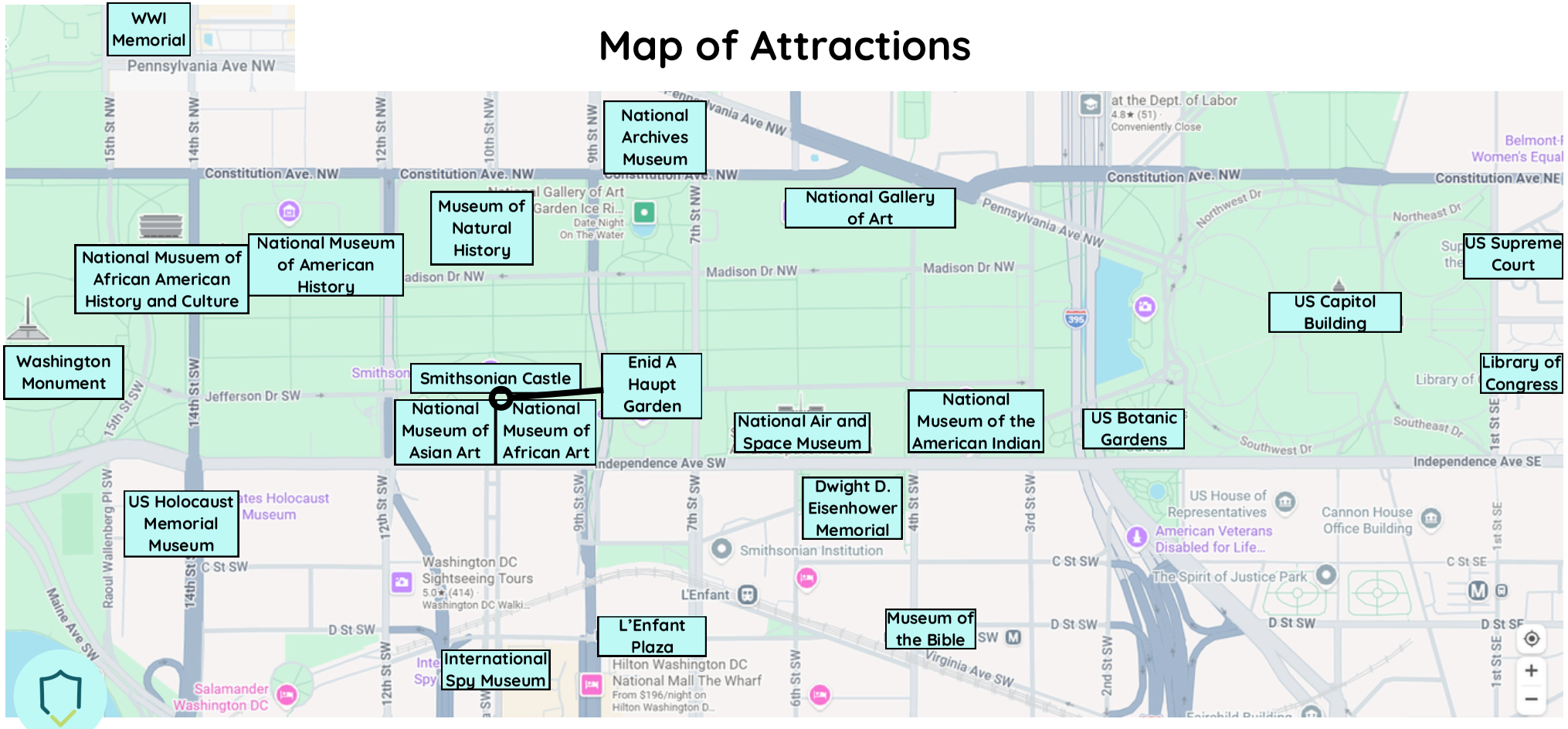
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D. C. Attractions in Walking Distance

The walking distance listed for these sightseeing locations is one-way from L'Enfant Plaza. A map is on the next page and can also be brought up on Google Maps by scanning the QR code. **NOTE**: Signs are not allowed in any government building or museum, so you will need to leave these outside if you brought them for the march and are carrying them.

NAME:	HOURS:	PRICE:	NEED TO PRE-PURCHASE TICKET:	GROUP BOOKING/RATES:	WALKING TIME:
International Spy Museum	9-7	**~$32**	No	**Yes**	2 mins
Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle)	Temp. closed	Free	N/A	N/A	7 mins
Enid A Haupt Garden	All day	Free	N/A	N/A	8 mins
National Museum of African Art	10-5:30	Free	N/A	N/A	8 mins
National Museum of Asian Art	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	11 mins
Museum of the Bible	9-5	**$35; ½ off after 3pm**	No	**Yes ($17)**	11 mins
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial	All day	Free	N/A	N/A	11 mins
National Air and Space Museum	10-5:30	Free	**Yes**	**Free, but need to book groups 10+ in advance**	13 mins
National Museum of Natural History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 mins
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	10-5:30	**$1 to reserve**	**Yes**	**Free, but need to book groups 55+ in bulk**	16 mins
National Museum of the American Indian	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 mins
National Museum of American History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	17 mins
National Archives Museum	10-5:30	**Free-$1**	**Encouraged; $1 to reserve**	N/A	17 mins
National Gallery of Art with Sculpture Garden	10-5	Free	N/A	N/A	18 mins
United States Botanic Garden	10-5	Free	N/A	N/A	19 mins
National Museum of African American History and Culture	10-5:30	Free	**Yes**	**Free; but need to reserve group passes on 3rd Monday in Nov.**	19 mins
Washington Monument	9-5	**Free-$1**	**Encouraged; $1 to reserve; can book 30 days prior**	**Group registration released 30 days prior; $1 per ticket**	21 mins
WWI Memorial	All day	Free	N/A	N/A	25 mins

Map of Attractions



Washington D.C. Security:

Each time you enter a government building, you'll have to go through security. In order to expedite security, the following items are **strictly prohibited**:

- Liquid, including water (in Capitol)
- Food or beverage of any kind (in Capitol)
- Aerosol containers and non-aerosol spray
- Any pointed object (besides pens and pencils)
- Sealed packages and envelopes
- Any bag larger than 18"w x 14"h x 8.5" d
- Any weapons, replicas of weapons, or razors
- Pepper spray

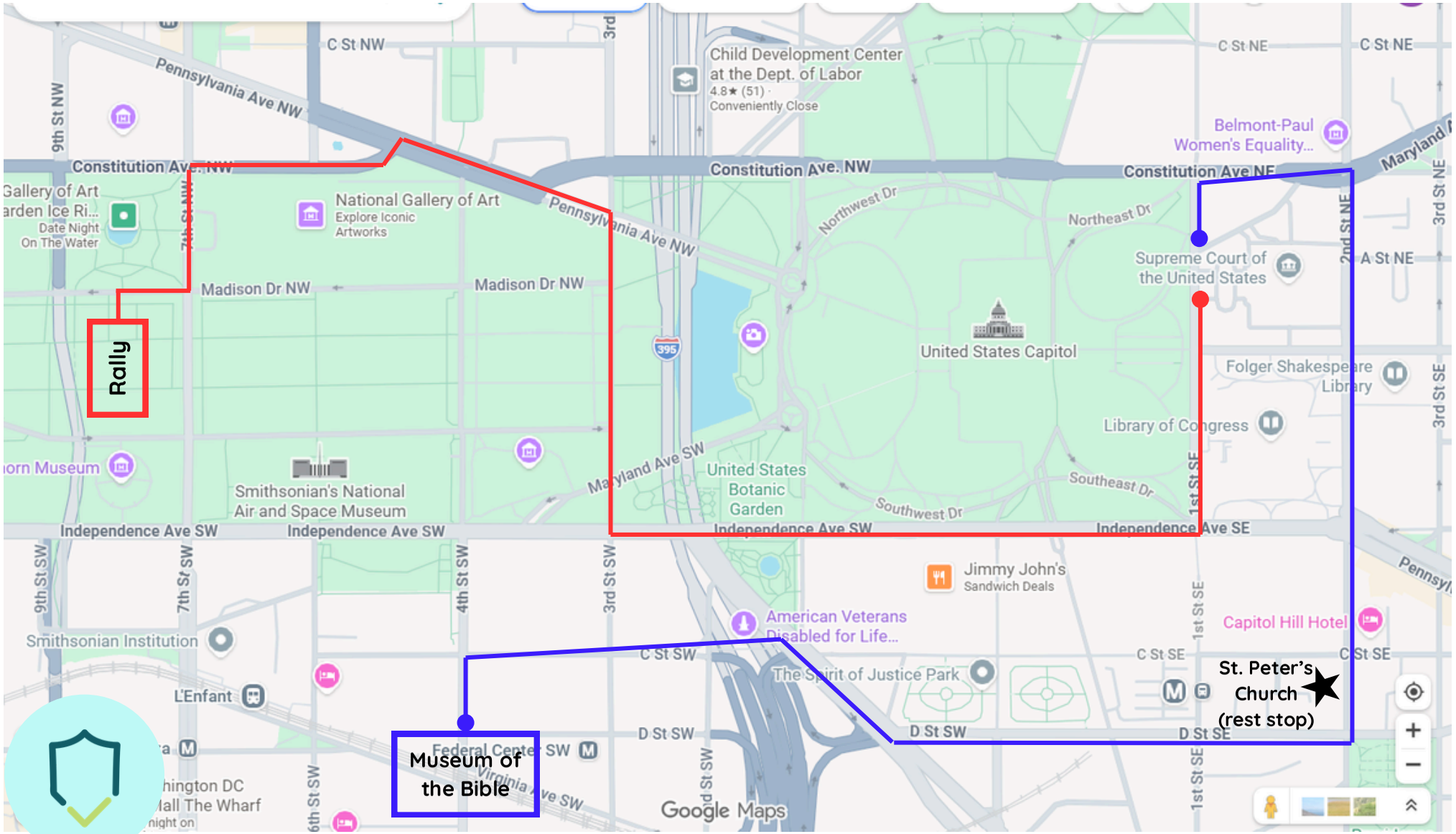
The less you bring and smaller bag you carry, the easier it will be! **Please note that they will not hold prohibited items and will throw your belongings away if you can't bring them in.**

BOTTOM LINE:
Have fun. be safe, and don't get lost!

But if you do get lost, the rendezvous point is the Smithsonian Castle.

(But don't get lost!)

March Route and Exit Route to Buses



To get to our buses after the march: Head north on 1st St. NE after passing the Supreme Court on your right. Turn right onto Constitution Ave. NE, then turn right onto 2nd St. NE. Follow 2nd St. until you hit D St. NE; turn right onto D St. NOTE: If you need a rest stop, before hitting D St., go to St. Peter's Church on the corner of 2nd St. NE and C St. NE.) Take D St. SE to Washington Ave. SW; turn right onto Washington. Take a left to cross traffic, using C St. SW. If you pass the American Veterans memorial on your right, you're in the correct spot. Just past the memorial, continue on C St. SW. Take a left on 4th St. SW until you come to the Museum of the Bible on your left. The buses will pick us up along one of the sides of the building.