

# Life Defenders Washington D. C. Bus Trip 2026

## Wednesday, January 21st - Departure

6:00 pm - Registration begins at Blackhawk Ministries  
(7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)

6:30 pm - Parent meeting starts

6:45 pm - Bus loading starts  
(**NOTE:** no luggage access until Thursday night)

7:00 pm - Bus departure

9:00 pm - Final rest stop before bed

## Thursday, January 22nd - Sight-Seeing

6:30 am - Get dropped at Union Station for breakfast (\$);  
reload at 8:15 am

(**NOTE:** If you don't do the Capitol tour next, you'll have a while to wait on the bus until attractions open at 10; however, you could decide to stay at Union Station and take the Metro somewhere)

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

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 (\$)

4:00 pm - Buses pick up in front of Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (Madison Dr.); go to hotel

4:30 pm - Buses arrive at Hilton Arlington National Landing; pizza is delivered; downtime

6-7 pm - Y4Life registration begins; conference exhibits  
(**NOTE:** your Y4Life lanyard must be picked up during this time)

7-10:00 pm - Conference (opening devotions, intros, session #1, and social time)

## Friday, January 23rd - March for Life

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

9 am - Conference starts; session #2

10:15 am - Pre-march devotion

## Friday, January 23rd - March for Life Cont.

10:45 am - Y4Life hands out lunch snack bags

10:50 am - Make sure room is packed up!  
(**NOTE:** You will not have access to luggage until the morning, so pack everything you need for today/tonight in a backpack and take it with you.)

11:00 am - Load buses and DROP KEY CARDS AT FRONT DESK - students are responsible for dropping cards

11:15 am - Buses leave for march; 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 (\$)

6:30 pm - Load buses and head back to hotel

7-8 pm - Devotion and Post-March Discussion

8-9:00 pm - Session #3

9:00 pm - Get water; prepare for overnight bus ride

9:15 pm - Load buses

9:30 pm - Buses leave

11:30 pm - Final rest stop before bed

## Saturday, January 24th - Return Home

\*\*\* Students to call parents 1 - 1 ½ hours before anticipated arrival (or at last restroom stop)\*\*\*

8:00 am approx. - Bus arrives at Blackhawk Ministries

My Chaperones:

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s: \_\_\_\_\_

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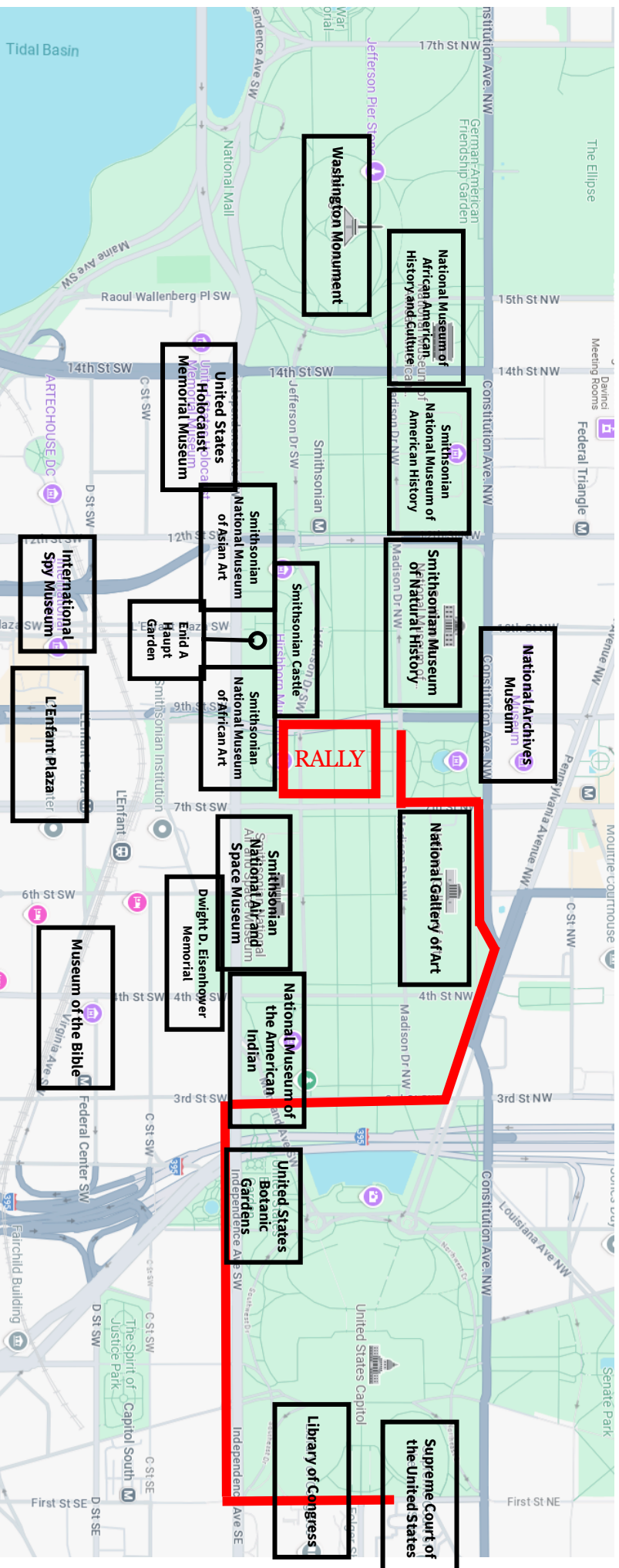


## DC Attractions in Walking Distance

The walking distance listed for these sightseeing locations is 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:	ADVANCE PURCHASE GROUP RATES:	WALKING TIME:
International Spy Museum	10-6	~\$30	No	Yes	1 min
Enid A Haupt Garden	All day	Free	No	N/A	7 min
Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle)	Temp. closed	Free	No	N/A	8 min
Smithsonian National Museum of African Art	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	9 min
National Museum of Asian Art	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	11 min
Museum of the Bible	10-5	\$17-\$30	No	Yes (\$17) - book 14 days early	11 min
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum	10-5:30	Free	Yes	N/A	11 min
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial	All day	Free	No	N/A	11 min
Smithsonian Museum of Natural History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	12 min
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	10-5:30	\$1 to reserve	Yes	N/A	14 min
National Museum of the American Indian	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 min
Smithsonian National Museum of American History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 min
National Archives Museum	10-5:30	Free	Optional	N/A	17 min
National Gallery of Art with Sculpture Garden	10-5	Free	No	N/A	18 min
United States Botanic Garden	10-5	Free	No	N/A	19 min
National Museum of African American History and Culture	10-5:30	Free	Yes	N/A	19 min
Washington Monument	10-5	\$1 to reserve	Yes—reserve 30 days prior	N/A	21 min

# MARCH ROUTE AND MAP OF ATTRACTIONS



## WASHINGTON D.C. SECURITY :

Each time we enter a government building, we will need 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, including fruit and unopened packaged food (in capitol)
- aerosol containers
- non-aerosol spray
- any pointed object (pens, pencils permitted)
- any bag larger than 18" w x 14" h x 8.5" d
- electric stun guns, martial arts weapons
- guns, replica guns, ammunition, and fireworks
- knives of any size
- mace and pepper spray
- razors and box cutters

The less stuff you bring/smaller the bag you carry, the easier security will be.

NOTE: If you try to bring something in that is not allowed they will not hold it for you and will throw it away.

*Have fun,  
be flexible,  
don't get lost!*

If you do get lost go to  
the Smithsonian "Castle,"  
but don't get lost.

This map of Washington, D.C. illustrates a route starting from the Supreme Court of the United States, heading south to the U.S. Capitol, and then continuing south along the eastern side of the Capitol grounds. The route is marked with a blue dotted line. Key locations along the route include the Supreme Court, the U.S. Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Folger Shakespeare Library, and the National Gallery of Art. A black star marks the location of St. Peter's Church (rest stop) near the intersection of Independence Avenue SE and First Street SE. The map also shows major roads like Constitution Avenue NW and NE, and Independence Avenue SW and SE. Other landmarks such as the National Native American Veterans Memorial, the United States Botanic Garden, and the Rayburn House Office Building are also visible.

To get to our loading point after the march: Head north on 1st St. NE after passing the Supreme Court on the right. Turn right onto Constitution Ave NE, then turn right onto 2nd St. NE. Follow 2nd St until you hit D St. SE; turn right onto D St. SE; if you need a rest stop/bathroom break, stop at 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 Disabled for Life memorial on your right, you're in the correct place. Just past the memorial, continue on C St. SW. Take a left on 4th St SW until you come upon the Museum of the Bible on your left. The bus will pick us up along one of the sides of the building.