

# Museums on Metro's Red Line: An Information Sheet for CoSA/NAGARA/SAA DC 2010

**Have you already seen all the museums along the National Mall? Using the same Red Line Metrorail line that serves the Woodley Park/Zoo station near the Marriott Wardman Park conference hotel, consider visiting the following museums in Maryland and the District of Columbia.**

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## Rockville

### Montgomery Historical Society

#### Beall-Dawson House

#### The Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine

103 West Montgomery Avenue

Rockville, MD 20850

[www.montgomeryhistory.org](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org)

Tours: The Beall-Dawson House is open for public tours Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. For group tours call (301)-340-2825 for reservations. Summer visitors please note: the Beall-Dawson House is not air conditioned.

Admission: \$3 for adults; \$2 for seniors and children. Closed major holidays.

#### Beall-Dawson House

Learn about the county's beginnings in the historic Beall-Dawson House, an elegant federal style town-home that features period rooms and changing exhibits. The museum tour highlights the culture and daily life of both the upper class Beall family as well as the enslaved African American who labored in the house and on the adjacent property.

The Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine offers an insider's look into the developments in medical science that occurred during the career of Dr. Edward E. Stonestreet. Built in 1852, this unique one-room Gothic Revival doctor's office features medical artifacts and implements that demonstrate the fascinating changes that occurred in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Admission: included with admission to the Beall-Dawson House. Closed major holidays

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Rockville Station. After the turnstile make a left out the gate and proceed up 2 flights of stairs to the walkway (over Hungerford Drive). Proceed across the walkway and down the stairs to Monroe Street. Walk 3 blocks passing the Regal Cinema, the courthouse, the post office and Bombay Bistro. This will bring you to the corner of W. Montgomery Avenue and N. Adams Street. You are at the Beall-Dawson Historical Park. Turn right on N. Adams Street and either go up steps in middle of block or proceed to Middle Lane and make a left. In the middle of the block you will see the Museum Shop flag and parking lot for the Beall-Dawson House. The white carriage house across the parking lot is the Jane C. Sween Library.

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## **Medical Center**

### **National Library of Medicine**

#### **National Institute of Health**

8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894

Tours of NLM leave at 1:30 P.M. Monday - Friday from the Visitors Center (Lobby of Building 38A -- The Lister Hill Center

Admission is free.

[www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)

The National Library of Medicine (NLM), on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is the world's largest medical library. The Library collects materials in all areas of biomedicine and health care, as well as works on biomedical aspects of technology, the humanities, and the physical, life, and social sciences. The collections stand at more than 9 million items--books, journals, technical reports, manuscripts, microfilms, photographs and images. Housed within the Library is one of the world's finest medical history collections of old and rare medical works.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Medical Center Station. Upon exiting the escalator, proceed to the Visitor Gateway Center for visitor badging. The NLM is 2 blocks, approximately 200 yards, south of the visitor center.

## **Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan**

### **Washington D.C. National Zoo**

3001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The Zoo is open every day of the year except December 25. Admission is always FREE!

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/>

The National Zoo is a beautiful urban park offering family fun and excitement, stimulating education programs, and a peaceful place to enjoy nature. There is something new to discover on every visit.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan Station or the Cleveland Park station. The Zoo entrance lies halfway between these stops, and both are a short walk from the Zoo.

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## **Dupont Circle**

### **Phillips Collection**

1600 21st Street, NW

Washington, DC 20009

Hours: Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Thursday, extended hours: 10 a.m.–8:30 p.m

Sunday: 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Closed Monday

Admission: Admission prices vary with each exhibition.

[www.phillipscollection.org](http://www.phillipscollection.org)

The Phillips Collection, opened in 1921, is America's first museum of modern art. Featuring a renowned permanent collection of nearly 2,500 works by American and European impressionist and modern artists, the Phillips is internationally recognized for both its incomparable art and its intimate atmosphere. Housed in founder Duncan Phillips' 1897 Georgian Revival home and similarly scaled additions in Washington, D.C.'s Dupont Circle neighborhood, The Phillips Collection is widely regarded as one of the world's finest small museums.

Directions: Take the Red line to the Dupont Circle Station, Q street exit. At the top of the escalator, go left on Q street one block to 21st Street. The museum entrance is located halfway up 21st Street on the left.

### **Textile Museum**

2320 S Street, NW

Washington, DC 20008-4088

Open: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Closed: All Federal holidays and December 24

Admission: Free; suggested donation \$5.

[www.textilemuseum.org](http://www.textilemuseum.org)

In 1925 George Hewitt Myers founded The Textile Museum with a collection of 275 rugs and 60 related textiles. Myers collected actively for the Museum until his death in 1957, at which time the collection had grown to encompass the textile arts of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Dupont Circle Station. Leave the station via the Q Street exit. Walk north on Connecticut Avenue. At the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, Florida Avenue and S Street, cross Florida Avenue and go left. Take immediate right onto S Street. Continue walking up S Street 2 long blocks to The Textile Museum on the left.

### **Woodrow Wilson House**

2340 S Street, NW

Washington, DC 20008

Hours: 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday - Sunday. Closed Mondays, and Major Holidays.

Admission: \$7.50 Adults; \$6.50 Seniors; \$3.00 Students.

[www.woodrowwilsonhouse.org/](http://www.woodrowwilsonhouse.org/)

The Woodrow Wilson House is a national historic landmark and house museum that focuses on President Woodrow Wilson's "Washington Years (1912-1924)". The museum promotes a greater awareness of Wilson's public life and ideals for future generations through guided tours, exhibitions and educational programs. The museum also serves as a community preservation model and resource, dedicated to the stewardship and presentation of an authentic collection and property.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Dupont Circle Station and travel north on Massachusetts Avenue for five blocks, turn right onto 24th Street, then right onto S Street, & proceed to 2340 S Street.

**Dumbarton House (Headquarters of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America)**

2715 Que Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20007

All tours of Dumbarton House are docent-led. Please plan your visit to the museum Tuesday through Saturday for a tour beginning at 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., or 1:15 p.m. A tour of the house generally lasts approximately 45 minutes. Dumbarton House is closed on all Federal holidays.

Admission fee is \$5.00 per adult. Students with valid ID are admitted free.

[www.dumbartonhouse.org](http://www.dumbartonhouse.org)

Dumbarton House is a fine example of Federal period architecture and offers visitors to Washington, D.C., a unique opportunity to enhance their appreciation of early American history.

Closely connected to the first years of the American Republic, the house has stood on the heights of Georgetown for over two centuries..

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Dupont Circle Station, Q Street North exit. The house is approximately six blocks west on Q Street, just over the Q Street Bridge into Georgetown – a short walk, or bus ride on the D-2 or D-6 bus lines.

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**Farragut North**

**Corcoran Gallery of Art**

500 Seventeenth Street NW  
Washington, DC 20006

Hours: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

10 a.m.–9 p.m. Thursday: The Gallery is closed Tuesdays.

General Admission \$6 (Members of the Corcoran and children aged six and under are admitted free of charge. General admission gains the visitor access to the Corcoran's permanent collection galleries. All reciprocity agreements will be honored).

[www.corcoran.org](http://www.corcoran.org)

Founded in 1869 by William Wilson Corcoran, The Corcoran is Washington, DC's largest non-Federal museum, and one of the first fine art museums in the United States. The Corcoran is renowned for its collection of 20th-century painting, sculpture and photography.

Directions: Take the Red Line to Farragut North Station (take the K Street exit). From the station walk south on 17th street to the Corcoran.

### **Stephen Decatur House**

Decatur House is located one block north of the White House on Lafayette Square, on the corner of H Street and Jackson Place. The museum entrance is located at 1610 H Street, NW.

Exhibit Gallery hours: Monday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday: Noon- 4:00 pm

House tour hours: Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday: Noon - 4:00 pm

Admission is a suggested \$5.00 for house tour and a \$5.00 fee to see the current exhibit.

[www.decatourhouse.org](http://www.decatourhouse.org)

Decatur House is one of the oldest surviving homes in Washington, DC, and one of only three remaining residential buildings in the country designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe, the father of American architecture.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Farragut North Station (exit at K Street) and head towards Farragut Square by walking down 17th Street and turn left onto H Street. The Museum is on the right hand side and sits on the corner of H Street and Jackson Place.

### **National Geographic Museum at Explorers Hall**

17th and M Streets, NW

Washington, DC

Hours: Open Monday through Saturday and holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed December 25. Admission is free.

[www.nationalgeographic.com/museum](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/museum)

Enjoy a wide variety of changing exhibitions as well as permanent and interactive displays that reflect the richness and diversity of our world. Plus, find unique products and gifts in the National Geographic Store.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Farragut North Station. Continue down 17th Street to M Street, NW.

### **Renwick Gallery**

The Renwick Gallery is located on Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street N.W., steps away from the White House in the heart of historic federal Washington.

Hours: The museum is open seven days a week (except December 25) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

<http://americanart.si.edu/renwick/index.cfm>

The Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery collects, exhibits, studies, and preserves American crafts and decorative arts from the nineteenth to twenty-first centuries.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Farragut North Station.

### **DAR Museum (Daughters of the Revolution)**

1776 D Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

Hours: Museum & Shop - Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Sunday closed

Americana Collection - Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday closed;  
Sunday closed  
[www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)

The DAR Museum is comprised of 31 period rooms and 2 galleries. The collection consists of over 30,000 decorative and fine arts objects spanning the 18th and 19th centuries, including furniture, glass, ceramics, textiles and silver.

The Americana Collection is comprised of manuscript and imprint materials, primarily (but not exclusively) pertaining to life in Colonial America, the Revolutionary War era, and the Early Republic.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Farragut North Station. Exit the station on 17th Street, and walk south on 17th Street towards Constitution Avenue. Turn right on D Street. The main entrance is in the middle of the block. Go up the stairs to enter the museum.

### **Art Museum of the Americas**

201 18th St., NW, Washington, DC

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

Admission: Free

[www.museum.oas.org](http://www.museum.oas.org)

The colorful collection in this Spanish Colonial-style museum in the pristine backyard of the Organization of American States contains nearly 2,000 works by Alejandro Obregón, Hector Poleo, and others beginning in the early 20th century

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Farragut North Station.

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## **Metro Center**

### **Petersen Boarding House (The house where Abraham Lincoln died)**

516 10th Street Northwest, Washington, DC

Hours: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed: December 25; Admission: Free

Located across the street from Ford's Theatre, the modest Petersen's Boarding House holds a monumental place in American History. After being shot by John Wilkes Booth on the evening of April 14, 1865, the dying President Abraham Lincoln was carried to Petersen's Boarding House. He was pronounced dead at 7:22 a.m. the next day.

Directions: Take the 11th Street exit. Walk straight ahead to the corner which is 11th and F Streets, NW. Turn left one block to 10th Street and turn right onto 10th. Ford's Theatre is located on the left, half way down the block between F and E Streets.

### **National Museum of Women in the Arts**

1250 New York Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20005-3970

Hours: Monday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: noon - 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Adults: \$10.00; Visitors 60 and over: \$8.00; Students: \$8.00

[www.nmwa.org](http://www.nmwa.org)

The National Museum of Women in the Arts is the only museum in the world dedicated exclusively to recognizing the contributions of women artists.

Directions: Take the Red line to Metro Center. Use the 13th Street exit and walk two blocks north.

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## **Gallery Place-Chinatown**

### **National Museum of American Art (Smithsonian American Art Museum)**

The museum, now part of the Donald W. Reynolds Center is located above the Gallery Place Metro station at 8th and F Streets N.W.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily; Admission is free.

<http://americanart.si.edu/index2.cfm>

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is dedicated to the art and artists of the United States. Colonial portraiture, nineteenth-century landscape, American impressionism, twentieth-century realism and abstraction, New Deal projects, sculpture, photography, prints and drawings, contemporary crafts, African American art, Latino art, and folk art are featured in the collection. More than 7,000 American artists are represented, including major artists such as John Singleton Copley, Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Childe Hassam, Georgia O'Keeffe, Edward Hopper, Jacob Lawrence, Robert Rauschenberg, Nam June Paik, and Martin Puryear.

Directions: Take the Red line to the Gallery Place-Chinatown metro.

### **National Portrait Gallery**

The museum is located at Eighth and F Streets, NW, D.C.

Hours: 11:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. daily; Admission is free.

[www.npg.si.edu](http://www.npg.si.edu)

Generations of remarkable Americans are kept in the company of their fellow citizens at the National Portrait Gallery. The Gallery presents the wonderful diversity of individuals who have left—and are leaving—their mark on our country and our culture.

Directions: Take the Red line to the Gallery Place-Chinatown metro.

### **Bead Museum**

400 Seventh St., NW, The Jenifer Building, Ground Floor

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday noon to 6 p.m.

Admission is Free, a \$3 donation is suggested.

[www.beadmuseumdc.org](http://www.beadmuseumdc.org)

The Bead Museum focuses on enhancing public appreciation of beads and ornaments as subjects of serious study as well as objects of beauty and enjoyment.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Gallery Place-Chinatown Station.

### **Historical Society of Washington, DC**

The Historical Society of Washington, DC is located on K Street, NW between 7th and 9th streets, NW in the historic Carnegie Library building at Mt. Vernon Square, directly across the street from the new Convention Center.

[www.historydc.org](http://www.historydc.org)

The Historical Society is devoted to making the history of the Washington metropolitan area and its people accessible and understandable to public audiences in order to achieve a sense of identity, place and pride in Washington for those who live and work here and for the nation as a whole.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Gallery Pl-Chinatown Metro Station and walk 2 blocks north.

### **International Spy Museum**

The International spy Museum is located at 800 F Street, NW, between 9th and 8th Streets.

Hours: Hours vary by season. Please refer to website ([www.spymuseum.org](http://www.spymuseum.org)) for up to date hours.

Admission: Adult (ages 12-64) \$18; Seniors (65+), Active Duty Military & Intel Community \$17; Child\* (ages 5-11) \$15; Children under 5 years: Free; General admission times are hourly. General admission tickets grant access to the Permanent Exhibition only. Guests may enter at any time within the hour printed on their ticket.

[www.spymuseum.org](http://www.spymuseum.org)

Learn about the authentic tradecraft that has been used throughout time and around the world. Hear spies, in their own words, describe the challenges and the "game" of spying. Directions: Take the Red Line to the Gallery Place-Chinatown Station.

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## **Judiciary Square**

### **National Building Museum**

The National Building Museum is located at 401 F Street NW, between 4th and 5th Streets, across the street from the Judiciary Square Metro (Red Line

Hours: Open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Admission is free. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested.

[www.nbm.org](http://www.nbm.org)

Created by an act of Congress in 1980, the National Building Museum has become one of the world's most prominent and vital venues for informed, reasoned debate about the built environment and its impact on people's lives. Exhibitions, educational programs, and publications foster lively discussion about a wide range of topics related to development, architecture, construction and engineering, interior design, landscape architecture, and urban planning.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Judiciary Square Station. Take the National Building Museum exit and cross street to F Street entrance.

### **National Gallery of Art**

The National Gallery of Art, located on the National Mall between 3rd and 7th Streets at Constitution Avenue NW.

Hours: Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission is free.

[www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov)

The National Gallery of Art was created in 1937 for the people of the United States of America by a joint resolution of Congress, accepting the gift of financier and art collector Andrew W. Mellon.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Judiciary Square Station.

### **Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington and Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum**

701 3rd Street, NW (corner of G Street), Washington, D.C.

Hours: The archives and library are open for researchers Monday through Thursday by appointment. To make an appointment, contact the archivist at [info@jhsgw.org](mailto:info@jhsgw.org) or call (202) 789-0900.

[www.jhsgw.org/](http://www.jhsgw.org/)

The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington and its Lillian & Albert Small Jewish Museum preserve, chronicle and present the story of the local Jewish community through archival collections, exhibits, educational programs, publications, and the restoration and preservation of the oldest synagogue building in the nation's capital.

Directions: Take the Red Line to Judiciary Square (National Building Museum/F St. Exit)

### **Newseum**

555 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20001

The Newseum is located at Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street, N.W.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Admission: Adults (13 to 64): \$20; Seniors (65 and older): \$18 Youth (7 to 12): \$13

Children (6 and younger): Free

[www.newseum.org](http://www.newseum.org)

The Newseum offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Judiciary Square Metro Station. Use the 4th Street exit. Walk south on 4th Street and turn right onto D Street. Walk one block west on D Street and veer left onto Indiana Avenue. Continue west and turn left onto 6th Street. Walk two blocks to the Newseum, located at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street. On weekends -- and when the 4th Street exit is closed -- use the F Street exit: Once you get out of the station, take a left onto F Street. Walk two blocks. Take a left onto 6th Street and walk three long blocks until you get to Pennsylvania Ave.

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## **Union Station**

### **The Capitol**

The Capitol is open to the public for guided tours only. Tours will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday (the Capitol is not available for tours on Sundays). The Capitol will be open on all federal holidays except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free.

[www.aoc.gov/cc/capitol/index.cfm](http://www.aoc.gov/cc/capitol/index.cfm)

Visitors must obtain free tickets for tours on a first-come, first-served basis, at the Capitol Guide Service kiosk located along the curving sidewalk southwest of the Capitol (near the intersection of First Street, S.W., and Independence Avenue). Ticket distribution begins at 9:00 a.m. daily. Ticketholders will be directed to the South Visitor Receiving Facility, which is located south of the Capitol; from there they will proceed to the Capitol to begin their tour. Maximum tour size is 40 people.

Directions: Take the Red Line to Union Station. Walk along First Street for 3 blocks

### **Folger Shakespeare Library**

201 East Capitol Street, SE, Washington, DC

Hours: Open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm, but is closed on all federal holidays. Admission is free.

[www.folger.edu](http://www.folger.edu)

Folger Shakespeare Library, located on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, is a world-class research center on Shakespeare and on the early modern age in the West. It is home to the world's largest and finest collection of Shakespeare materials and to major collections of other rare Renaissance books, manuscripts, and works of art.

Directions: Take the Red Line to the Union Station Station. From Union Station, walk south on First Street NE, toward the US Capitol for about five blocks. Turn left on East Capitol Street. Walk one block on East Capitol Street and cross Second Street, SE. The Folger is on the right, between Second and Third Streets.

### **Sewall Belmont House and Museum**

144 Constitution Avenue, NE / Washington, DC 20002-5608

Hours: Open for tours Tuesday to Saturday. Weekday museum visitation is by appointment only. Phone: (202) 546-1210

Admission: A suggested donation of \$5 per person directly supports the museum's educational programs and collections

[www.sewallbelmont.org](http://www.sewallbelmont.org)

The Sewall-Belmont House and Museum, on Capitol Hill, explores the evolving role of women and their contributions to society through the continuing, and often untold, story of women's pursuit for equality. The museum is the headquarters of the historic National Woman's Party and was the Washington home of its founder and Equal Rights Amendment author Alice Paul

Directions: Take the Red Line to Union Station. From the main entrance, turn LEFT and walk past the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judicial Building to the intersection of 2nd Street, NE and Massachusetts Avenue. Turn RIGHT onto Second Street. Travel for three blocks, passing the Senate parking lot and Hart Senate Office Building on the right. The Sewall-Belmont House and Museum is located just beyond the entrance to the Hart building. It is a free-standing, federal style brick house surrounded by a black cast-iron fence.

### **National Postal Museum**

2 Massachusetts Ave., N.E. Washington, DC

Hours: The Museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., except December 25. Admission is free.

[www.postalmuseum.si.edu](http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu)

The Smithsonian's National Postal Museum is dedicated to the preservation, study and presentation of postal history and philately. The museum uses exhibits, educational public programs and research to make this rich history available to scholars, philatelists, collectors and visitors from around the world.

Directions: Take the Red Line to Union Station. Leave through the Massachusetts Avenue exit. As you get off the escalator, the National Postal Museum will be across the street.

### **Library of Congress**

Thomas Jefferson Building

1st Street S.E., between Independence Avenue and East Capitol Street

Hours: Jefferson Building - The Library of Congress Experience

Monday-Saturday, 10:00am - 5:00pm. Admission is free.

[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections. Interactive technologies make the Library of Congress and its collections more dynamic and accessible than ever.

The Library of Congress Experience offers "hands-on" interaction with rare cultural treasures in ways that inspire and engage

Directions: Take the Red Line to Union Station. The Library is a half mile walk on First Street, S.E. to the Thomas Jefferson Building.