Suggestions for Your Leisure Time

In Washington, D.C. you will find plenty of arts, cultural and sporting activities to keep you busy and entertained. If you stay a few extra days outside of the conference program in the Washington DC Metro area, this list provides some recommended activities and places to visit.


In the event the government shutdown continues, please check DC area news stations, papers, and websites of interest.

Places to visit
Two useful sources for the week of the conference are:

Cultural Tourism DC Event Calendar: http://www.culturaltourismdc.org/things-do-see/dc-events-calendar

Museums
Smithsonian Institution - is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. http://www.si.edu/

- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden http://www.hirshhorn.si.edu/collection/home/#collection=home
- National Museum of History (free movies on Sundays) http://americanhistory.si.edu/
- National Museum of African Art http://africa.si.edu/
- National Museum of the American Indian http://nmai.si.edu/home/
- Smithsonian American Art Museum (daily 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) http://americanart.si.edu/
- National Portrait Gallery http://www.npg.si.edu/
Other Museums

- Anacostia Museum  
  http://anacostia.si.edu/
- Frederick Douglass National Historic Site (breathtaking view of the Nation’s Capital)  
  http://www.nps.gov/frdo
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
  http://www.ushmm.org/
- National Galleries of Art  
  http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb.html
- International Spy Museum  
  http://www.spymuseum.org/
- National Geographic Museum  
  http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/national-geographic-museum/
- National Museum of Women in the Arts  
  http://www.nmwa.org/
- Newseum  
  http://www.newseum.org/
- The Phillips Collection  
  Tue-Sat 10:00 am to 5 pm. Thurs. extended hours to 8:30 pm. Sun. 11:00 to 6:00. Admission to ticketed Van Gogh exhibit $12.00. For museum collection only Tue-Fri by donation.
  Reopening at GWU in 2014. Gift shop remains open Friday-Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

You can find other Washington DC museum information at:  
http://washington.org/topics/museums
National Mall and Memorial Park

- Map of the National Mall from the National Park Service, including all monuments. 

If your time is limited but you want to see the sites, here is a 90-minute walking tour: Get off metro at the Smithsonian stop, walk east past the Air and Space Museum, Hirshhorn Museum, and Botanical Gardens; pause at the Capitol and Reflecting Pool; continue around past the National Gallery of Art, and Museums of American History and Natural History. Continue walking toward the Washington Monument. You will see the site of the African American Museum, currently under construction. You can detour from the Washington Monument to Constitution Ave for a glimpse of the White House (between 16th and 17th Sts). From the Washington Monument, if your time permits, continue on to the Jefferson Memorial. If time does not permit, turn back and retrace your steps back to the Martin Luther King Memorial (further on you will find the FDR Memorial). At the MLK Memorial, you can cross Independence Avenue. You will then see the World War II, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorials, and the Reflecting Pool. Continue to the Lincoln Memorial. The Vietnam Memorial is on the opposite side of Reflecting Pool. From the Lincoln Memorial you can walk up 23rd street to the Foggy Bottom Metro Station. This tour will not allow for a lot of exploration, but you will see the main parts of the Mall.
• The National Mall and Memorial Parks general information:
  http://www.nps.gov/nacc/index.htm
• Washington Monument [Currently under restoration]
  http://www.nps.gov/wamo/index.htm
• The Arlington National Cemetery (Veterans, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, President Kennedy’s gravesite); US Marine Corps Memorial (aka Iwo Jima memorial, next to Arlington Cemetery)

Federal Government Buildings:
• The White House [currently White House Tours are suspended.] You can take a virtual tour of the White House at this site. http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/tours-and-events
• The White House Visitors Center remains open, view the White House at E and Pennsylvania Ave. www.nps.gov/WHHO
• U.S. Capitol:  http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/. Also, see information on the Washington Evaluators website about the initiative “Evaluators Visit Capitol Hill.”

Other:
• The National Zoo (Midway between Woodley Park and Cleveland Park). Meet Bozie the new Asian elephant, Rusty the precocious red panda, our giant pandas Mei Xiang and Tian Tian (their newborn female cub is only observable only by webcam), and many others. If you are feeling energetic, get off Metro at Woodley Park and walk up to the zoo, conserving energy ride on to Cleveland Park and walk down to the zoo.
  http://nationalzoo.si.edu/
• Washington Botanical Garden
  http://www.usbg.gov/
• National Arboretum (including the national bonsai museum and the columns from the east portico of the US capital)
  http://www.usna.usda.gov/
• National AquariumS in Baltimore and DC
  Baltimore:  http://www.aqua.org/
  DC:  http://www.aqua.org/dc CLOSED TO PUBLIC ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013
• St. Matthew's Cathedral (Roman Catholic), which honors the patron saint of civil servants, is the seat of the Archbishop of Washington. The funeral Mass for President John F. Kennedy was celebrated in the Cathedral on November 25, 1963. A memorial marker is on the floor in front of the altar.
  http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/
• Washington National Cathedral (6th largest cathedral in the world, 2nd largest in US)
  http://www.nationalcathedral.org/
• Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Mosaic laden basilica on Catholic 
  University’s campus)
  http://www.nationalshrine.com/site/c.osjRKVPBJnH/b.4719297/k.BF65/Home.htm
• Historic Synagogue 6th and I Streets, N.W.
  http://www.sixthandi.org/
• The Islamic Center (it was the largest Muslim center for prayer in the Western Hemisphere 
  when open in 1957)
  http://theislamiccenter.com/

Activities
• Washingtonian Guide to Washington, DC: Trails for Hiking, Biking, and More 
  http://www.washingtonian.com/articles/visitors-guide/guide-to-washington-dc-trails-for-hiking-
  biking-and-more/, The Guide includes descriptions of and directions to local trails.
• Capital Bike Share
  http://www.capitalbikeshare.com/: With membership, the first 30 minutes of any bike ride are 
  free. D.C. is a great city to borrow a bike to get exercise and go sightseeing.
• National Park Service
  http://www.nps.gov/nama/planyourvisit/events.htm: This website includes a list of day and 
  nighttime ranger led walking, running, and cycling tours of the National Mall.
• Union Station
  http://www.unionstationdc.com/: Transportation hub, shopping and dining.

Theater Venues
Some of our favorite theaters that are metro accessible or a 10-15 minute cab ride away from the hotel 
are: Sidney Harmon Hall (Shakespeare Theatre Co.), the Kennedy Center, National Theater, Studio 
Theatre, and Warner Theater. Others further away include Arena Stage.
• The Kennedy Center performances and Millennium Stage Events (free performances every day 
  at 6:00PM)
  http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/
• National Theater
  http://thenationaldc.com/
• Shakespeare Theatre Company (Sidney Harmon Hall and Lansburgh Theatre)
  http://www.shakespearetheatre.org
• Studio Theatre
  http://www.studiotheatre.org/
• Warner Theater
  http://warnertheatredc.com
• Woolly Mammoth
  http://www.woollymammoth.net
Markets

- **Union Market**: [http://unionmarketdc.com/](http://unionmarketdc.com/) 1309 5th St. N.E. The historic Union Market has been revitalized by EDENS in order to create an authentic artisanal marketplace. A year-round indoor market featuring 40 local artisans opened September 8, 2012. Union Market is again the culinary epicenter of the Capitol City.

Cultural Tourism

- **Heritage Trail Walking Tours**
  DC's Neighborhood Heritage Trails are the official walking trails of Washington, DC. Take a stroll through DC history when you follow one the self-guided walking trails. Each trail sign combines stories, historic photos, and maps. Explore, shop, exercise, and enjoy a bite to eat -- all at your own pace. Some neighborhoods to explore: Adams Morgan, DuPont Circle, U Street, H Street NE, Georgetown, National Harbor, and Old Town Alexandria.

Live Music Enthusiasts

- **The Birchmere** in Alexandria, America’s Legendary Music Hall
  [http://www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com)
- **Blues Alley** Jazz and Supper Club in Georgetown
  [http://bluesalley.com/](http://bluesalley.com/)
- **Westminster Presbyterian Church** (SW), Jazz night on Fridays
  [http://www.westminsterdc.org](http://www.westminsterdc.org)
- **Carlyle Supper Club** in Alexandria
  [http://thecarlyleclub.com](http://thecarlyleclub.com)
- **HR-57** on H Street (NE), Center for the preservation of jazz and blues
  [http://www.hr57.org/](http://www.hr57.org/)
- **Bohemian Caverns** on U Street, the Sole home of soul jazz
  [http://bohemiancaverns.com](http://bohemiancaverns.com)
- **9:30 Club**, a small club featuring national acts located in downtown DC

Recommended Running Routes

At AEA 2012, a group of runners enjoyed a brief tour of Minneapolis. D.C. is a great city to run in as well. The runs outlined in the maps on the next page will give you a view of some of the sites of our city. If you are interested in going on a run, contact Megan Walker Grimaldi at meganreneewalker@gmail.com.
**Long Run**

Run from Hilton to Lincoln Memorial

- **Distance**: 5.91 miles
- **Begin**: Washington, DC
- **Created By**: Megan Walker
- **Description**: This is a 5.91 mi Run in Washington, DC. The Run has a total ascent of 150.82 ft and has a maximum elevation of 144.36 ft. This route was created by meganbewalker on 06/24/2013. View other Runs that meganbewalker has done or find similar maps.

**Short Run**

Run from Hilton to White House

- **Distance**: 3.36 miles
- **Begin**: Washington, DC
- **Created By**: Megan Walker
- **Description**: This is a 3.36 mi Run in Washington, DC. The Run has a total ascent of 124.67 ft and has a minimum elevation of 164.04 ft. This route was created by meganbewalker on 06/24/2013. View other Runs that meganbewalker has done or find similar maps.