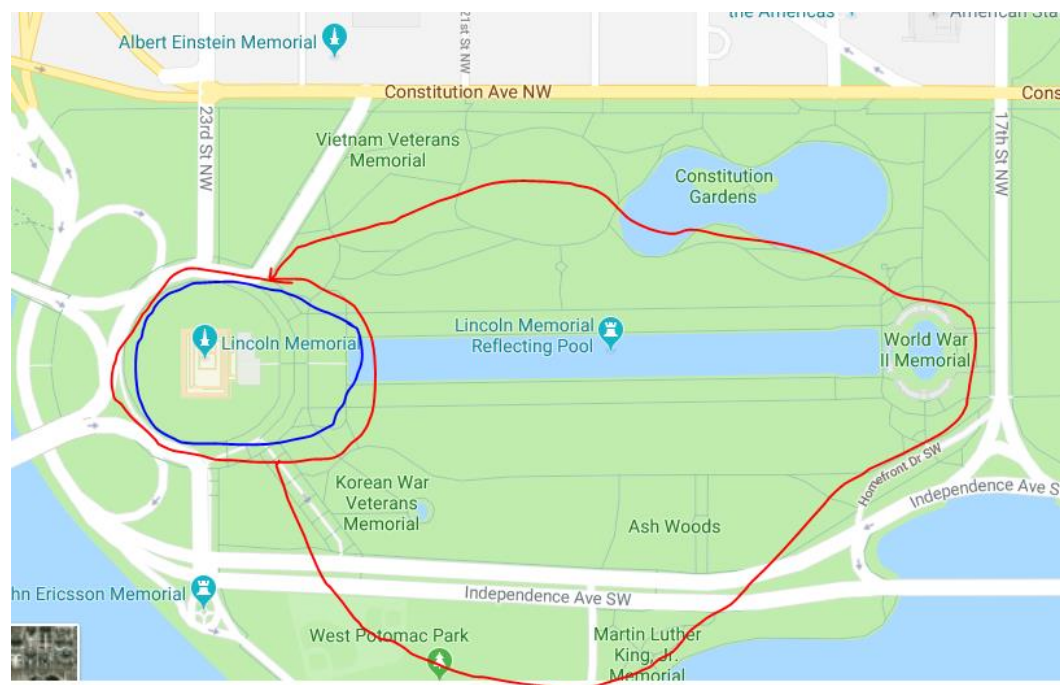


National Mall Photo Suggestions

I photograph many couples and families when they visit DC, and they often ask for outdoor suggestions along the National Mall. Below is a breakout of several locations and suggested time lengths for each. For locations outside the National Mall, please see the DC Suggested Outdoor Locations PDF.

Tourist crowds, weather, festivals, fences, joggers, security concerns, charity walks, marathon races, and rallies can impact all locations and parking options. I recommend morning sessions, especially Sunday mornings, and sunrise sessions, to avoid crowds, high temperatures, and harsh sunlight of 11am-3pm.

Lincoln Memorial & Reflecting Pool



30 minutes (Blue Line): Reflecting Pool with Washington Monument in the background, steps of the Lincoln Memorial, inside the Lincoln Memorial, a few shots under the trees

60 minutes (Northern portion of Red Lines): Reflecting Pool with Washington Monument in the background, steps of the Lincoln Memorial, inside the Lincoln Memorial, shots along the walking paths, Vietnam War Memorials (if requested), Constitution Gardens Pond, and end at the World War II Memorial and Fountains

60 minutes (Southern portion of Red Lines): Reflecting Pool with Washington Monument in the background, steps of the Lincoln Memorial, inside the Lincoln Memorial, shots along the walking paths, Korean War Memorials (if requested), West Potomac Park, waterfront, and Memorial Bridge, MLK Memorial with Jefferson in the background, DC War Memorial, and end at the World War II Memorial and Fountains

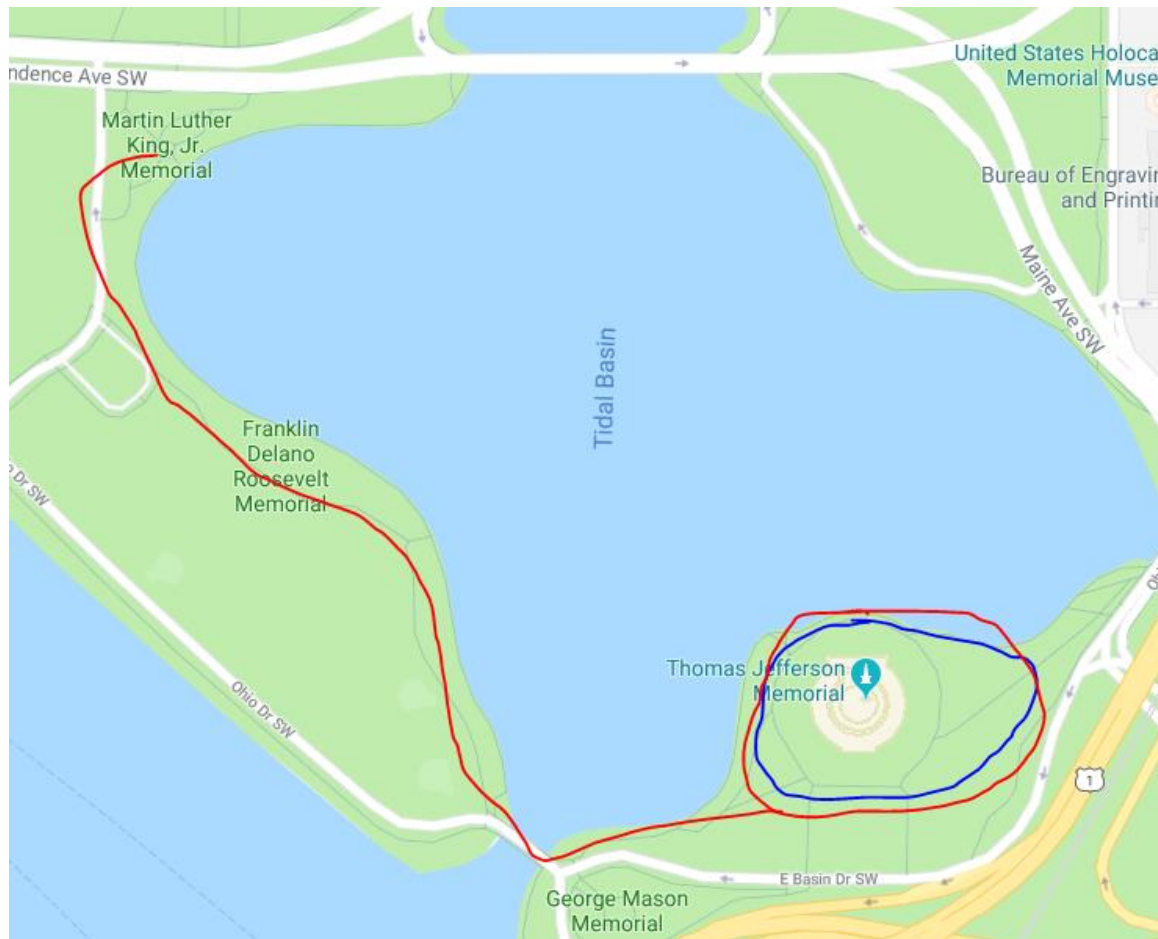
90 minutes: The entire Red Line loop

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Jefferson Memorial:



30 minutes (Blue Line): Tidal Basin with the Washington Monument in the background, steps of the Jefferson Memorial, inside the Jefferson Memorial, a few shots under the trees and along pathways

60 minutes (Red Lines): Tidal Basin with the Washington Monument in the background, steps of the Jefferson Memorial, inside the Jefferson Memorial, shots under the trees and along pathways, George Mason Memorial, Tidal Basin Bridge, various sections of the FDR Memorial, Tidal Basin with the Jefferson Memorial in the background, end at the MLK Memorial

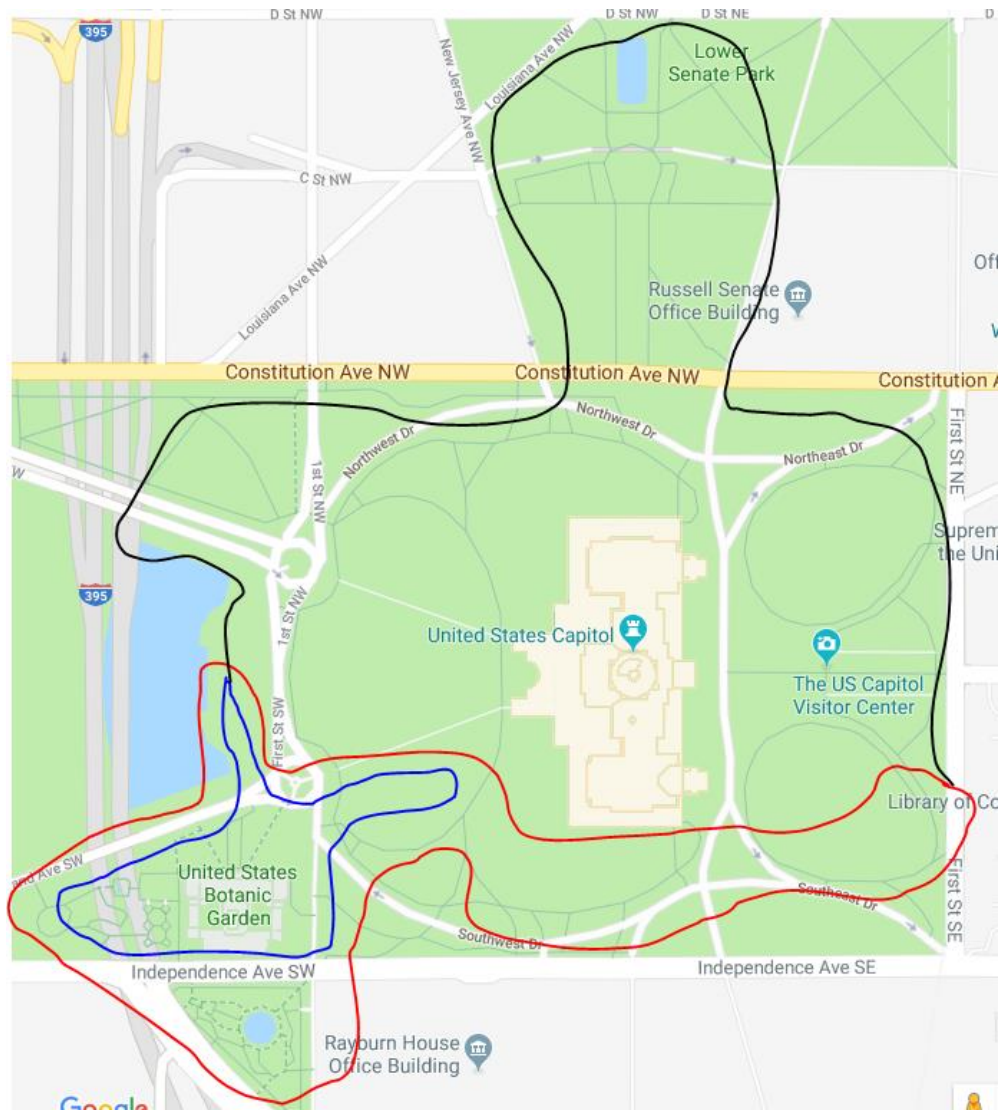
90 minutes (Red Lines): All of the above plus WWII Memorial and Fountains with a full loop around the Tidal Basin

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US Capitol & Botanical Gardens:



30 minutes (Blue Line): Start at Botanical Gardens, walk around gardens, take a few photos on the Capitol Lawn and the US Grant Memorial overlooking the Capitol Reflecting Pool with the Washington Monument in the background

60 minutes (Red Lines): All of the above plus fountain park, shots along the South Lawn of the Capitol to the Library of Congress (and possibly Supreme Court), the Capitol Steps (the actual steps, not the comedy troupe)

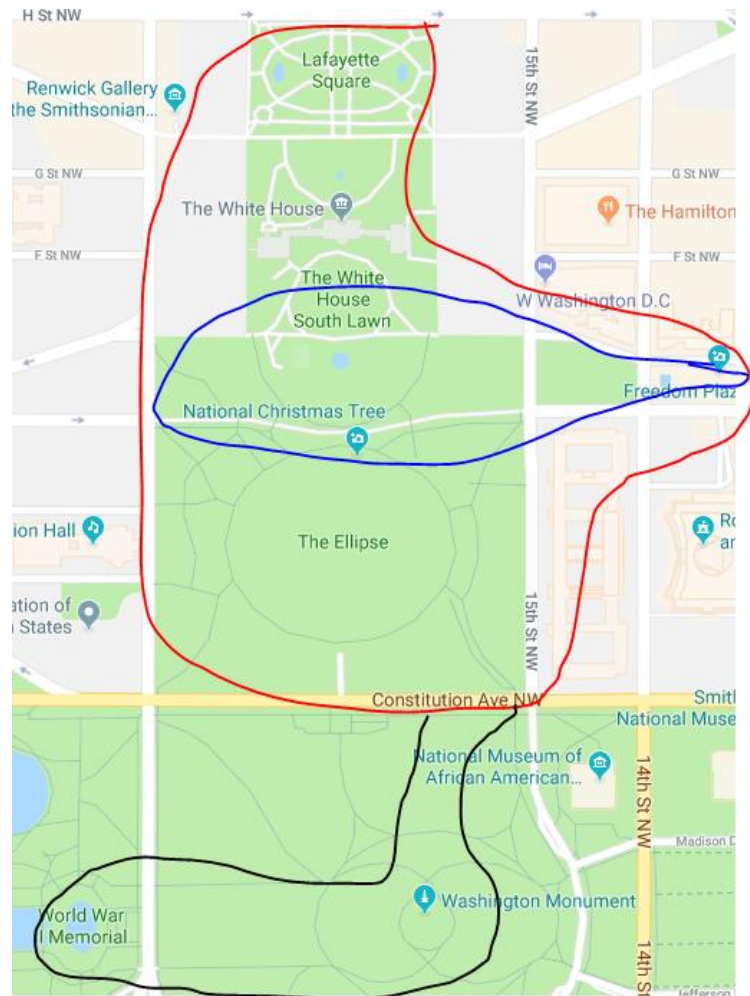
90 minutes (Red and Black Lines): All of the above plus North Lawn of the Capitol and Lower Senate Park near Union Station

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White House:



30 minutes (Blue Line): Photos in front of the White House South Lawn, the Ellipse and Presidents Park, photos with the Washington Monument in the background, Freedom Park

60 minutes (Red Lines): All of the above plus Lafayette Square and the White House North Lawn

90 minutes (Red and Black Lines): All of the above plus Washington Monument and end at the World War II Memorial and Fountains

Please note – the National Christmas Tree and National Menorah are only displayed during the Christmas season and Hanukah

If you would like a personalized tour with multiple iconic locations, please contact me to develop a custom plan for you.

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