

## 2011 Bike Tour Categories

National Mall and Memorial Parks  
Washington, District of Columbia

*Please note that our bike tour schedules have changed from prior years.*

*Please refer to our schedules for up to date information, or call, contact information below\**

**Tours:** Tours begin at 1:00 pm (*see schedule for changes*)  
**Family Tours:** Family tours begin at 10:00 am (*see schedule for changes*)  
**Location:** Jefferson Memorial (south side during construction)

*Topics within each category are as varied as the rangers who lead them.*

### **On this Date in History**

*Special One-of-a-Kind Topics Only Available on These Historic Anniversaries*

Presidential assassinations, Civil War battles, the sinking of the Titanic, the Burning of Washington, birthdays and other anniversaries abound in our most in-depth and detailed tours. These one-of-a-kind tours interpret the history of our more celebrated holidays and lesser known anniversaries on the dates on which they occurred. Come learn more about these extraordinary dates in history with National Park Service Rangers.

### **Unexplored Tales of the City**

*Truth is Always More Fascinating than Fiction*

The truth surrounding the Presidents of the United States; strokes, heart attacks, depression, gout, dysentery, or worse. They're human too, but their job description often hides the truth from the public. Were you taught that George Washington cut down a cherry tree or Abraham Lincoln wrote his Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope while riding a train? The truth regarding these and other misunderstood and fictitious legends is just the beginning concerning these tours. These tours prove once and for all that *true* American history is stranger than *fictitious* American history.

### **Off the Beaten Path**

*Discover Lonely and Overlooked Landmarks*

You may have seen them on a map, driven past them hundreds of times, or even walked up to one of them out of curiosity. What are they, who do they memorialize, and, more importantly, why are they here? In a city full of colossal and iconic memorials to great men and even greater deeds, these statues, urns, and symbolic gestures of friendship and remembrance can be found all over DC, yet, their stories have gone largely untold, until now. Find out the stories of these lonely landmarks from our Rangers.

### **People of DC**

*Famous Names, Extraordinary Stories*

Get to know the people behind the city. See and hear how the influential personalities of Washington, DC have affected the city, the landscape, the architecture, and the culture of the Nation's Capital over time. Presidents, First Ladies, Governors and Mayors, authors, poets, famous and infamous characters alike have helped shape the history of Washington, DC. These people have helped influence, not only the city, but the entire nation. These are their stories.

## **History of the Mall**

*Explore the History of America's Front Yard*

The history of the National Mall is as diverse and fascinating as the history of our nation itself. From George Washington's vision of the Federal City to the District of Columbia of today, how has this span of green space in the heart of the Nation's Capital been altered over time? How has this area been influenced by great natural, cultural, historical, and social events through time? Come see and hear how The National Mall has evolved into what you experience today.

## **Family Tours**

*Special Tours Designed with Families in Mind*

The National Park Service has teamed up with a local organization called *Trails for Youth* to offer these Family Friendly Tours to the general public. They are shorter in time and mileage than our normal tours and focus on a family friendly learning environment. Rangers provide a fun and interesting tours that engage the whole family in a low traffic park setting.

Family Tours are two hours in length and now begin at **10:00 am** on the following 2011 Sundays only:

April 24	August – No Family Tours
May 29	September 25
June 26	October 23
July 24	November 20

For *Trails for Youth* information visit their website: <http://www.tfkmetrodc.org/>

***This is a Family Tour.*** At least one parent/adult **MUST** be along with their child/children. All participants **MUST** have their own bike and helmet.

No reservations necessary.

## **\*Contact Information:**

Visit the National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) website for up to date information on upcoming programs: walking, jogging, and bike tours: [www.nps.gov/nama](http://www.nps.gov/nama) - [Plan Your Visit](#)

*(For some visitors the newspaper listings are easier reading, so try the following:*

<http://www.nps.gov/nama/parknews/newspaper.htm> (see "[Click Here](#)" for current issue)

Newspapers may also be picked up in the park at memorial sites and Survey Lodge.

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*Thank You and Great Riding*