

# National Cherry

## National Park Service Programs and Partner Tents



### National Cherry Blossom Festival March 27 - April 11, 2010

The National Park Service welcomes you to the 2010 National Cherry Blossom Festival! Start your visit at the Tidal Basin Welcome Area. This convenient location for services offered by the National Park Service and its partners provides visitor services, first aid, children's activities, food, souvenirs, books and more. Learn about the history of the cherry trees by attending one of the many park ranger programs throughout the park. We have something for everyone! Park rangers and volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions concerning the festival.

#### Festival Tents: Hours of Operation and Location

**Welcome and Information Tent**  
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Every Day)  
Tidal Basin Welcome Area

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Weekdays)  
Thomas Jefferson Memorial

**Food Tents**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Every Day)  
Tidal Basin Welcome Area

**Souvenirs/Bookstore Tent**  
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Every Day)  
Tidal Basin Welcome Area

**First Aid Tent**  
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Every Day)  
Tidal Basin Welcome Area

**Bloomin' Junior Ranger Tent**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)  
Tidal Basin Welcome Area

**Family Fun Zone**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Weekends)  
Thomas Jefferson Memorial

**Washington Area Bicyclists Association,  
FREE Bike Valet**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Weekends)  
Thomas Jefferson Memorial &  
Independence Avenue between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets

Note: Dates and hours of operation are subject to change.

#### Ranger Led Programs: Hours of Operation and Location

**Cherry Talks**  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. (Every Day)  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial &  
Thomas Jefferson Memorial

1 p.m., 3 p.m. (Weekends)  
Hains Point

**Lantern Walks**  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday)  
Departing from: NPS Welcome Tent at Tidal Basin  
Welcome Area, and from Monument Lodge, east  
side of Washington Monument Grounds

**Bike Tours**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Weekends)  
Thomas Jefferson Memorial

**Cherry Chit Chat Runs**  
8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Weekends except Sunday, April 11)  
Washington Monument

**Family Fun Zone**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Weekends)  
Thomas Jefferson Memorial

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**In Case of Emergency  
Call U.S. Park Police  
202-610-7500  
Lost and Found  
202-426-6849**

No two tours are ever the same! All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet, and water.

The bike tour season begins during the National Cherry Blossom Festival and continues through the last Sunday of November: Saturday, March 27 - Sunday, November 28, 2010.

#### Cherry Chit-Chat Runs

If you are interested in a more fast-paced exploration of the National Mall and the cherry blossoms, join park rangers for one of our Cherry Chit-Chat Runs. It's a great way to get your daily exercise and see the park from the perspective of morning's first light. The tour is comprised of a morning run around the National Mall with stops to highlight the history, beauty, and culture of the cherry blossoms. While the exact routes and stops along the tour may vary by day, please be prepared for a distance of up to

three miles at a good running pace. Also, remember to dress appropriately and bring water.

#### Family Fun Zone

New this year for the 2010 National Cherry Blossom Festival is the Family Fun Zone. Come join park rangers at the Family Fun Zone and enjoy fun and educational activities in the shadow of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

This year kids of all ages can learn to write Japanese words and letters. You can also learn and explore the trees of this park and others. While we have cherry trees all around us, other national parks have beautiful trees too! Also, don't forget to leave your mark at the festival. We'll have a new art station where you can draw and create your own expression of the cherry blossoms!

The Family Fun Zone is located in the big white tent at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

#### Bloomin' Junior Ranger Activities

Want to learn about the cherry blossoms? Join park rangers at the Bloomin' Junior Ranger Tent for hands-on activities include games, projects, and puzzles that teach children about the Japanese cherry trees, the country from which they came, and the national park that cares for them. Take part and earn a special Junior Ranger badge! The program is aimed at children between the ages of 6-12.

#### Cherry Talks

Ever wonder how and why the Japanese flowering cherry trees came to Washington, D.C.? Are you curious about the many varieties of trees? Then join park rangers for free programs to learn about the cultural and natural history of these natural treasures.

#### Lantern Walks

Want to see the cherry blossoms by a new light? How about at night? Join park rangers

every Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday during the National Cherry Blossom Festival to learn more about the cherry trees. Guided by the light of festive lanterns, rangers will guide you on a walk around the Tidal Basin.

#### Bike Tours

If you want to enjoy the warm weather and experience the famous cherry blossoms without all the traffic, you'll love our ranger led bike tours! Join park rangers for guided bike tours of the Nation's Capital.



# Blossom Festival

## Frequently Asked Questions About the Festival

### What is the Tidal Basin Welcome Area?

This central location provides information, services, and activities for the 2010 National Cherry Blossom Festival. Most services in the Welcome Area are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Where can I find information once I arrive in the park?

You can obtain information, maps, and publications at the Tidal Basin Welcome Area, the Survey Lodge Ranger Station, or any of the monuments or memorials.

### Is there anything to eat around here?

You can find food at the Tidal Basin Welcome Area and concession stands throughout the park. Most of the major Smithsonian museums have cafés as well.

### Where and when are the fireworks?

The fireworks will take place at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 3 along the Southwest Waterfront along Maine Avenue. The Prelude to the fireworks will start at 5:00 pm.

### Where and when is the parade?

The National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade will take place from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, April 10. The parade route runs along Constitution Avenue starting at 7th Street and ending at 17th Street, NW.

### What is going on at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial and the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial?

As you approach the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, you will see evidence of a long-term construction project. The park has begun the process to rebuild the seawall that separates the Tidal Basin from the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

Construction for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial has also begun near the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. As a result of these ongoing construction projects, there are a few temporary closures in both

locations. Currently, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Plaza and the eastern walkways around the Thomas Jefferson Memorial are closed. The memorial itself remains open.

### Where is the performance stage this year?

Because of ongoing construction around the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the Performance Stage has been relocated to the Sylvan Theatre on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

### What is the free bike valet?

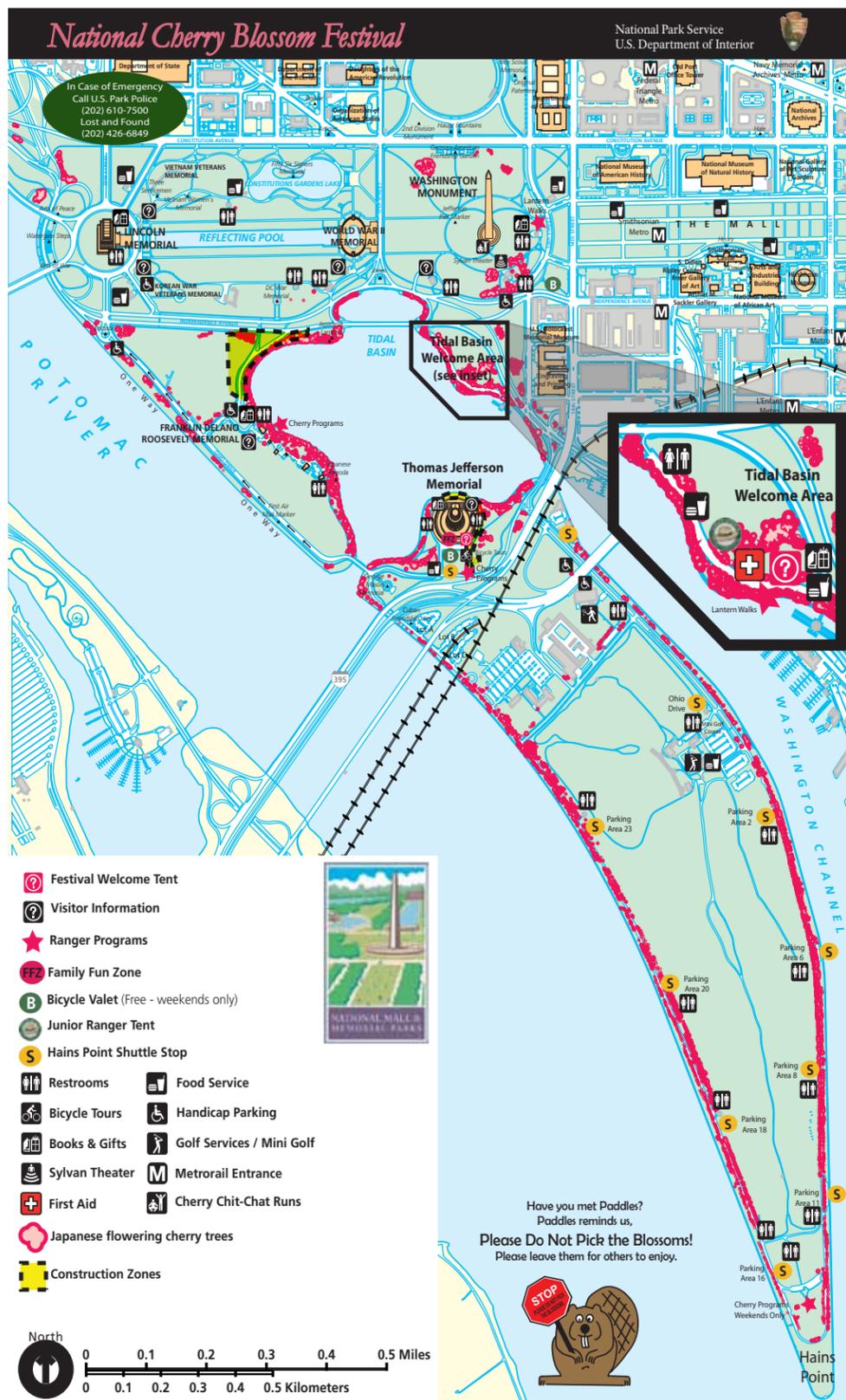
This free service allows you to spend more time experiencing the attractions of the National Cherry Blossom Festival and less time in traffic. Bring your whole family and take advantage of the free valet bicycle parking that will be offered during the weekends. Brought to you by The Washington Area Bicyclist Association in partnership with the National Park Service.

### Is there a free shuttle bus?

Yes, you can park in the middle of the cherry blossoms along East Potomac Park and enjoy free shuttle service from the Hains Point parking areas to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Shuttles run at 20 to 30 minute intervals.

### Hours of Operation:

Daily 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
March 27 - April 11  
The shuttle is FREE



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