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## Press Release

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### National Park Service, Trust for the National Mall to Host Three Public Walking Tours regarding National Mall Plan

Washington, D.C. – The National Park Service (NPS) is continuing to seek the public’s input regarding planning efforts that will help to determine the future of the National Mall. The Trust for the National Mall (TNM) and NPS will host three, two- hour public walking tours designed to provide an opportunity for the public to view, dialogue, and explore proposals for the National Mall Plan. NPS staff will be available during the walking tours, and will provide opportunities for questions and answers.

There will be three separate tours: the Mall and Union Square Tour, Constitution Gardens and D.C. War Memorial/Ash Woods Tour and; the Washington Monument grounds and Tidal Basin Tour. The walking tours are FREE and open to the public.

The three public walking tours will be held:

- **Thursday, May, 7, 2009, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** - the Mall and Union Square;
- **Friday, May 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon-** for Constitution Gardens and D.C. War Memorial/Ash Woods ;
- **Friday May 8 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** - for the Washington Monument grounds and Tidal Basin.

All tours will depart from the temporary Trust for the National Mall tent near the Smithsonian Metro Station, located at 13<sup>th</sup> and Madison Streets. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Also remember to bring water. Participants are advised to take METRO to the Smithsonian Metro Station on the Blue and Orange lines as parking is limited. A golf cart will be provided for those with difficulty walking. Call the TNM at (202) 207- 3890 to reserve a seat, as space is limited.

To date, the NPS has received more than 27,000 comments from people throughout the United States regarding planning for the future of the National Mall. Building on these recommendations, the Park Service will develop a plan that will improve the ability of the National Mall to fulfill its multiple purposes. For more information on the National Mall Plan please visit [www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan](http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan).