

# Dupont Circle in Washington DC

The Dupont Circle is a park in Washington, D.C. It is located at the intersection of Charles L'Enfant Avenue and Dupont Circle Avenue. The park is known for its large trees and historic buildings.

## History

Works for the park were marked by the construction of the Cissy Patterson Fountain. After construction by DuPont, who designed the marble fountain. The *Streetcar Turn* was the street-car

## Architecture

*The Marble* by Chester French personified the Dupont Circle. The following are the buildings in the circle:  
1. Cathedral of St. Augustine  
2. Heurich Memorial  
3. The Mansions  
4. Dupont Circle  
5. The Patterson Building  
6. Embassy of the United Kingdom  
7. Thomas Jefferson Building  
8. The Phillips Building  
9. Cosmos Club  
10. L Ron Hubbard

## Social

The park serves as a social hub for the community. People go there to enjoy the outdoors and the view of the city. Solitude is a common experience. Freshfarm Market is nearby.



## Dupont Circle

Dupont is also known as the 'gay capital' of USA. A stretch of 17th Street NW, in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, is named after Franklin E. Kaminey- a pioneering gay rights activist. The first gay bookstore in Washington, D.C., Lambda Rising, opened in Dupont. Dupont is also the starting point of an annual gay parade- Capital Pride Parade. Dupont had started becoming a center for gay people in the early 1970s, particularly along P. Street, where a number of gay bars opened. A few famous ones are Fireplace, JR's Bar and Grill, Cobalt, the FAB Lounge, Omega and Pasha Lounge. Gradually though, with an increased acceptance into mainstream life, the gay community spread out from Dupont. Dupont, though evidently gay-friendly, is today much more heterosexual.

## Dupont Circle Map

## Facts about Dupont Circle

Dupont Circle is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Washington, D.C. As explained in the Washington Times in 1919, the statue of Dupont was removed because it was 'rather awkward looking' and 'an eyesore to his relatives and friends'.

On the base of the marble fountain that replaced the statue, words describing the admiral were inscribed.

The monument stands today in Rockford Park, Delaware.

## Where is Dupont Circle?

Dupont Circle is located at the intersection of several avenues in Washington, D.C., viz, Massachusetts Avenue NW, Connecticut Avenue NW, New Hampshire Avenue NW, P Street NW, and 19th Street NW.

### **Reach by Air:**

The nearest international airport is Washington Dulles International Airport. From there it is a distance of 28.2 miles, if a visitor takes the Dulles Access Road and the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

A cab will take 40 minutes to cover the distance.

### **Reach by Rail:**

The nearest railway station is the Union Station. From there the Red Metro will take a visitor to Dupont Circle in 13 minutes.

## Best time to visit Dupont Circle

Best time to visit Washington is during spring, from February to June, and again in the month preceding Thanksgiving.

### **Dupont Circle Address**

1525 20th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

### **Dupont Circle Tickets**

Dupont Circle is a traffic circle, hence, there is no entry fees.

### **Dupont Circle Hours**

You can visit this area anytime.

### **More on Dupont Circle**

#### **What are the coordinates of DuPont Circle?**

The coordinates of Dupont Circle are 38.9096° N, 77.0434° W

#### **What are the places of interest near Dupont Circle?**

Washington Monument, Arlington Cemetery, the White House, the National Theatre, the National Archives, the Houses of Congress, the Jefferson Memorial, the Martin Luther King Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial.

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