

National Lawyers Guild 2017 Convention Washington, D.C. Guide

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Getting around D.C.

Metro and Bus Travel Tips

The D.C. Metro is probably the easiest way to travel between convention venue sites – and throughout the city more generally. The system is color coded. The red line will take you close to almost all the convention venues. To transfer to the red line from another metro line, you can use Gallery Place Chinatown Metro station to transfer from the green and yellow lines, and Metro Center to transfer from blue, orange, and silver lines.

To enter the Metro you must use a SmarTrip card that can be purchased at any metro station or [online](#). A standard costs \$2 and comes with \$8 in stored fare value for a total price of \$10. You can add value to the card at any metro station, or online.

Metro fares vary by time of day and the distance between stations. However, it is generally between \$1.75 (standard one-way fare) and \$4.00. To determine the exact cost, D.C. Metro authority, WMATA, provides an [online fare calculator](#).

D.C. also has an extensive Metrobus system. Metrobus fare for regular routes is \$2.00 using a SmarTrip card or cash. The fare for express routes is \$4.25 using a SmarTrip card or cash. Fare for seniors and people with disabilities is \$1.00 for regular routes, \$2.10 on express routes. You must have exact change.

You can access a map via [WMATA's website](#), as well as [real-time service updates](#). There are also several third-party apps that provide real-time service updates, such as BusTrackDC for Metrobus service and DC Metro Transit for Metro and Metrobus service.

Convention Venue Metro Stops

U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law
4340 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008
Van Ness Red Line Metro Stop

Washington Court Hotel
525 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
Union Station Red Line Metro Stop

Beacon Hotel
1615 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036
DuPont Circle Red Line Metro Stop

African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
Shaw-Howard University Green Line Metro Stop

Smith Public Trust
3514 12th St NE, Washington, DC 20017
Brookland Redline Metro Stop

[Directions from The Washington Court Hotel to U.D.C. School of Law \(http://bit.ly/2v3lgcQ\)](http://bit.ly/2v3lgcQ)

[Directions from U.D.C. School of Law to Beacon Hotel \(http://bit.ly/2t1G1o8\)](http://bit.ly/2t1G1o8)

[Directions from U.D.C. School of Law to African American Civil War Museum \(http://bit.ly/2vog2Ig\)](http://bit.ly/2vog2Ig)

[Directions from The Washington Court Hotel to Smith Public Trust \(http://bit.ly/2us4VyE\)](http://bit.ly/2us4VyE)

Capital Bikeshare Program

Capital Bikeshare offers single trip and 24 hour passes at docking stations throughout the District of Columbia Metropolitan Area

There are Capital Bikeshare docking stations close to all convention venues. [Please check the map for availability.](#) The third-party app, Spotcycle, also provides a map showing availability of bikes and docking stations.

The bikes come equipped with flashing lights for riding after dark. Helmets are not provided. You may want to bring your bike helmet with you.

Other Forms of Transportation

D.C. Cabs

Cabs are available when the middle “**On Duty**” roof light is on. If there are no roof lights the cab is occupied. There is also an app called D.C. Taxi that allows you to hail cabs and pay directly through the application. More information about the app is available at <https://www.dctaxi.com/>.

Uber and Lyft are also available in D.C.

Walking

Many parts of D.C. are walkable. Please keep in mind the humidity in August can be brutal in D.C. We recommend having water, sunscreen, and comfortable walking shoes.

D.C. Local Guide

Around U.D.C. Law School (Van Ness)

Coffee

Soapstone Market

4465 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.soapstonemarket.com

Neighborhood market, cafe and bar with an extensive menu of ready to eat and made to order meals and select groceries.

Bread Furst

4434 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

<http://www.breadfurst.com/>

Neighborhood bakery and coffee shop that makes and sells traditional breads and pastries, original and specialty foods, including salads and soups, macaroni and cheese, stews and spreads.

There is also a Starbucks nearby in case of emergencies.

Quick Eats and Sit-down Restaurants

Pho14

4201 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

dcpho14.com

Family-owned Vietnamese restaurant specializing in Pho, Banh Mi, and other Vietnamese dishes

Calvert Woodley Fine Wines and Spirits

4339 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.calvertwoodley.com

In addition to selling wine, spirits, the store sells cheeses and cured meats to pair with wines and operates as a small delicatessen-style counter that offers made to order sandwiches and salads.

Thai Paid

4481 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.thaipaddc.com

Neighborhood restaurant serving traditional Thai food, as well as Northern Thai regional dishes, and cocktails. Offers \$10 lunch specials.

Sfoglina

4445 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.sfoglinaadc.com

Up-scale (and expensive) Italian sit-down restaurant that offers artisan homemade pasta rolled from fresh dough, as well as antipasti and secondo entrees.

Laliguras

4221 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.laligurasindiannepalibistro.com

Traditional Indian & Nepalese dishes in a relaxed sit-down setting; great lunch

options

Sushi Para

4221 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

sushiparausa.com

Sushi Para offers fresh sashimi & sushi rolls, plus cooked Japanese fare & all-you-can-eat dinners

Italian Pizza Kitchen

4483 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.theitalianpizzakitchen.net

Mediocre pizza that offers sit-in and take-out.

Potbelly Sandwiches

4300 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.potbelly.com

Chain sandwich shop that offers sandwiches, salads, and baked goods

Subway

4401 Connecticut Ave NW A, Washington, DC 20008

order.subway.com

**There are also an array of roving food trucks that offer good food at reasonable prices and park on Connecticut Avenue near the Law School.

Around the Washington Court Hotel (Union Station)

Coffee

Ebenezers Coffee

201 F St NE, Washington, DC 20002

ebenezerscoffeehouse.com

Casual, church-owned coffeehouse featuring fair-trade coffee & tea plus live music on some evenings.

Bliss Café

201 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

Art-lined café offering coffee drinks & sandwiches, with space for seating

Sidamo Coffee and Tea

417 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002

www.sidamocoffeeandtea.com

Ethiopian coffee beans roasted in-house plus gourmet teas, breakfast, lunch & some desserts

Quick Eats and Sit-down Restaurants

The Alibi

237 2nd St NW, Washington, DC 20001

thealibidc.com

Brick-lined restaurant & tavern with hearty British & American bar food, tap beer & happy hours

Po Boy Jim

709 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002

poboyjim.com

Welcoming spot offering eclectic & classic Louisiana-style sub sandwiches & Cajun & Creole dishes (see also *Black-Owned Restaurants and Cafes*)

West Wing Café

300 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

www.westwingnj.wix.com

Popular lunch and dinner deli serving sandwiches, sushi, salad, and icecream in a sit-down environment with outdoor seating

The Dubliner Restaurant

4 F St NW, Washington, DC 20001

dublinerdc.com

D.C. Politico landmark that serves pub fare and booze

Restaurant Opportunities Center Diners Guide Approved

(Based on fair treatment of workers)

Busboys and Poets

1025 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20001 OR

2021 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.busboysandpoets.com

Restaurant, café/bar, bookstore, theater, and lounge with multiple locations in the D.C. metro area, serving breakfast, brunch, and dinner with a reputation for having good vegetarian options.

Florida Avenue Grill

1100 Florida Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009

floridaavenuegrill.com

Open since 1944, no-frills diner slinging large portions of down-home Southern classics (see also *Black-Owned Restaurants and Cafes*)

Mulebone

2121 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.mulebonedc.com

Creative Southern fare served in a funky-chic space with down-home touches & occasional live music

Black-Owned Restaurants, Cafes, and Bars

NuVegan Café

2928 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

www.nuvegancafe.com

NuVegan Café serves delicious, vegan soul food with organic and raw options, as well as smoothies, juices, and baked goods (see also *Vegetarian and Vegan Spots*)

Twins Jazz

1344 U St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.twinsjazz.com

Jazz club with range of acts & Jamaican & Ethiopian-focused fare in an arty, red-walled room

Coffy Café

3310 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20010

coffycafe.com

Chic coffee shop with a '60s theme providing sweet & savory crepes alongside specialty beverages

Askale Cafe

3629 12th St NE, Washington, DC 20017

www.askalecafe.com

Ethiopian staples & coffee doled out in a snug, homey space with a covered patio.

Coffy Café

3310 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20010

coffycafe.com

Chic coffee shop with a '60s theme providing sweet & savory crepes alongside specialty beverages

Uprising Muffin Company

1817 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

uprisingmuffins.com

Homemade muffins, coffee, sandwiches & salads served in a relaxed setting with comfy seating.

Oohh's & Aahh's

1005 U St NW, Washington, DC 20001

www.oohhsnaahhs.com

Hearty down-home soul food such as fried chicken & collard greens presented in a no-frills setting

Horace & Dickie's Seafood

809 12th St NE, Washington, DC 20002

www.horaceanddickies.com

Cozy old-school takeaway with renowned fried fish, plus chicken & soul-food side dishes

Po Boy Jim

709 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002

poboyjim.com

Welcoming spot offering eclectic & classic Louisiana-style sub sandwiches & Cajun & Creole dishes (*see also Around Washington Court Hotel*)

Vegetarian, Vegan, and Gluten free friendly spots

Thip Khao

3462 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20010

www.thipkhao.com

Sleek & modern eatery showcases spicy Laotian dishes & classic cocktails with an exotic twist

Evolve Vegan

341 Cedar St NW, Washington, DC 20012

evolveveganrestaurant.com

Cafeteria-style eatery offering vegan versions of soul food standards, plus desserts & a full bar.

Sticky Fingers Sweets & Eats

1370 Park Rd NW, Washington, DC 20010

www.stickyfingersbakery.com

Vegan bakery/cafe serving cupcakes & pastries plus salads & sandwiches in a bright, casual setting

Rise Bakery

2409 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.riseglutenfree.com

Simple, second-story townhouse bakery specializing in gluten-free & vegan sweets, cakes & breads

HipCityVeg

712 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

hipcityveg.com

Vegan takes on burgers, chicken wraps & shakes offered in a compact counter-serve setting

Shouk

655 K St NW, Washington, DC 20001

shouk.com

Middle Eastern-inspired vegan sandwiches, dips, salads & snacks in a stylish, counter serve

&pizza

705 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001 OR

1215 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

andpizza.com

Make-your own pizza place offering vegan and vegetarian options

ThreeFifty Bakery and Coffee Bar

1926 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.threefifty.com

Vegan Friendly spot offering treats such as biscotti, cookies & pound cake, plus espresso drinks & a patio

Chaia

3207 Grace St NW, Washington, DC 20007

www.chaiadc.com

Vegetarian and vegan friendly taco place in Georgetown that also serves wine and beer

Amsterdam Falafelshop

2425 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20009 OR

1830 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.falafelshop.com

Vegetarian friendly, late-night falafelshop with locations in Adams Morgan and U Street Corridor

Little Sesame

1306 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

eatlittlesesame.com

Market-fresh vegetable- & meat-topped hummus bowls served in a casual, counter-serve space, with vegan options available as well

Rasika West End

1190 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037

www.rasikarestaurant.com

Rasika

633 D St NW, Washington, DC 20004

www.rasikarestaurant.com

Vegetarian Friendly modern & traditional Indian fare served in a contemporary space with canopied turquoise booths

Cedar Restaurant

822 E St NW, Washington, DC 20004

www.cedardc.com

Vegan friendly wilderness-inspired restaurant offering contemporary takes on American cuisine

TwistedVegans at EatsDC

3607 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20010

eatsplace.com

EatsDC is an Incubator/pop-up concept featuring a rotating lineup of local chefs cooking in industrial-mod space. Twisted Vegans is a pop-up fast food vegan shop operating out of EatsDC famous for their vegan burger

Lebanese Taverna

2641 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.lebanesetaverna.com

Vegetarian friendly traditional Lebanese restaurant that also services wine in a contemporary setting.

Bindaas

3309 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

www.bindaasdc.com

Vegetarian friendly Indian snacks & light fare, plus cocktails, in a hip, urban art-inspired setting

Beefsteak

4531 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

beefsteakveggies.com

Vegetarian quick-eats specializing in flavorful veggie & grain bowls

Equinox

818 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20006

equinoxrestaurant.com

Upscale New American kitchen featuring locally sourced, seasonal dishes in modern surrounds that offers a Vegan brunch on Sundays; always has

Vegetarian friendly options

Elizabeth's Gone Raw
1341 L St NW, Washington, DC 20005
www.elizabethsgoneraw.com
Offers a chef's tasting vegan dinner on Fridays

Etete
1942 9th St NW, Washington, DC 20001
eteterestaurant.com
Snug spot with modern decor executing traditional Ethiopian dishes with lots of vegetarian options

LGBTQIA friendly bars, clubs, and dance parties

The QREW (@qrewdc) is an inclusive queer community hosting parties, happy hours, and the other events in the Washington DC area, including monthly party Out All Night Events on the 1st Friday of every month. The QREW's August party ("Life's a Beach") is on Friday, August 4th, at Smith Public Trust, 3514 12th St NE, Washington, DC 20017.

For information about planned safe space parties for the Queer Community in DC, check out The Coven, <https://www.thecovendc.com/home>
@thecovendc on Twitter

Cobalt
1639 R St NW, Washington, DC 20009
Multilevel gay club contains restaurant, lounge & dance floor, offering DJs, drag shows & more

Number Nine
1435 P St NW, Washington, DC 20005
Upscale, bi-level gay bar offers inventive cocktails on both floors & a video bar upstairs.

Town DanceBoutique
2009 8th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20001
Spacious gay nightclub with multiple dance floors on two levels, plus a plush lounge & drag shows.

Nellie's Sports Bar
900 U St NW, Washington, DC 20001
www.nelliessportsbar.com
Games on TV, drag events (bingo & brunch), poker nights & karaoke draw patrons to this casual pub.

The Rainbow History Project, an organization dedicated to collecting, preserving, and promoting an active knowledge of the history, arts, and culture relevant to sexually diverse communities in metropolitan Washington DC, provides a map of Places and Spaces of key importance to the LGBTQIA communities available at http://rainbowhistory.org/?page_id=28

Activist Spaces

Sankofa Video Books & Café
2714 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
www.sankofa.com

Activist favorite coffeeshop specializing in videos and books about people of African descent around the world

Washington Peace Center
1525 Newton St NW, Washington, DC 20010
<http://washingtonpeacecenter.org/>
2714 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
Provider a calendar of activist events at <http://washingtonpeacecenter.org/calendar/month>

Bars/Clubs/Dancing / Karaoke

Eighteenth Street
Lounge
1212 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20036
eighteenthstreetlounge.com
Converted townhouse with multiple rooms featuring different DJs, cocktails, antique sofas & candlelight inside, or an outdoor patio bar

The Passenger DC
1539 7th St NW, Washington, DC
20001
passengerdc.com
Beloved custom cocktail venue is reincarnated in rustic-chic digs with chartreuse and rum on tap

SingSing Karaoke Palace
1222 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002
singsingdc.com
Japanese-style Karaoke bar with private rooms, serving beer, wine, and liquor

Wok & Roll
604 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001
www.dcwoknroll.com
Casual spot featuring Chinese & Japanese fare, weekday happy hours & private karaoke rooms

CopyCat Co
1110 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002
www.copycatcompany.com
Hip, bi-level spot for Chinese street food & drinks, including martinis, fizzes & house concoctions.

Silo DC
919 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20001
www.silodc.com
New American eats with a French/Swiss flair pair & creative drinks in an industrial-chic space

Marvin
2007 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.marvindc.com

Homage to Marvin Gaye with downstairs dining from Belgium & the American South & upstairs roof bar with live DJs

DC's New Burgeoning Restaurant Scene

Tail Up Goat
1827 Adams Mill Rd NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.tailupgoat.com

A hip bistro serving creative Mediterranean fare & Caribbean-inspired drinks in modern surrounds

Red Hen
1822 1st St NW, Washington, DC 20001

www.theredhendc.com

Creative wood-fired Italian eats in an airy, rustic-industrial space with open kitchen & large bar.

Little Serow
1511 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

www.littleserow.com

Intimate & dark, this cavelike spot serves an innovative set menu of Northern-Thailand specialties (Does not take reservations)

Bad Saint
3226 11th St NW, Washington, DC 20010

www.badsaintdc.com

A cozy, transporting enclave specializing in Filipino dishes, cocktails & culture.

Note, Bindaas and Rasika also fit into this category

Concert venues

9:30 Club
815 V St NW, Washington, DC 20001

<http://www.930.com/>

The BlackCat
1811 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.blackcatdc.com

Rock & Roll Hotel
1353 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002

www.rockandrollhoteldc.com

U Street Music Hall
1115A U St NW, Washington, DC 20009

www.ustreetmusichall.com

Howard Theatre
620 T St NW, Washington, DC 20001
thehowardtheatre.com

Gypsy Sally's
3401 Water St NW, Washington, DC 20007
www.gypsysallys.com

Local Bookstores / Gardens

Politics & Prose
5015 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008
www.politics-prose.com

Idle Time Books
2467 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20009
idletimebooks.com

Second Story Books 2000 P St NW,
Washington, DC 20036
www.secondstorybooks.com

Capital Hill Books
657 C St SE, Washington, DC 20003
capitolhillbooks-dc.com

Upshur Street Books
827 Upshur St NW, Washington, DC 20011
upshurstreetbooks.com

Kramerbooks and Afterwards Café
1517 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036
kramers.com
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1517 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036
kramers.com

National Arboretum
3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
<http://www.usna.usda.gov/>

United States Botanic Garden
100 Maryland Ave SW, Washington, DC 20001
www.usbg.gov

Dumbarton Oaks
1703 32nd St NW, Washington, DC 20007
www.doaks.org

Franciscan Monastery Garden
1400 Quincy St NE, Washington, DC 20017
www.myfranciscan.org

Tudor Place
1644 31st St NW, Washington, DC 20007
www.tudorplace.org

Note, Rock Creek Park, which expands most of Northwest DC, has entrances nearby the U.D.C. David A Clarke School of Law

Museums & Other Sites

African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
www.afroamcivilwar.org

Newseum
555 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
www.newseum.org

Library of Congress
101 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20540
www.loc.gov

Holocaust Memorial Museum
100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl SW, Washington, DC 20024
www.ushmm.org

National Museum of the American Indian
4th St SW & Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20560
nmai.si.edu

International Spy Museum
800 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004
www.spymuseum.org

National Portrait Gallery
8th St NW & F St NW, Washington, DC 20001
www.npg.si.edu

National Museum of African American History & Culture
1400 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20560
nmaahc.si.edu

National Zoo
3001 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008
nationalzoo.si.edu

The Phillips Collection
1600 21st St NW, Washington, DC 20009
www.phillipscollection.org

National Archives Museum
Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20408
www.archives.gov

Old Post Office Museum
12th St NW, Washington, DC 20004
www.nps.gov

National Museum of Natural History
naturalhistory.si.edu
+1 202-633-1000

National Gallery of Art
6th & Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20565
www.nga.gov

Heurich House Museum
1307 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036
heurichhouse.org

Frederick Douglass Historic House
1411 W St SE, Washington, DC 20020
<https://www.nps.gov/frdo/index.htm>

Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Pl SE, Washington, DC 20020
<http://anacostia.si.edu/>

Guide to Ticket Requirements for Museum & Attractions
<https://washington.org/DC-faqs-for-visitors/which-attractions-require-tickets>