

Life Defenders Washington D. C. Bus Trip 2025

Wednesday, January 22nd - Departure

- 7:00 pm - Registration begins at Blackhawk Ministries (7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)
- 7:30 pm - Parent meeting starts
- 7:45 pm - Bus loading starts (Note: no luggage access until Thursday night)
- 8:00 pm - Bus departure
- 10:00 pm - Final rest stop before bed

Thursday, January 23rd - Sight-Seeing

- 6:00 am - Stop for breakfast outside D.C. (\$) Get water from under bus- Reload at 7:00-7:30 am
- 9 am - Drop at the L'Enfant Plaza for sightseeing time, lunch in groups (\$)
- 2:00 pm - Prayer and photo on Capitol steps (east side above Visitor's Center) with Senator Banks - NOTE: *Even if you don't want to tour the Capitol afterwards, please make your best effort to participate in the photo!*
- 2:15 pm - Tours of the Capitol begin
- 4:00 pm - Buses pick up at NW Circle; go to hotel
- 4:30 pm - Buses arrive at Hilton Arlington National Landing; pizza is delivered to rooms; downtime
- 6-7 pm - Y4Life registration begins; conference exhibits (NOTE: you must pick up your Y4Life lanyard during this time, no matter if you're a student or not)
- 7-10:00 pm - Conference (opening devotions, introductions, session #1, and social time)

Friday, January 24th - March for Life

- 6:00-7:15 (A-K last names); 7:15-8:30 (L-Z last names) - Breakfast in Virginia Ballroom at hotel
- 8:30 am - Pack and move luggage to buses
- NOTE: You will not have access to luggage until we're back home, so pack everything you need for Friday and Friday night in a backpack and take it with you.

Friday, January 24th - March for Life Cont.

- 9 am - Conference starts; session #2
- 10:15 am - Pre-march devotion
- 10:45 am - Y4Life hands out lunch snack bags
- 11:00 am - Load buses and DROP KEY CARDS AT FRONT DESK - students are responsible for dropping cards (NOTE: No luggage access for rest of trip)
- 11:15 am - Buses leave for march; drop off students at the Holocaust Museum
- 12 pm - Pre-march Rally
- 1 pm - March for Life
- 3:30 pm-4:15:pm - Head to Museum of the Bible after march and wait for bus pickup (walking route on page #4)
- 4:30 pm - Go to Fashion Centre at the Pentagon for dinner (\$)
- 6:30 pm - Load buses and head back to hotel
- 7-8 pm - Devotion and Post-March Discussion
- 8-9:00 pm - Session #3
- 9:00 pm - Get water and go to the bathroom
- 9:15 pm - Load buses
- 9:30 pm - Buses leave
- 11:00 pm - Final rest stop before bed

Saturday, January 25th - Return Home

- *** Students to call parents 1 - 1 ½ hours before anticipated arrival (or at last restroom stop)***
- 8:00 am approx. - Bus arrives at Blackhawk Ministries (7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)
- NOTE: Signs are not allowed in any government building or museum, so you will need to leave these outside if you brought them for the march and are carrying them.

My Chaperones:

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Name: _____

Phone # _____

RLNI Trip Coordinator: Phoebe Adams - 260-450-7852

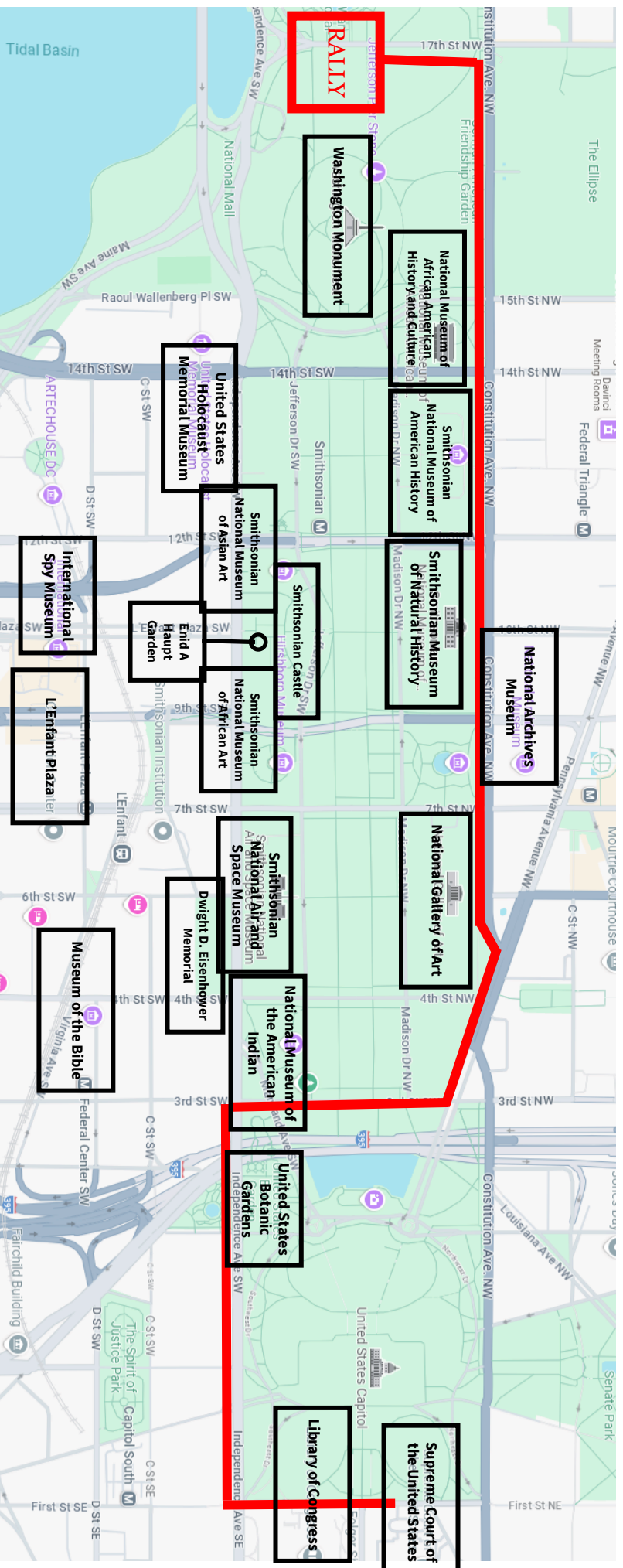
DC Attractions in Walking Distance

These sightseeing locations are all within walking distance from the place we will be dropped off (L'Enfant Plaza). A map is on the next page and can also be brought up on Google Maps by scanning the QR code. NOTE: Signs are not allowed in any government building or museum, so you will need to leave these outside if you brought them for the march and are carrying them.



NAME:	HOURS:	PRICE:	NEED TO PRE-PURCHASE TICKET:	ADVANCE PURCHASE GROUP RATES:	WALKING TIME:
International Spy Museum	10-6	~\$30	No	No	1 min
Enid A Haupt Garden	All day	Free	No	N/A	7 min
Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle)	Temp. closed	Free	No	N/A	8 min
Smithsonian National Museum of African Art	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	9 min
National Museum of Asian Art	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	11 min
Museum of the Bible	10-5	\$20-\$30	No	Yes	11 min
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum	10-5:30	Free	Yes	N/A	11 min
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial	All day	Free	No	N/A	11 min
Smithsonian Museum of Natural History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	12 min
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	10-5:30	Free	Optional	N/A	14 min
National Museum of the American Indian	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 min
Smithsonian National Museum of American History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 min
National Archives Museum	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	17 min
National Gallery of Art with Sculpture Garden	10-5	Free	No	N/A	18 min
United States Botanic Garden	10-5	Free	No	N/A	19 min
National Museum of African American History and Culture	10-5:30	Free	Yes	N/A	19 min
Washington Monument	9-5	Free	Optional	N/A	21 min

MARCH ROUTE AND MAP OF ATTRACTIONS



WASHINGTON D.C. SECURITY :

Each time we enter a government building, we will need to go through security. In order to expedite security, the following items are strictly prohibited:

- liquid, including water (in capitol)
- food or beverage of any kind, including fruit and unopened packaged food (in capitol)
- aerosol containers
- non-aerosol spray
- any pointed object (pens, pencils permitted)
- any bag larger than 18" w x 14" h x 8.5" d
- electric stun guns, martial arts weapons
- guns, replica guns, ammunition, and fireworks
- knives of any size
- mace and pepper spray
- razors and box cutters

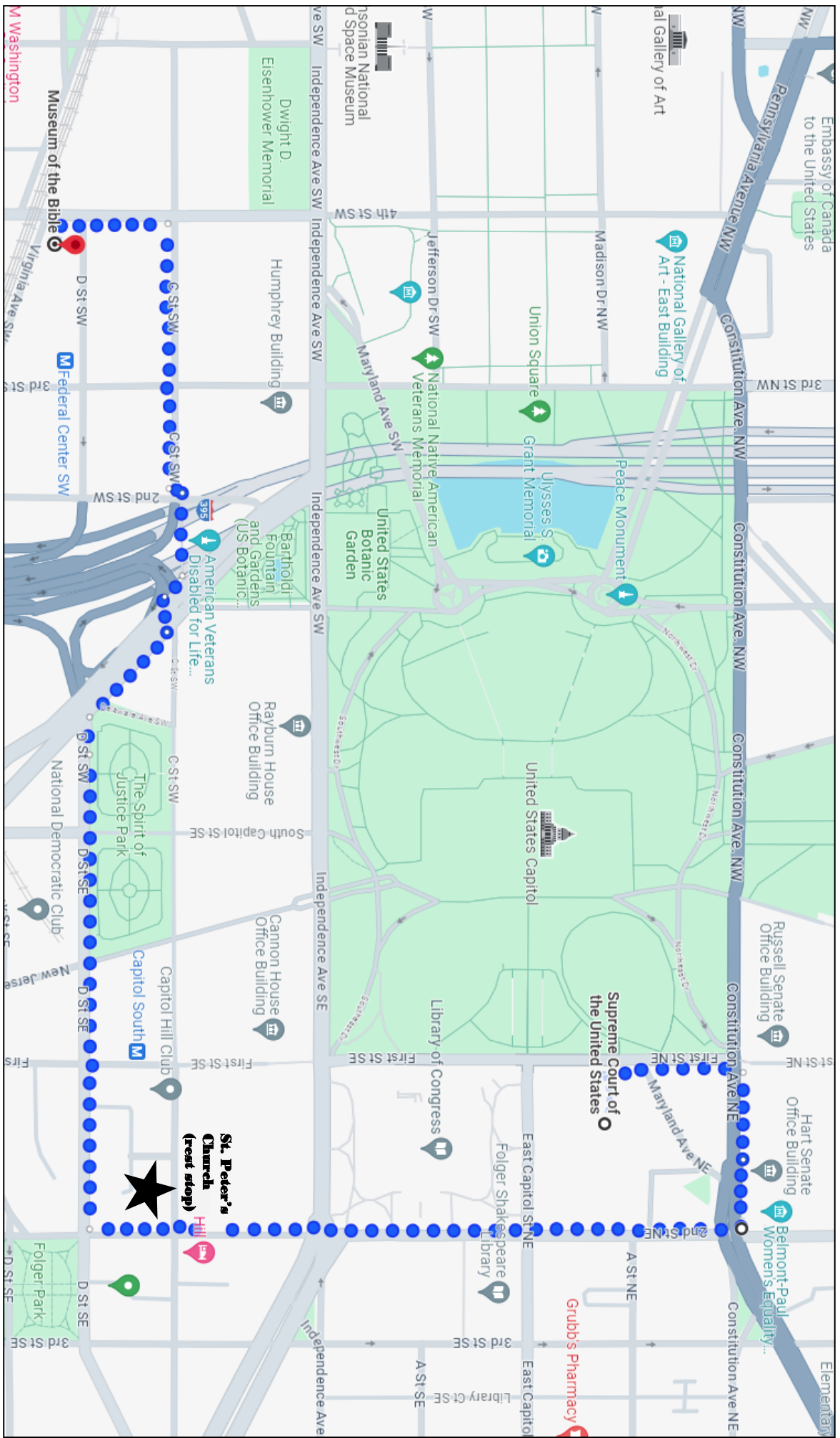
The less stuff you bring/smaller the bag you carry, the easier security will be.

NOTE: if you try to bring something in that is not allowed they will not hold it for you and will throw it away.

*Have fun,
be flexible,
don't get lost!*

If you do get lost go to
the Smithsonian "Castle,"
but don't get lost.

POST-MARCH WALKING ROUTE



To get to our loading point after the march: Head north on 1st St. NE after passing the Supreme Court on the right. Turn right onto Constitution Ave NE, then turn right onto 2nd St. NE. Follow 2nd St until you hit D St. SE; turn right onto D St. (NOTE: Before turning on D St. SE, if you need a rest stop/bathroom break, stop at St. Peter's Church on the corner of 2nd St. NE and C St. NE.) Take D St. SE to Washington Ave SW; turn right onto Washington. Take a left to cross traffic, using C St SW. If you pass the American Veterans Disabled for Life memorial on your right, you're in the correct place. Just past the memorial, continue on C St. SW. Take a left on 4th St SW until you come upon the Museum of the Bible on your left. The bus will pick us up along one of the sides of the building.