



# DC Living Guide for Fellows

*Immersing yourself in the  
greatest parts of DC*

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*The following information has been gathered from past and current Knauss fellows. DC changes quickly, so some of these suggestions may not be current. New suggestions are always welcome.*

# Favorite Restaurants

## **Founding Farmers - \$\$**

1924 Pennsylvania Ave NW., DC,  
(202) 822-8783

## **Beau Thai - \$**

3162 Mount Pleasant St NW, DC  
(202) 450-5317

## **Kapnos - \$\$**

2201 14th St NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 234-5000

## **The Coupe**

3415 11th St NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 290-3342

## **Red Rocks Brick Oven Pizza**

1036 Park Rd NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 506-1402

## **Meridian Pint - \$\$**

3400 11th St NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 588-1075

## **Smoke and Barrel - \$\$**

2471 18th St NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 319-9353

## **Pho 14**

1769 Columbia Rd NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 986-2288

## **Jyoti (Indian food) - \$\$**

2433 18th St NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 518-5892

## **Trickling Springs Creamery**

Union Market, 1309 5th St NE,  
Washington, DC

## **Georgetown Cupcakes - \$\$\$**

3301 M St NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 333-8448

## **Baked & Wired - \$**

1052 Thomas Jefferson St NW,  
Washington, DC  
(202) 333-2500

## **Zatinya - \$\$\$**

701 9th St NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 638-0800

## **Old Ebbitt Grill - \$\$**

675 15th St NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 347-4800



# Favorite Restaurants

## **Quarry house - \$**

8401 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910 - Huge beer and whiskey list, half-priced burgers on Monday, Taco Tuesday, re-live your childhood with really good tater tots. [\(301\) 587-8350](tel:3015878350)

**El Chucho** - small place with really good fancy Mexican food and awesome cocktails

3313 11th St NW, Washington DC  
[\(202\) 290-3313](tel:2022903313)

## **Ben's Chili Bowl**

1213 U St NW Washington, DC 20009 (U Street) A little bit of a tourist trap because they've been featured on every food show. [202-667-0909](tel:2026670909)

But really good food and chili. Have to get the "half-smoke" as that is the staple of this place.

## **Red Derby**

3718 14th St NW Washington, DC 20010 Looks like a hole-in-a-wall but it has been in the area for a very long time. Dive bar. Cheap drinks. Good food deals Cash-only  
[\(202\) 291-5000](tel:2022915000)

**German Bier Garten Haus**-Bavarian bar with a large heated beer garden/patio, sports on the TVs, German pub grub & beer. 1355 H Street Northeast, Washington, DC 20002  
[202\) 388-4053](tel:2023884053)

## **Busboys and Poets**

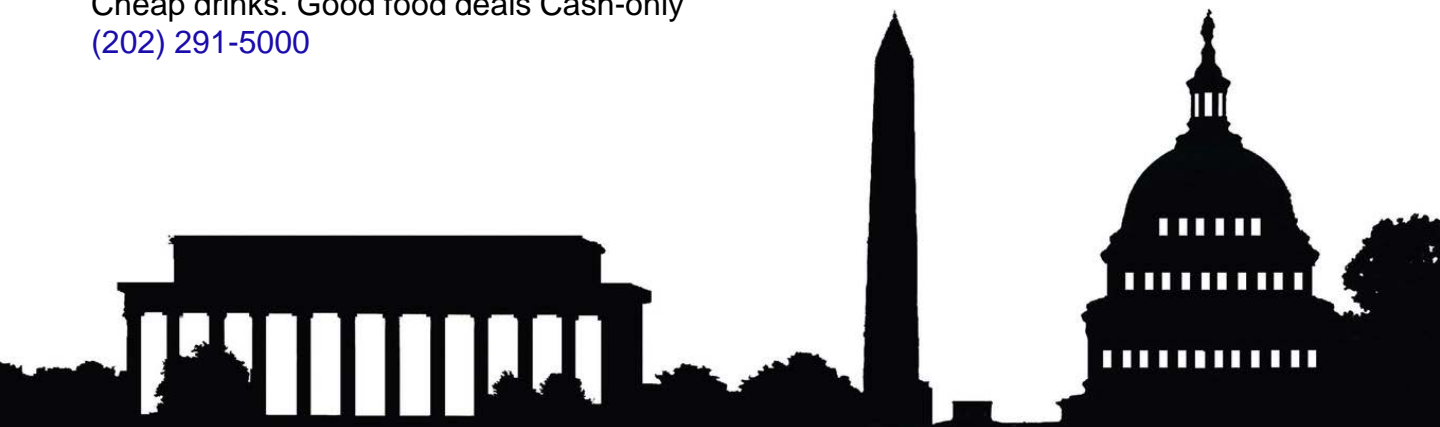
2021 14th St NW Washington, DC 20009 Near Columbia Heights and UStreet.

## **Negril - Jamaican - \$**

965 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910 [301-585-3000](tel:3015853000)

## **Neopal Savory Smokery - \$**

Union Market, 1309 5th St NE, Washington, DC  
[\(202\) 543-1864](tel:2025431864)



# Performing Arts and Music

## **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F St NW, Washington, DC 20566

[\(202\) 467-4600](tel:(202)467-4600)

## **Jazz in the Garden at National Gallery of Art**

The Sculpture Garden, 7th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20565/every Friday evening from 5:00 to 8:30 starting May 15<sup>th</sup> / [\(202\) 289-3360](tel:(202)289-3360)

## **Black Cat**

1811 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009  
[202.667.4527](tel:202.667.4527)

## **Fort Reno Park**

Chesapeake Street and Nebraska Avenue NW Washington, DC  
Weekly summer concerts outdoors with rock/punk music. [202-673-7647](tel:202-673-7647)  
<http://www.fortreno.com>

## **930 club**

[Http://930.Com](http://930.com)

[\(202\) 265-0930](tel:(202)265-0930)

815 V St. NW Washington DC

## **TOUR DE FAT: WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Yards Park 355 Water St SE, Washington, DC 20003/LATE MAY  
Tour de Fat is New Belgium Brewing's traveling celebration of all things bicycle, honoring mankind's greatest invention.

## **Wolf Trap Performing Arts Center** (you can't beat out door events in the summer!)

<http://www.wolftrap.org/>

1645 trap Rd Vienna, VA 22182

703.255.1900.

## **MADAM'S ORGAN IN ADAM'S**

Bluegrass night every wed. With a live band (free cover before 8 pm).

[Http://madamsorgan.com](http://madamsorgan.com)

[\(202\) 667-5370](tel:(202)667-5370)

2461 18th St. NW, Washington, DC



# Shopping Areas

## Gourmet foods and grocery stores:

### **Whole Foods**

A foods supermarket chain which emphasizes "natural" and organic products.

Locations in Washington, Maryland: Annapolis, Baltimore, Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Gaithersburg, Rockville, Silver Spring, Virginia: Alexandria, Arlington, Charlottesville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Glen Allen, Reston, Springfield and Vienna

<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com>

### **Trader Joe's**

Locations in MD: Bethesda, Rockville, and Towson. Locations in VA: Alexandria, Reston, Tyson's, and Bailey's Crossroads.

Unique Grocery Store with off-beat sauces, condiments, gourmet frozen foods, wines, unique breads and a great variety of soy products.

### **Calvert Woodley Market and Cheeserie**

Connecticut Ave at the Van Ness/UDC Metro Station

Additional specials on cured meats, other cheeses, and gourmet items such as mustard, coffee, and crackers, and an extensive liquor selection.

## Retail/Department Stores :

Mezza Galleria in Friendship Heights - lots of department stores, boutiques

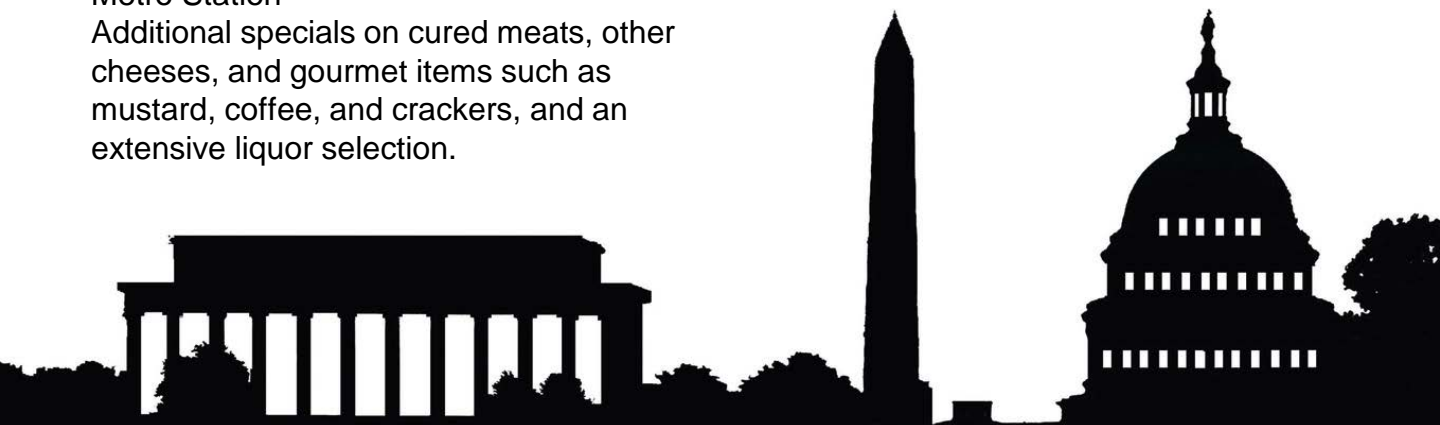
Georgetown - lots of fun boutique shops

Pentagon City Mall (take metro directly there)

Tyson's Corner in the McLean area. Most major department stores, a large variety of boutique shops, and of course, your standard Gap, Limited, Express, and Banana Republic.

Tyson's Corner Galleria - in the McLean area - not metro accessible Most major upscale department stores - Saks, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom's, lots of upscale boutique shops.

Montgomery Mall - north of Bethesda off Democracy Blvd (off Old Georgetown Road headed north)



# Pet Care

## General veterinary assistance:

<http://washingtondcveterinarianclinics.com>

## Citypaws

1823 14th Street Northwest, Washington,  
DC 20009-4425 (202) 232-7297  
U Street/African-Amer Civil War  
Memorial/Cardozo metro stop  
[citypawsdc.com](http://citypawsdc.com)

## Dupont Veterinary Clinic

2022 P Street Northwest, Washington,  
DC 20036-5914 (202) 466-2211  
Dupont Circle metro stop  
[dupontvetclinic.com](http://dupontvetclinic.com)

## Adams Morgan Animal Hospital

2112 18th Street Northwest, Washington,  
DC 20009-1817 (202) 638-7470  
Dupont Circle metro stop  
[adamsmorganah.com](http://adamsmorganah.com)

## Friendship Hospital for Animals

4105 Brandywine St. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20016  
Telephone: (202) 363-7300  
Tenleytown-AU metro stop  
**Open 24 hours, 7 days a week**  
[friendshiphospital.com](http://friendshiphospital.com)

## SouthPaws Veterinary Specialists & Emergency Center

8500 Arlington Boulevard  
Fairfax VA 22031  
(703) 752-9100

**Open 24 hours, 7 days a week**

<http://southpaws.com/>

## Dog Parks

Lincoln Park

11th St. & East Capitol St. NE  
Washington, DC 20003  
Popular from 6-9 am and 5-7 pm.

Congressional Cemetery

1801 E St. SE, Washington, DC 20003  
Open anytime. Fenced-in, safe  
environment for off-lead romps and  
training.

Marion Park

6th St. and E St. SE Washington, DC  
20003

This park, which is run by the National  
Park Service, is open from 5 a.m. to  
midnight. The area is fenced in and poop  
bags are provided.



# Adventure time!

## Get out of the City

Shenandoah National Park-

<http://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm>

Eastern Shore of Maryland-

<http://www.visitmaryland.org/places-to-go/eastern-shore> (Things to do)

Delaware beaches-

<http://www.visitdelaware.com/beaches/>  
(Top Delaware Beaches and things to do and saty)

Baltimore Inner Harbor-

<http://baltimore.org/article/baltimore-inner-harbor> (What to see and do)

Assateague Island-

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

Harpers Ferry area in West Virginia-

[http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North\\_America/United\\_States\\_of\\_America/West\\_Virginia/Harpers\\_Ferry-899590/Things\\_To\\_Do-Harpers\\_Ferry-TG-C-1.html](http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North_America/United_States_of_America/West_Virginia/Harpers_Ferry-899590/Things_To_Do-Harpers_Ferry-TG-C-1.html)

Annapolis, Catoclin -

<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/cunningham.aspx>

(State Park – website has driving directions and hours)

Great Falls National Park-

<http://www.nps.gov/grfa/index.htm> (Things about the park and planning your visit)

Gettysburg National Military Park-

<http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm> (Things about the park and planning your visit)

Manassas National Battlefield Park-

<http://www.nps.gov/mana/index.htm>

Baltimore (National Aquarium, Fort McHenry)

<http://www.aqua.org/care/conservation-initiatives/fort-mchenry>

McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine-

<http://www.nps.gov/fomc/index.htm>

Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, VA (part of Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum)-

<http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/>





# Useful Websites

<http://eg.washingtonpost.com/>

Has everything you could possibly want about the city - restaurant reviews, movie listings, news, bands, theater, its all here.

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

On Tap Magazine is a monthly publication in the DC metro area that serves as your entertainment, culture, music and nightlife expert. Perfect for the young or young at heart, we always know the hot spots to be and be seen!

[www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

Greater Washington D.C. public transportation

<http://loki.stockton.edu/~yeagerc/survive.htm>

Guide to surviving in D.C.

<http://dc.about.com>

Rachel Cooper's online guide to D.C.

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/site/default.asp>

D.C. metropolitan police department website

<http://dc.ecowomen.org/> DC Ecowomen

Awesome listserve for networking events, finding roommates, etc.

[www.MeetUp.com](http://www.MeetUp.com)

Find people that like doing the things you like to do

<http://www.hikingupward.com>

The website Hiking Upward is a great resource to find hikes, it has a really good search function and the hike descriptions are detailed and provide topo maps

<http://brightestyoungthings.com/articles/your-best-june-2.htm>

Everything that's going on in the city

[Popville.com](http://www.Popville.com)

Regular updates on neighborhood bars, restaurants, crime, etc.

[www.nbcwashington.com](http://www.nbcwashington.com)

[www.myfoxdc.com](http://www.myfoxdc.com)

[www.wusa9.com](http://www.wusa9.com)

Washington area local news

[www.visitmaryland.org](http://www.visitmaryland.org)

Maryland Office of Tourism

[www.virginia.org](http://www.virginia.org)

Virginia Office of Tourism



# Important Mobile Apps

## Uber

Cheaper than a taxi, you can get an Uber to pick you up anywhere

## DC Next Bus

Find bus routes, add favorite stops, see when the next bus is coming

## DC Metro

(Realtime rail and bus predictions and DC Metro map directly from WMATA)

## DC Rider

Metro-specific transportation, showing nearest station, next train arrival, and a map.

## My Radar

Live radar. It rains a lot in DC

## City Mapper

Webpage and App for phone  
<https://citymapper.com/dc/>

## DC Happy Hours

This free app lists popular restaurant and bars in D.C. and their current happy hour specials, deals, and prices weekly.

## Parkmobile

Use your phone and credit card to pay for street parking instead of digging for quarters.

## Spotcycle

For Capital Bikeshare – Check the availability of bikes and docks around the city.

## Going Out Guide

Dubbed the "Best guide in Washington". This app recommends events, restaurants and night-life by the Washington Post Staff. Worth the free investment if you're looking to break the norm.

## Sosh

Discover and share local activities – the app suggests fun weekly events.

## Yelp

There are so many places to eat in DC! Learn about what's new, cool, or nearby.



# Housing Comments

"I lived with two other Knauss fellows and one did the searching and found a great 3 bedroom for us. We lived in Columbia Heights, not far from the metro station. I recommend Columbia Heights, Meridian Hill area, Mt. Pleasant, parts of up and coming Petworth."

"I lived with college friends already in the area. Those fellows new to the area should avoid neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River in SE. Good neighborhoods: Columbia Heights, Mount Pleasant, U. St., 14th St., Logan Circle, Shaw, Petworth, Bloomington, Eckington, NOMA, Woodley Park, Cleveland Park, Capitol Hill, Eastern Market."

"I live and work in Silver Spring. This is the best decision I made. Not only do I have a 5 minute commute, but I also do not have to pay for the bus or metro so I have more spending money each month to hang out downtown or try out new restaurants. I found my apartment by walking around Silver Spring. I talked to a woman walking dogs on the streets and she recommended some nice places. I found my building the Sunday after placement week. I would also recommend a roommate - it makes things much more affordable."

"I live right near that Van Ness metro station on the Red Line in northwest DC. I work downtown, so the commute is easy. It's a great place to live for those who like a quieter neighborhood with great access to basic amenities (groceries, metro, dry cleaning, etc.) and Rock Creek Park. I would not recommend it for someone who is working in Silver Spring because of the commute. There aren't a lot of public transit options that go east-west across Rock Creek park. Most fellows end up living in Columbia Heights, which is a 45 - 60 minute walk, 15 minute drive (\$10 on Uber), or 45 minute metro away from my neighborhood."



# Housing Comments

I decided to find housing with another fellow after having a good connection with her during Placement Week. By double-teaming, we scouted through listservs and forums. We found a great housing living with a previous Knauss fellow and we love it! Making connections with past fellows is a huge advantage. Neighborhoods I recommend (with disclaimers):

**Silver Spring, MD:** Close to work (if you're working in Silver Spring) but it's a hike to take advantage of activities in the District like seminars, happy hours, major sightseeing, events

**Columbia Heights:** Lots of group housing with a lot of young working professionals. Many places are affordable and are close to Metro and buses to get to work either downtown or Silver Spring. Be cognizant when walking around at night

**Petworth:** Similar to Columbia Heights; however it's an up-and-coming neighborhood so you have your fair share of "characters". Just be cognizant of walking around at night

**Parkview:** (where we live!) Same as Columbia Heights and Petworth; it's walking distance to Medstar Washington Hospital Center and close to the major highway so you don't have to fight a lot of traffic if you're driving out for the weekend

**Tenleytown/Friendship Heights:** Nice neighborhood but a wealthy suburb; might be a bit hard to find affordable housing. Brick colonials and fancy Victorians; it's also a bit of a hike to Silver Spring via Metro (a large swing around on the Red Line)

**Woodley Park:** Nice neighborhood and close to the Zoo. Some housing can be expensive. It's also a bit of a hike to Silver Spring via Metro

**H Street:** Nice, up-and-coming neighborhood. Nice night life. Really close to the Hill but can be of a hike to Silver Spring

**Adams Morgan:** Great cafes and shops, and great young professional neighborhood but no Metros nearby; there are a lot of buses that run through to get to the Metros

**Dupont Circle:** Great neighborhood, nice farmers market. Lots to do and lots of night life. Some housing can be expensive. Close to downtown and a fairly quick Metro trip to Silver Spring

