



# 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. These lists are not exhaustive and DC changes quickly, so some of these suggestions may not be complete or current. New suggestions are always welcome.*

# Housing Tips

"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 Tips

"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.

Recommended neighborhoods 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:** 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

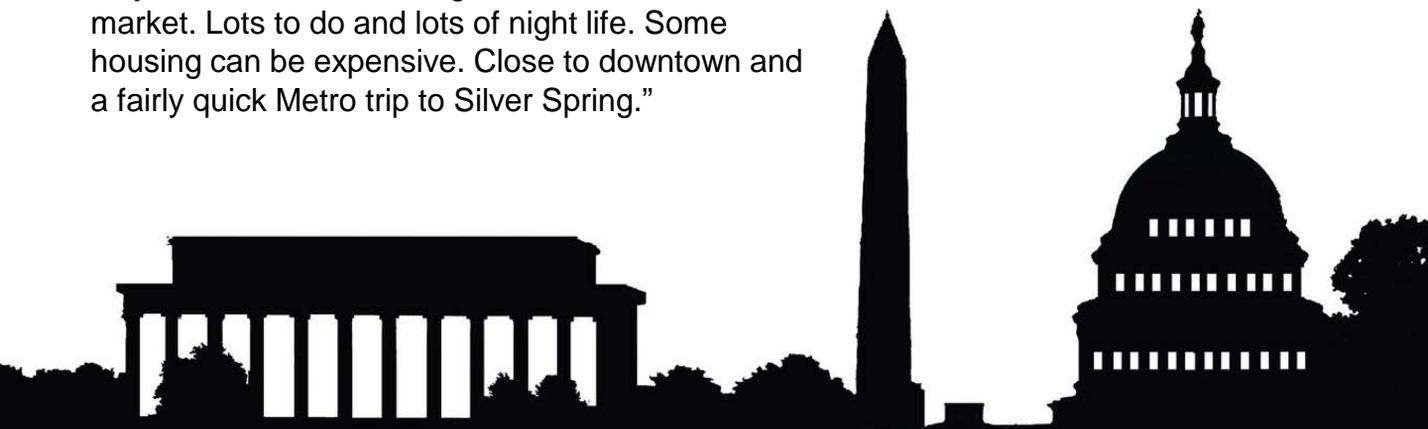
**Tenleytown/Friendship Heights:** Nice neighborhood but a wealthy suburb; might be a bit hard to find affordable housing. Brick colonials and fancy Victorians; it's also a bit of a hike to Silver Spring via Metro (a large swing around on the Red Line)

**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."



# Housing Tips

- Expect to pay at least ~\$1000 per room. Single and two bedrooms will be more per person.
- Check your commute time! Transferring metro lines adds a lot of time.
- Places to find available rentals:
  - Craigslist
  - Padmapper
  - Rent.com
- Property Management Firms (not a complete list)
  - Yarmouth (NoMa, Hill, H St) - <http://yarmouthm.com/listings/>
  - Barac (All over DC) - <http://www.thebarac.com/vaclistweb.htm>
  - Gordon James - <https://gordonjamesrealty.com/rental-management-featured-properties/>
  - Nest DC - <http://www.nest-dc.com/properties>
  - Bozzuto - <https://www.bozzuto.com/apartments-for-rent/washington-dc/>
  - Long and Foster - <http://homes.longandfoster.com/Real-Estate-Search.aspx>



# Important Mobile Apps

## **Ube/Lyft/Via**

Cheaper than a taxi, you can get an Uber/Lyft/Via 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 more than you'd like 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.

## **Capital Bikeshare**

For Capital Bikeshare – Check the availability of bikes and docks around the city. There are also dock-less bike and scooter options.

## **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.

## **Yelp**

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

## **OpenTable**

Useful way to get reservations at local restaurants



# Social Media Accounts to Follow!

## **Capital Weather Gang**

“D.C. – area and worldwide weather news from the Washington Post”

Twitter: @capitalweather

## **YelpDC**

Twitter: @yelpDC

Instagram: @yelpDC.

## **Washingtonian**

“The Twitter account Washington lives by”

Twitter: @Washingtonian

## **Brightest Young Things**

“Daily online magazine and party throwing experts dedicated to all things good in DC & NYC”

Website: [brightestyoungthings.com](http://brightestyoungthings.com)

Twitter: @BYT

Facebook: @brightestyoungthings

Instagram: @brightestyoungthings

## **DCist**

“The homepage of the District, covering the city’s news, curiosities, and culture”

Twitter: @DCist

## **Nerd Night DC**

“The original monthly event where DC nerds come to hear about science and other esoteric subjects while drinking beer”

Twitter: @NerdNiteDC



# 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

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/washington-d-c-4139664>

Online guide to D.C.

<https://mpdc.dc.gov/>

D.C. metropolitan police department website

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

DC Ecowomen - Awesome listserv 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://dc.brightestyoungthings.com/>

Everything that's going on in the city

[Popville.com](http://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

<https://dc.eater.com/>

Resource to find great places to eat



# Favorite Restaurants

## In the District

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

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

## In the District

### **El Chucho - \$**

3313 11<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC 20010  
(202) 290-3313

### **Ben's Chili Bowl - \$**

1213 U St NW Washington, DC 20009  
or 1001 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002.  
(202) 667-0909

### **Red Derby - \$**

3718 14<sup>th</sup> St NW Washington, DC 20010  
(202) 291-5000

### **Indigo - \$**

243 K St NE Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 544-4777

### **Dacha Beer Garden**

1600 7<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC 20001  
(202)-350-9888

### **Daikaya – Ramen - \$\$**

705 6<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington DC 20001  
(202) 589-1600

### **Momofuku CCDC - \$\$**

1090 I St NW, Washington DC 20001  
(202) 602-1832

### **Chercher Ethiopian Restaurant - \$**

1334 9<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington DC, 20001  
(202) 299-9703

### **German Bier Garten Haus - \$\$**

1355 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 388-4053

### **Busboys and Poets - \$\$**

2021 14<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC 20009  
or 1025 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC  
20001

### **Union Market - \$\$**

1309 5<sup>th</sup> St NE, Washington, DC 20002

### **Chaia Tacos - \$**

3207 Grace St NW, Washington, DC  
20007  
(202) 333-5222

### **Convivial - \$\$\$**

801 O St NW, Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 525-2870

### **Call Your Mother Deli**

3301 Georgia Ave NW, Washington DC  
20010  
Also at the Silver Spring Famers Market



# Favorite Restaurants

## Outside The District

### **Quarry House Tavern - \$**

8401 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD  
20910  
(301) 587-8350

### **Sushi Jin Next Door - \$\$**

8555 Fenton St, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 608-0990

### **Buena Vida - \$\$**

**TTT - \$\$**  
3324, 8407 Ramsey Ave, Silver Spring,  
MD 20910  
(301) 755-6132

### **The Baked Bear of Bethesda**

929 Rose Avenue #404, North Bethesda,  
MD 20852  
(858) 886-7433

### **Parkway Deli & Restaurant**

8317 Grubb Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 587-1427

### **Brookeville Beer Farm**

20315 Georgia Ave, Brookeville, MD  
20833  
(301) 260-1000

### **Backroom Brewery**

150 Ridgemont Rd, Middletown, VA  
22645  
(540) 869-8482

### **Bald Top Brewing Co.**

1830 Thrift Rd, Madison, VA 22727  
(540) 999-1830

### **Barrel & Crow**

487 Cordell Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814  
(240) 800-3253

### **Ghar-E-Kabab**

944 Wayne Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 587-4427



# 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

## **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

## **Black Cat**

1811 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 667-4527

## **Fort Reno Park**

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

## **930 club**

[Http://930.Com](http://930.Com)  
815 V St NW Washington DC  
(202) 265-0930

## **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**

<http://www.wolftrap.org/>  
1645 trap Rd Vienna, VA 22182  
(703) 255-1900

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

[Http://madamsorgan.com](http://madamsorgan.com)  
Bluegrass night every wed. With a live band (free cover before 8 pm).  
2461 18th St. NW, Washington, DC  
(202) 667-5370



# Gyms

## **Earth Treks Rock Climbing Gym**

1235 S Clark St, Arlington, VA 22202  
725 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852  
7125 Columbia Gateway Dr #110,  
Columbia, MD 21046

## **Pure Barre**

407 8<sup>th</sup> street SE. Washington, DC, 20003  
3308 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington,  
DC, 20016  
2130 P Street NW, Washington, DC  
20037  
4930 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, MD,  
20814  
8455 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD  
20910

## **Yoga District**

1910 14<sup>th</sup> St NW Washington, DC 20009  
3315 11<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC 20010  
1830 1<sup>st</sup> NW, Washington, DC 20001  
1635 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington,  
DC, 20009  
500 H St NE, Washington DC 20002

**Classpass** (get access to gyms across  
the DMV region)

[https://classpass.com/explore/66eEJwG3  
Pmq-washington-dc-fitness-classes](https://classpass.com/explore/66eEJwG3Pmq-washington-dc-fitness-classes)

## **CrossFit Gyms**

CrossFit Silver Spring – 2700 Garfield  
Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Petworth Fitness – 1240 Upshur St NW,  
Washington, DC 20011  
CrossFit DC – 1507 U St NW,  
Washington, DC 20009  
Old City CrossFit – 3743, 1007 H St NE,  
Washington, DC 20002

## **Kickboxing Gyms**

NuBoxx – 701 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, Washington,  
DC, 20002  
OffRoad – 905 U St NW and 637  
Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC  
9Round Silver Spring – 8403 Colesville  
Rd #170, Silver Spring, MD 20910

## **CycleBar**

1105 Delaware Ave NE, Washington, DC  
20002  
3400 Columbia Pike Suite 100, Arlington,  
VA 22204

## **NOAA Fitness Center**

1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring,  
MD 20910 (Building 3)



# 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

### **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

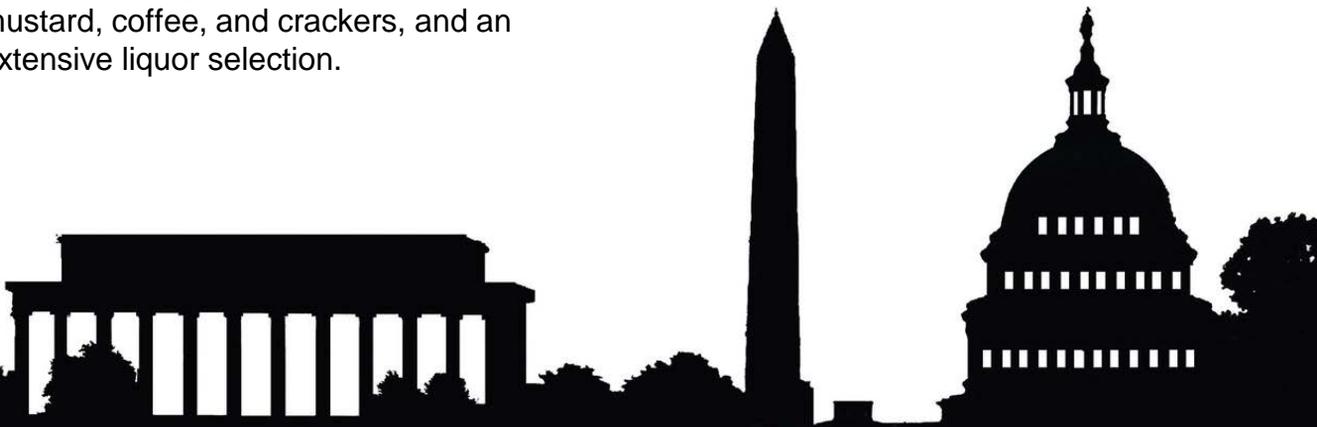
Pentagon City Mall (take metro directly there)

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)

Pike & Rose – North Bethesda, metro accessible (red line), outdoor mall space that includes an REI and LLBean



# Pet Care

## **General veterinary assistance:**

<http://washingtondcveterinarianclinics.com>

## **Citypaws**

1823 14th Street NW, Washington, DC

20009 (202) 232-7297

[citypawsdc.com](http://citypawsdc.com)

## **Dupont Veterinary Clinic**

2022 P Street NW, Washington, DC

20036 (202) 466-2211

[dupontvetclinic.com](http://dupontvetclinic.com)

## **Adams Morgan Animal Hospital**

2112 18th Street NW, Washington, DC

20009 (202) 638-7470

Dupont Circle metro stop

[adasmorganah.com](http://adasmorganah.com)

## **Friendship Hospital for Animals**

4105 Brandywine St. NW, Washington,

DC 20016 (202) 363-7300

**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**

Congressional Cemetery

1801 E St. SE, Washington, DC 20003

Columbia Heights Dog Park

1150 Park Rd NW, Washington, DC,

20010

Francis Dog Park

25<sup>th</sup> and N St, Washington, DC 20037

Gage Eckington Dog Park

286 V St NW, Washington DC 20001

Shaw Dog Park

1673 11st St NW, Washington, DC 20001

S Street Dog Park

17<sup>th</sup> and S Sts, NW, Washington, DC

20009

Ellsworth Urban Dog Park

621 Ellsworth Dr, Silver Spring, MD

20910



# 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)

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/>

