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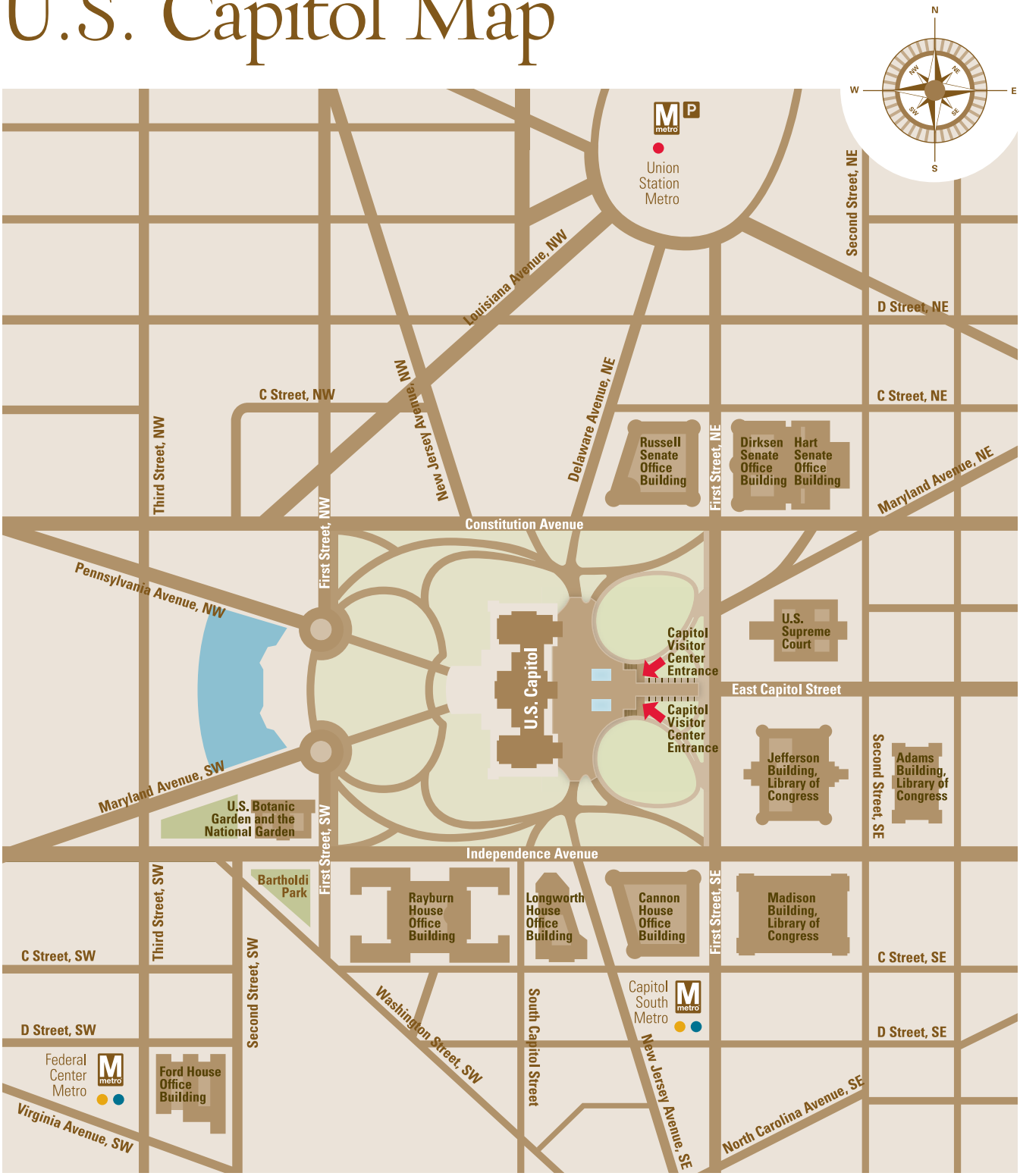

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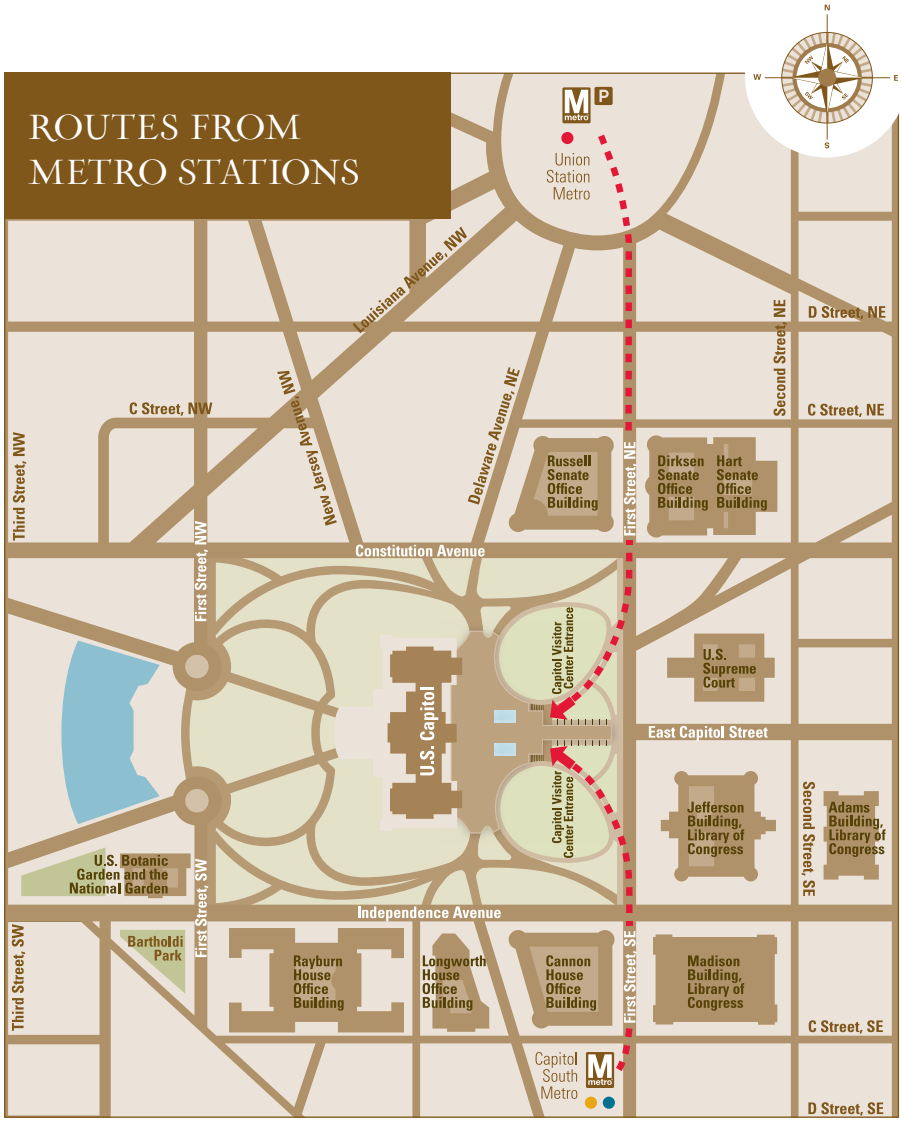

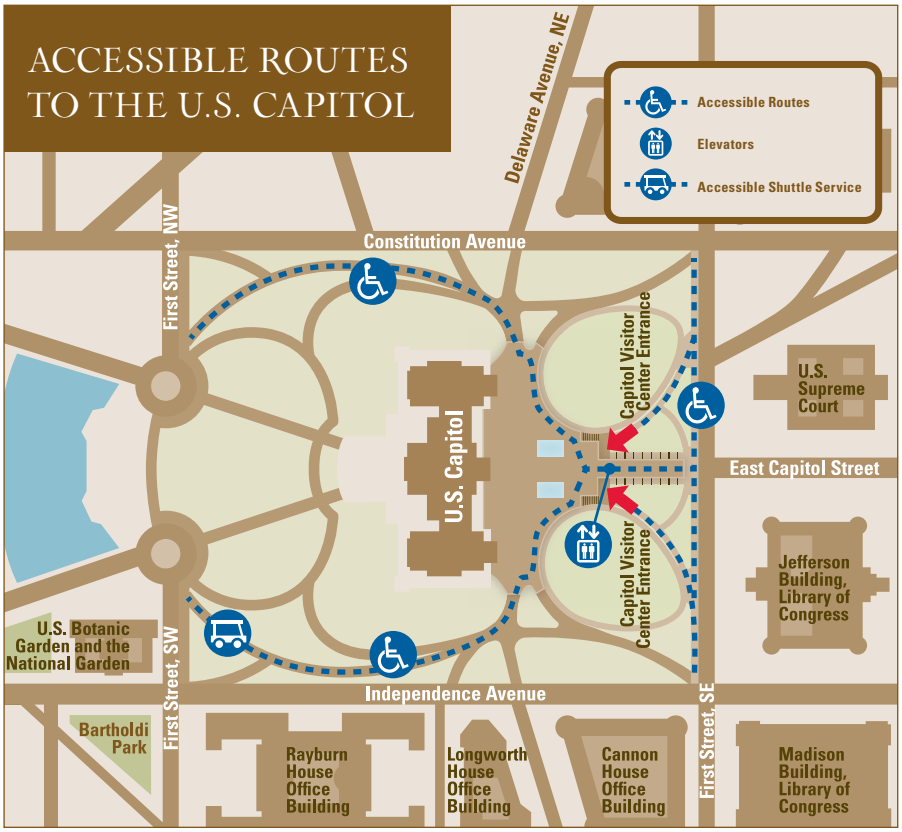

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8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday

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- Cans and bottles, full or empty
- Electric stun guns, martial arts weapons or devices
- Guns, replica guns, ammunition, and fireworks
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- Mace and pepper spray
- Non-aerosol spray (Prescriptions for medical needs are permitted.)
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