

JUNE 2019

# Tours *and* Activities

THIS MONTH AT THE  
U.S. CAPITOL  
*visitor center*

## TOURS

### Capitol Tour

**Monday through Saturday.**

Reservation holders may pick up passes at either Information Desk on the lower level. Same-day passes may be available at the South Information Desk.



### Halls of the Senate

**Monday through Friday – 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

Discover the beautifully decorated Senate corridors of the Capitol in this intimate look at the work of Italian-born artist Constantino Brumidi. This 30-minute tour visits an area not included on the Capitol Tour. It does not visit the Senate Chamber. Get a pass at the North Information Desk. Tours begin at the benches by the Slave Labor Commemorative Marker.



### Outdoor Tour of the Capitol Grounds

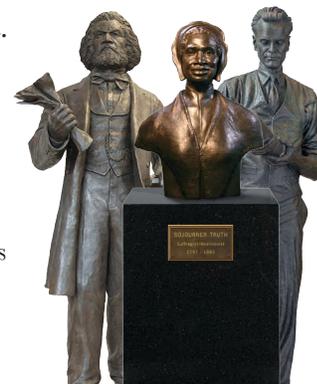
**Monday through Saturday – 1 p.m.** Explore the beautiful Capitol Grounds on this 50-minute guided walking tour. Meet outside the north entrance of the Capitol Visitor Center. No passes needed.



### Freedom Fighters in the Capitol Collection

**Monday through Friday – 1 p.m.**

Meet four ordinary Americans whose extraordinary actions changed the course of our civil rights history. This tour visits the Old Senate Chamber and Emancipation Hall. Get a pass at the North Information Desk. Tours begin at the benches by the Slave Labor Commemorative Marker.



## CREATE AND LEARN

No passes needed.

### Family Program

**June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 –**

**Thursdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

Did you know that the Capitol Grounds is an accredited arboretum? Learn more about the trees featured all around the building and then make a tree-inspired art project. Meet outside the South Gift Shop. 30 minutes.

### Stories in the Old Senate Chamber

**Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10:30 a.m.** Visit the historic chamber where senators debated legislation from 1810–1859. Learn about events that took place here. Meet at the Statue of Freedom. 30 minutes.

### What's Happening in the Chambers?

**Monday through Friday – noon.** Meet at the education cart by the Statue of Freedom.

### This Day in History

**Tuesday, June 4 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.** Votes for Women! To commemorate the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, join us throughout the day for interactive programs that explore the history of the Women's Suffrage Movement. Meet by the Jeannette Rankin statue on the lower level.

**Thursday, June 6 at 1 p.m.** To mark D-Day, visit the statue of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Rotunda and learn how a photograph taken the day before the invasion inspired the art we now see in the Capitol. Meet at the POW/MIA Chair. Limited to first 15 participants.

**Friday, June 14 at 1 p.m.** In honor of Flag Day, test your knowledge of our national flag's symbols and ceremonies. Meet at the Statue of Freedom.

**Friday, June 28 at 1 p.m.** The Declaration of Independence was presented to the Continental Congress on this day in 1776. Join us for a discussion about the Rotunda painting that portrays this significant moment in history and watch a clip of the film "John Adams." Meet at the POW/MIA Chair.



Be on the lookout for the following interactive cart programs in Emancipation Hall. Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

► **Capitol Materials Cart**

Explore materials used to build and maintain the Capitol building from masonry and wood crafting to decorative arts.

► **Who Built the Capitol Cart**

Hear stories of the many people involved in designing and building the Capitol.



► **Capitol cART**

Investigate the statues for visual clues that help tell the figures' stories.

► **Bill to Law Program**

Experience this legislative process through a collaborative, visitor-led puzzle program. Create a bill and work with others to see your idea become law.



► **Independence to Constitution Program**

Test your knowledge of the time period between American independence and the creation of the U.S. Constitution.

**What's happening on the lower level of the Capitol Visitor Center?**

**Our museum area, Exhibition Hall, is closed for renovations.** Exhibition Hall will reopen in 2021 with a beautiful, bright space and new areas for programs and hands-on activities. It will offer many opportunities for visitors to see how Congress affects their lives and how they can affect Congress. We look forward to sharing the new Exhibition Hall with you.



**UNITED STATES BOTANIC GARDEN**

**Celebrating New American Gardens through October 15, 2019**

Public gardens across America are engaging, inviting, and dynamic. Gardens are living creations, as they display seasonal changes along with a constant ebb and flow.

This exhibit celebrates American gardens created or renovated within the last five years. These gardens showcase new plant collections, create spaces for people to connect with nature, and foster sustainability. Come explore what's new in public gardens!

**ACCESSIBILITY**



Visitors may request wheelchairs from any staff wearing red vests or jackets or at one of the Coat Check stations. **A non-passport photo ID is required. Coat Check stations close at 4:15 p.m.**

All films have open captioning in English.

Brochures are available in Braille, large print and HTML formats at the Information Desks in Emancipation Hall.

Contact the **Office of Congressional Accessibility Services at 202.224.4048** (voice) or 202.224.4049 (TTY).