

Potomac Great Falls in Montgomery County

This Sunday afternoon tour will depart from the Bethesda Metro Station, located northwest on the Red Line toward Grosvenor/Shady Grove at 1:00 PM. Participants may choose to meet early at the conference hotel to ride Metro together from Gallery Place or Judiciary Square to Bethesda. All tour participants will meet at the Bethesda Metro Plaza at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Wisconsin Avenue.

Once the group is assembled, participants will board a reserved Montgomery County *Ride On* transit bus at the bus level of the Bethesda Station and travel from downtown Bethesda to Glen Echo Park, a 10 – 15 minute ride. Glen Echo Park <http://glenechopark.org/> is a partnership of Montgomery County and the National Park Service, and participants will learn about the park and how transportation was an important element of its history and operation.

At approximately 2:30 pm, the group will depart on the bus via the Clara Barton Parkway to Potomac Great Falls another 10 minute ride. The group will begin a walk along the C&O Canal at the Old Anglers Inn and through Widewater to will visit Olmstead Island to the Great Falls. After the Great Falls view, the group will continue along the C&O Canal to Great Falls Tavern and will learn about the C&O Canal Park and transportation issues in and around the area. The group will depart via the bus at approximately 4:45 pm and will return the Bethesda Metro Station via MacArthur Boulevard, which sits atop the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Washington Aqueduct <https://www.nps.gov/choh/learn/historyculture/thewashingtonaqueductsystem.htm> .

At Bethesda, participants may choose to eat dinner at one of the many nearby restaurants or may directly return to D.C. via the Metro system.

Cost: \$5.00; sign-up on conference registration website

Participants responsible for own transit to Bethesda for the start of the tour and back to DC after the tour

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