

Places of Interest, Eating Options and Gift Shops

House of Representatives Side

- ★ Longworth House Office Building—Cafeteria is located on the basement level
- ★ Cannon House Office Building—Snack Bar is located on the basement level
- ★ House of Representatives Gift Shop—located outside of the Longworth Cafeteria (next door to the staff supply shop)

Senate Side

- ★ Dirksen Senate Office Building—Cafeteria is located on the basement level
- ★ Senate Gift Shop—located outside of Dirksen Cafeteria

U.S. Capitol Visitors Center

The Capitol Visitor Center and the main entrance to the U.S. Capitol is located on the east side of the Capitol near the corner of First Street NE/SE and East Capitol Street, NE.

- ★ You can begin your Capitol experience at the Visitor Center by visiting the Exhibition Hall, perusing the Gift Shops or dining in the Restaurant. Please note that large suitcases are prohibited. The United States Capitol is a monument, a working office building, and one of the most recognizable symbols of representative democracy in the world. Visitors are welcome to enter the building through the Capitol Visitor Center, located underground on the east side of the Capitol.

Nearby Points of Interest

- ★ Library of Congress—Located across the street from the Capitol Visitor Center. The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world.
- ★ U.S. Botanical Garden—Nestled on the National Mall, on the west side of the U.S. Capitol and nearly as old as Washington, D.C., itself, the U.S. Botanic Garden is the Nation's Garden
- ★ U.S. Supreme Court—The Supreme Court offers a variety of educational programs. Exhibits, which are changed periodically, and a theater, where a film on the Supreme Court is shown, are located on the ground floor. Courtroom lectures are held every hour on the half-hour, on days that the Court is not sitting, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m.
- ★ Union Station—Shopping, Dining, History and Tourism. Union Station has welcomed people to the most important city in the world for the past 100 years. This magnificent building has even played host to 17 Presidents and countless foreign dignitaries. However, what may be most impressive is the fact that Union Station's marble floors echo with the footsteps of over 32 million people each year, making it the most visited site in all of Washington, D.C. Located about one-half mile from the Capitol at 50 Massachusetts Avenue, NE.