



***Women
Who Made
History***

*A Guide to
Women's History
Sites in
Washington, D.C.*

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Throughout the history of our nation, women have played a pivotal role in bringing about positive change to every aspect of American life. As doctors and scientists, teachers and factory workers, patriots and political activists, women have helped to build this nation and keep it strong. While their contributions to our society have been great, many of these remarkable heroines remain unsung.

Our nation's capital has a number of sites and exhibits that celebrate the achievements of American women and help secure their rightful place in our nation's narrative. We encourage all Americans to visit these sites and to honor the legacy of the women who have enriched our country throughout the decades. Only by studying the history of America's women -- their triumphs and their struggles -- can we truly understand the history of America.

Bill Clinton

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Welcome to Washington, D.C. During your stay in our nation's capital, we invite you to explore the exhibits and sites that pay tribute to the women who shaped America's history.

Historians have just begun to focus on the stories of the heroic women who worked to build a better tomorrow for all Americans. As women's stories continue to emerge, the grand monuments, exhibits and historic sites of this proud city will grow to reflect a more inclusive and complete portrait of our national heritage. Please note that exhibits are subject to change. Visitors should check for current status before beginning any tours.

Historic Sites:

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Sewall-Belmont House National

Historic Site: Suffragist and Equal Rights Amendment activist Alice Paul moved into the historic Sewall-Belmont House in 1929 and turned the

house into the headquarters for the National Woman's Party. A large collection of portraits and memorabilia of the women who led the fight for suffrage, including the desk Susan B. Anthony used to draft the 19th Amendment, is displayed throughout the house, as are flags used by suffragists who picketed the White House.

Location: 144 Constitution Avenue, NE

Metro: Orange or Blue Line to Capitol South;
Red Line to Union Station

Phone: 202-546-3989

Hours: Tues-Fri., 10am-3pm; Sat., 12-4pm

Amenities: Docent-led tours, gift shop

www.nationalparks.org/guide/parks/sewall-belmo-1727.htm

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Mary McLeod Bethune Council

House National Historic Site: Mary

McLeod Bethune was a renowned educator who founded Bethune-Cookman College, was vice president of the NAACP and was the founder of the National Council of Negro Women. As the first national headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women, the Bethune residence was a flurry of activity from 1943-1955. Today, the house holds both the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Museum and the National Archives for Black Women's History.

Location: 1318 Vermont Avenue, NE

Metro: Orange or Blue Line to Farragut
North or McPherson Square

Phone: 202-673-2402

Hours: Mon-Sat., 10am-4pm

Amenities: Children's programs, films, tours
and lectures.

www.stamponhistory.com/people/bethune.html

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Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial:

This sculpture offers its own tribute to Bethune's work as a national leader and advocate for African-Americans.

Location: Lincoln Park, 13th and East Capitol Streets, NW; Washington, D.C.

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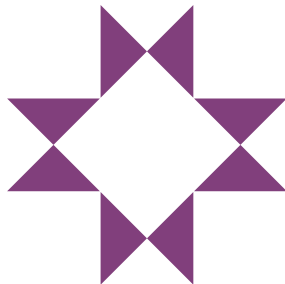
Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers

Office: Clara Barton was known as the "Angel of the Battlefield" for her efforts to organize the donation and distribution of supplies to the frontlines of Civil War battlefields.

After the war, Barton continued her efforts by assisting families searching for missing soldiers, founding the American Red Cross and working for the rights of women and African-Americans. Viewable only from the street until its scheduled opening in 2003, Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office offers rare insight into the assistance Barton provided to countless families searching for lost soldiers. The papers and artifacts discovered at this sight are a tribute to Barton's lifetime commitment to others. An enlarged replica of the original sign for the office is expected to be unveiled and viewable from the street beginning in the spring of 2000.

Location: 437-441 7th Street, NW

Metro: Red or Yellow Line to Gallery Place



Memorials:

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Women in Military Service for America Memorial:

Since the American Revolution, women have gallantly served in our nation's armed forces. The first national memorial honoring women's service in all military branches throughout our history is prominently located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. An interactive computerized register of servicewomen allows visitors to access information about women who served.

Location: Ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery

Metro: Blue Line to Arlington National Cemetery

Phone: 703-533-1155

Hours: 8am-5pm, daily

Amenities: Gift shop

www.womensmemorial.org

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Vietnam Women's Memorial:

Near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial stands a moving and dynamic statue which captures the image of three nurses in wartime. It serves as a vivid reminder of the contributions women made while serving in Vietnam. Altogether, 265,000 women served during the Vietnam War, with 11,000 women serving in Vietnam.

Location: Across from Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Constitution Gardens, 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue

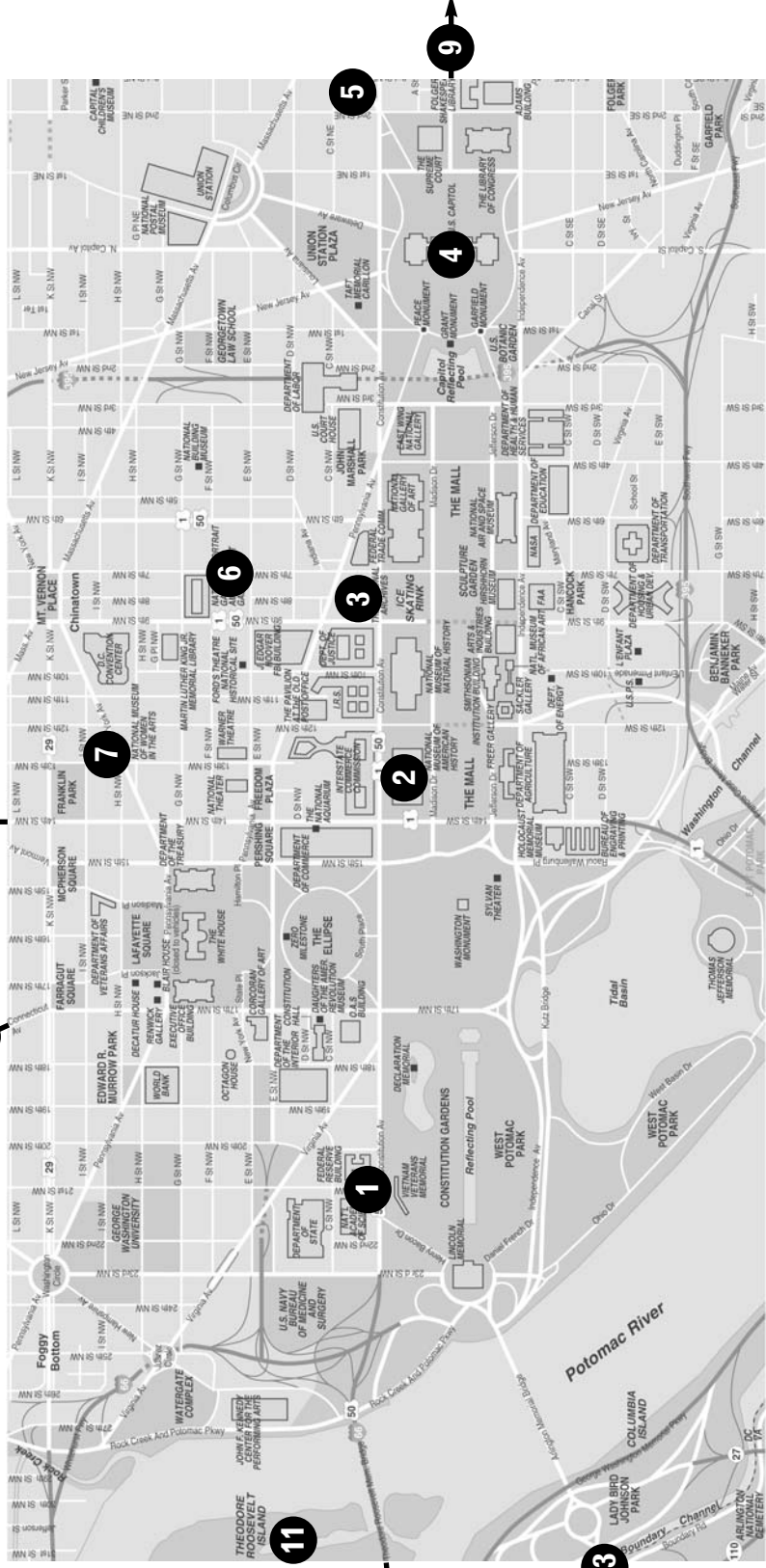
Metro: Orange or Blue Line to Foggy Bottom-GWU

Phone: 202-634-1568

Hours: 24 hours a day, daily

Amenities: Gift shop

www.glennagoodacre.com



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| 1 | Across from Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Constitution Gardens, 23rd St. and Constitution Avenue | 5 | 144 Constitution Avenue, NE | 10 | 1734 N Street, NW |
| 2 | 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW | 6 | 437 - 441 7th Street, NW | 11 | The FDR Memorial, alongside Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park |
| 3 | 700 Pennsylvania Ave., NW | 7 | 1250 New York Avenue, NW | 12 | 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA |
| 4 | The U.S. Capitol, between Independence and Constitution Avenues | 8 | 1318 Vermont Ave., NE | 13 | Ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery |
| | | 9 | Lincoln Park, 13th and East Capitol Streets, NW | 14 | Boundary Channel Exit on I-395 South |

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Eleanor Roosevelt Statue: The FDR Memorial features a statue of Eleanor Roosevelt that recognizes her not for her role as First Lady, but for her service as the United States' Representative to the United Nations.

At the United Nations, Eleanor Roosevelt was the driving force behind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document that helped set the tone for the post-Cold-War world. In her lifetime, Eleanor Roosevelt was known as First Lady of the World; and, as Adlai Stevenson said, "Eleanor Roosevelt would rather light a candle than curse the darkness, and her glow warmed the world." The dignity and eloquence of this statue pay tribute to a woman who did the best she could every day of her life to work for equality, civil rights, human rights and justice.

Location: *The FDR Memorial, alongside Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park*
Metro: *Orange or Blue Line to Smithsonian or Foggy Bottom-GWU*

Phone: *202-426-6841*
Hours: *8am-midnight, daily*
Amenities: *Bookstore*

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U.S. Capitol — Women's Suffrage Monument: Three of the leaders of the suffrage movement: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott, are represented by a marble statue in the U.S. Capitol

Rotunda. The suffrage statue was stored in the basement for years until a group of women raised the funds to move it to its present location. Additionally, the National Statuary Hall Collection also includes tributes to Jeanette Rankin of Montana, the first woman to serve in the U.S. Congress; Esther Hobart Morris of Wyoming, the nation's first woman justice of the peace; educator Florence Sabin of Colorado; civic leader Maria Sanford of Minnesota;

suffragist and temperance leader Frances Willard of Illinois; and Mother Joseph of Washington, a nun and architect who led a group of missionaries to the Pacific Northwest Territories in 1856.

Location: *The U.S. Capitol, between Independence and Constitution Avenues*
Metro: *Orange or Blue Lines to Capitol South, Red Line to Union Station*

Phone: *202-224-3121*
Hours: *9am-8pm, daily*
Amenities: *Guided tours, gift shops*
www.senate.gov/~dpc/women/suffragist.html

Museums:

National Museum of Women in the Arts:

This museum features the accomplishments of women in the arts, with a collection that includes artwork created by women from many nations and spanning different eras. The collection exists because Washington philanthropist Wilhelmina Cole Holladay and her husband began acquiring art by women in the 1960s as they noticed a dearth of art by women in museums. In addition to a permanent display of artwork from a wide variety of disciplines, the museum holds educational programs, produces publications, hosts special exhibits and supports research.

Location: *1250 New York Avenue, NW*
Metro: *Red Line to Metro Center*

Phone: *202-783-5000*
Hours: *10am-5pm, Mon-Sat.; 12-5pm, Sun.*
Amenities: *Education/Research Center, Mezzanine Café, gift shop*
www.nmwa.org

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Exhibits:

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National Museum of American

History: *From Parlor to Politics*

examines the emerging forces impacting women's lives including the organization of women's groups, the rising concern for social issues and the fight for equal rights and suffrage. *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* looks into the different ways First Ladies have chosen to fulfill the role as public hostesses, promoters of social change, political allies and cultural activists. This display contains personal and campaign items, as well as an exhibit of Inaugural gowns.

Location: 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW

Metro: Orange or Blue Lines to Smithsonian

Phone: 202-357-2700

Hours: 10am-5:30pm, daily

Amenities: Cafeteria, gift shops, audio tours
americanhistory.si.edu

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Newseum: Trailblazing women

journalists including Ida B. Wells, Nelly Bly, Margaret Bourke-White, Barbara Walters, Oprah Winfrey, and many others are recognized for their breakthroughs and contributions to the media. In nearby Freedom Park, the names of 50 women are included on a memorial to journalists, which honors those who lost their lives covering various conflicts and investigating corruption and other illegal activities.

Location: 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA

Metro: Orange Line to Rosslyn

Phone: 703-284-3544 or 888-NEWSEUM

Hours: 10am-5pm Wed.-Sun.; closed holidays

Amenities: Gift shop
www.newseum.org

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Military Women's Corridor - The

Pentagon: A corridor of the

Pentagon is devoted to the women who fought and assisted the military during our nation's wars. A replica of the Vietnam Women's Memorial, biographies and personal belongings contribute to the exhibit. Special attention is given to Dr. Mary E. Walker and Rear Admiral Grace Hopper. Walker, a Civil War battlefield surgeon, is the only woman recipient of the Medal of Honor. Among many other accomplishments, Hopper is recognized as the computer genius and mathematician who created the COBOL computer language.

Location: Boundary Channel Exit on I-395 South

Metro: Blue or Yellow Line to Pentagon

Phone: 703-695-1776

Hours: 9am-3pm, Mon.-Fri.; closed weekends and federal holidays

Amenities: Guided tours, gift shop, snack shop
Tours subject to change

www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pentagon

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General Federation of Women's Clubs

(GFWC): Recognized as one of the world's largest and oldest women's volunteer organizations, the GFWC works locally in an estimated 6,000 clubs throughout the United States.

The organization also operates around the globe in more than 20 countries to support the arts, promote education, work toward world peace and cultural understanding and protect natural resources. A National Historic Landmark, GFWC headquarters also houses the Women's History and Resource Center

Location: 1734 N Street, NW

Metro: Red Line to Dupont Circle

Phone: 202-347-3168

Hours: 9am-5pm, Mon.-Fri.

Amenities: Tours by appointment only
www.nurelm.com/gfwc

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National Archives and Records

Administration: History becomes interactive at the National Archives and Records Administration.

Visitors can examine firsthand the actual historical documents that trace the origins of great American social movements. Documents relating to women in American history include papers from the women's rights movement, the development of the Equal Rights Amendment and Title IX regulations. Visitors should call in advance of any visit as access to documents may require the assistance of archivists.

Location: *(Research) 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW*

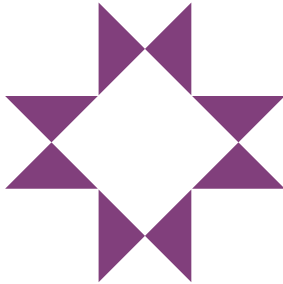
Metro: *Yellow Line to Archives-Navy Memorial*

Phone: *202-501-5205 or 202-501-5400*

Hours: *8:45am-5pm, Mon-Wed.;*

8:45-9pm, Tues., Thurs., Fri.; 8:45-4:45, Sat.

Amenities: *Gift shop, tours of research facilities by appointment only*



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