

Vermont Vacation Travel Plan and Document

Sept. 23, 2021–Oct. 17, 2021

Day 1: Atlanta, GA–Nashville, TN

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Overview and possible schedules

Note that there are two potential timelines; depending on the workday, it may be possible to leave earlier in the afternoon—and, it may not be possible to do that. The first possibility assumes a more scenic drive that will go through some nice areas of Alabama, and the second possibility assumes a straight shot to Nashville.

First possibility: scenic drive		
<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
1:15pm	1:45pm	Final packing check.
1:45pm	5:00pm	Drive to dinner in Albertville, Scottsboro, or Fayetteville.
5:00pm	5:30pm	Dinner at whatever the chosen location is.
5:30pm	8:30pm	Finish drive to Nashville.

Second possibility: straight shot		
<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
4:30pm	5:00pm	Final packing check.
5:00pm	9:30pm	Drive to Nashville, grabbing dinner along the way.

Table 1: Planned order of events and timeline.

Dinner possibilities:

1. **Local Joe's**, BBQ, Albertville, AL. *They sing the national anthem every day at 6pm.*
2. **El Sol King Pollo**, Mexican, Albertville, AL.
3. **Holy Smokes BBQ**, BBQ, Scottsboro, AL.
4. **Marvin's Family Restaurant**, Southern, Fayetteville, TN. *Piccadilly-style.*

Days 2–3: Nashville, TN

Friday, September 24, 2021–Saturday, September 25, 2021

Overview

Congratulations! You are in Nashville. It's probably best to follow the recommendations of the locals you're staying with, but if for some reason you choose not to, you could consider the following food options and activity options.

Food possibilities

- **Gojo Ethiopian**
415 W. Thompson Ln., Nashville, TN, 37211
12–7pm
Up I-65 from Brentwood; not all the way to town
 - **Arnold's Country Kitchen**, southern
605 8th Ave. S, Nashville, TN 37203
10:30am–11pm on Friday, 11am–11pm on Saturday
Pretty close to downtown, just a little south
 - **Hattie B's Hot Chicken**
112 19th Ave. S, Nashville, TN, 37203
11am–12am
Just southwest of downtown
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Activity possibilities

- **The Crag Nashville**
15115 Old Hickory Blvd Suite C, Nashville, TN 37211
Reviews say this is the friendlier gym.
They have rental shoes up to size 15 so Andrew will need a different excuse.
 - **Ugly Nathan Bedford Statue**
701D Hogan Road
Just south of Brentwood
Adequately described by the title
 - **Concrete Parthenon**
2500 West End Ave., Nashville, TN, 37232
Contains art
A full-scale replica of the original
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There aren't *that* many possibilities in Nashville. Sorry.

Day 4: Nashville, TN–Cincinnati, OH

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Overview and plan

Good morning! Today you leave Nashville and head to Cincinnati. The drive will take you through rural northern Tennessee and rural middle Kentucky. The start time shown here is only a proposal, and can be adapted as desired.

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
7:30am	8:00am	Final packing and preparation to leave Nashville.
8:00am	12:00pm	Drive from Nashville to Louisville.
12:00pm	1:00pm	Lunch in Louisville.
1:00pm	4:00pm	Drive from Louisville to Cincinnati.

Table 2: Planned order of events and timeline.

Note that the drive might be a little on the long side, but at any time you can cut back over to I-65 and speed things up.

Things to See

Along the drive, in addition to various interesting country scenes, you will also encounter the *Cordell Hull Scenic Overlook*—the route will route you directly into the parking lot. Disembark from the vehicle; observe the scenery; continue on your way. You will be overlooking the Cumberland River; here it is also called the Cordell Hull Reservoir. You may be able to see the dam.

In Kentucky, after you pass near Hodgenville, you will come close to *Abraham Lincoln’s Boyhood Home at Knob Creek*. However, don’t get too excited, because it is closed. You might be able to see it from outside; feel free to pull off into the parking lot (it’s on the left) and step out and take a look, even if you can’t go inside.

Lunch options (Louisville)

- **CASK Southern Kitchen Bar**, Southern
9980 Linn Station Rd., Louisville, KY 40223
10am–2pm
Might have a long line for brunch on a Sunday...
 - **Biscuit Belly**, biscuits
900 E Main St., Louisville, KY 40206
7:30am–3pm
 - **Syrian Grill**, Syrian/Halal/Mediterranean
3325 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40218
11am–9pm
Counter order
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(See next page for Cincinnati dinner/food options.)

Day 5: Cincinnati, OH

Monday, September 27, 2021

Overview

Your trip must certainly be off to a good start, as you have now made it to Ohio. Remember: Ohio is a four-letter word. You will spend one full workday in Cincinnati (that's today!), before leaving tomorrow. Here is information that will be useful while you are there.

Cincinnati is known for sports, having a crap ton of breweries, and, like, chili? It's alarmingly close to a number of evangelical theme parks in Kentucky. There are lots of nice areas to walk to from our AirBnB. If you wanted to, you could go bar hopping for DAYS and come back with covid. Lots of nice areas to walk to from our AirBnB like the Ohio River Trail, the Roebling Bridge, and the Over The Rhine (OTR neighborhood). You could really go bar hopping here for *days*.

Airbnb Info

'Spacious and Updated 1BR near Downtown'

721 Main Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Check in: After 3:00PM

Checkout: 11:00 AM

Self Check-in with smart lock

Parking: Free parking garage on premises—1 space

Transit: Free light rail runs right by apartment, goes most of the way south to the river and North to OTR, Findlay Market

Food possibilities

- **Findlay Market**, Farmer's Market with small restaurants
1801 Race St, Cincinnati, OH 45202
Sunday 10–4, Monday closed, Tuesday 9–6
Northern OTR neighborhood, walk or streetcar
- **Sichaun Palace**
343 Calhoun St Cincinnati, OH 45219
Sunday, Monday 11:30–9:00, Tuesday closed
Clifton Heights, 2 miles from AirBnB, small lot and neighborhood street parking
- **HARU**, Japanese / Korean
628 Vine St Cincinnati, OH 45202
Sunday closed, Monday Tuesday 11–9
Downtown, walking

- **El Taco Veloz**, Tex Mex with possible good street tacos
7 Martin Luther King Dr E Cincinnati, OH 45219
Sunday 11–9:30, Monday Tuesday 11–10
Corryville, short driving
 - **On The Rhine Eatery (above Kroger)** small foodhall
Dope! Asian Street Food: dumplings, bao buns, ramen
1883 Cafe: New American, hot sandwiches, salads, hipster shit
100 E Court Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Monday, Tuesday 11–7
 - **Coffee Emporium**
Apparently THE hipster coffee place with pastries, breakfast, lunch sandwiches
110 E Central Pkwy Cincinnati, OH 45202
6:30–4 everyday
Between Downtown and OTR, walking
 - **Blue Oven Bakery**
Apparently amazing English muffins
125 W Elder St Cincinnati, OH 45202
10–4 everyday
OTR Findlay Market, walk or transit
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Activity Possibilities

- **Ohio River Riverwalk and Roebling Suspension Bridge**
Downtown by the river, walking distance
They *probably* don't close nice places to walk on Mondays, but since freakin' everything else is closed on Mondays I guess we'll just have to see
 - **Fountain Square**
Pleasant fountain in downtown, they set up screens here for sports games
 - **Climbing Gyms:**
Climb Cincy: 10 minute drive, mostly bouldering
Climb Time Oakley: 15 minutes drive, bouldering and tall wall
3 Other climbing gyms near the intersection of 275 and 71, roughly 16 miles/20 minutes
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Day 6: Cincinnati, OH–Pittsburgh, PA

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Overview and schedule

Today the objective is to move from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh, but, the workday and its meetings must be successfully interleaved. Therefore, the schedule is slightly restrictive, but can be adapted as needed, since cell service should be readily available along the way.

Even though it is mostly a workday, there are still a couple of things to quickly see while traveling.

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
9:00am	9:30am	Ryan/Omar/Marcus weekly meeting.
10:00am	10:30am	Emily/Nadia meeting.
10:30am	10:45am	Final packing and preparation to leave Airbnb.
10:45am	12:15pm	Drive from Cincinnati to Columbus for lunch.
12:15pm	1:00pm	Lunch in Columbus.
1:00pm	1:30pm	Drive from Columbus to Delaware, OH.
1:30pm	2:15pm	Emily's team meeting; visit the Rutherford B. Hayes birthplace gas station.
2:15pm	4:00pm	Drive from Delaware, OH to Dresden, OH.
4:00pm	4:30pm	Ryan/Hung biweekly meeting. (Should be taken in one place.)
4:30pm	6:00pm	Drive from Dresden, OH to Wheeling, WV.
6:00pm	7:00pm	Dinner in Wheeling, WV.
7:00pm	8:15pm	Drive from Wheeling, WV to Pittsburgh, PA.

Table 3: Planned order of events and timeline.

Places to eat (lunch)

All of these places are in Columbus.

- **Hot Chicken Takeover**, 59 Spruce St., North Market. This is a Nashville hot chicken place.
- **Wario's Beef And Pork**, 111 W. Nationwide Blvd. There is a small red awning, and the place is small. They have Philly cheesesteaks and other things that are kind of like it. The name is pretty descriptive.
- **Los Galapagos**, 378 S. Greener Ave. These are Latin American meals, not a typical tex-mex kind of place. They have a kind of fried rice called "chaulafan" which looks interesting. Lots of beans, plantains, meat, soup, that kind of thing. This looks like a sit-down restaurant and may take a little bit longer.

Of course, any fast food place you might want to skip to is easily found in a city like Columbus.

Places to eat (dinner)

All of these places are in Wheeling, WV.

- **Later Alligator**, 2145 Market St. Sandwiches and burgers, typical American fare, leaning more towards paninis and wraps.
- **Country Roads BBQ**, 56 Carmel Rd. Closes at 7pm. The pork sandwich looks a little like Fat Matt's (i.e. don't get it), but the brisket looks good. See also the "Mountaineer Sandwich", which looks like brisket and onion rings and cheese and maybe bacon on a bun.
- **Tacoholix**, 1062 Market St. Looks like 'creative' fusion tacos with a decent number of options. Does not look mindblowing but does not look bad.
- **El Zocalo Mexican Restaurant**, 1029 Mount De Chantal Rd. You know what this place is all about based on the name.
- **Annie's Burgers & Fries**, 56 Cruzar Rd, Triadelphia, WV, 26059. This is on I-70 to the east of Wheeling (but along our route). I'm confused at how this place has good reviews, because it doesn't look good, but the reviews are quite high, so... I dunno.

Note that Wheeling also has the usual assortment of fast food. There is also a Chipotle some ways up I-70 past Triadelphia.

Things to see along the way

There are a couple places that are arguably not worth stopping for but we are planning to do anyway.

- **The Rutherford B. Hayes Birthplace Gas Station**. This is a BP on the north side of E William St., just after our route turns right. (So, it will be on the left.) There is a tablet that marks the birthplace of President Hayes. We can probably blame President Hayes for the end of Reconstruction because of his placation of southern Democrats.
- **Bicentennial Park**, Delaware, OH. This park is right off of Park Ave. in Delaware, and probably is a decent place to take the 1:30-2pm meeting that Emily has. Street parking looks like it will suffice and there seems to be a small gazebo. The route does not drive to this—you would have to choose to do it. Just turn left on Park Ave. while driving up S. Sandusky St., before you get to the gas station. It's two blocks to the west on the right.
- **Some grain silo in Granville**, Granville, OH. Sometime in 1998, this was the first grain silo Ryan ever saw, and it so happens that our route passes close by to it. It is on the south side of Granville, right on the TJ Evans trail, You should be able to pull off and park and step out of the car and observe that yes, it is indeed a grain silo.
- **Longaberger Basket Building**, Newark, OH. The name speaks for itself. Do you want a job there?

Day 7: Pittsburgh, PA

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Overview

Pittsburgh actually looks pretty freakin' cool in parts, too bad we're not gonna see most of it! We're staying in the Allegheny West neighborhood, otherwise known as Deutschtown. In this neighborhood you'll find a lot of super gross German and Hungarian food, as well as delis with a bunch of, like, corned beef. Take a walk around Allegheny Commons to experience the North Shore. Drive on over to the Lawrenceville to do cool stuff and get better food than what you can get on the North Shore.

The transit situation in Pittsburgh is mixed. The goal here is to move the car as little as possible because parking is a pain. While parking is a pain, there's also no real transit option to fall back on. The train goes from the stadiums through downtown and then way south to the burbs. Expect a mix of small parking lots and street parking.

Potential schedule

Are you enjoying working on the road yet? If not, have another day of it! The schedule below notes possible activities interleaved with meetings that are known (at the time of this writing, at least), so be careful to consider where you will be when each of these happen. Note also that Emily is **on call** today.

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
11:00am	11:30am	Order sandwiches/salads from Mayfly Market and walk to Deutschtown for picnic
11:30am	12:30pm	RelationalAI Weekly R&D Meeting (listening mainly)
12:30pm	1:00pm	Swing by Randyland folk art house and walk back to Airbnb
1:00pm	2:30pm	Mailchimp All-Hands
2:00pm	3:00pm	Ryan/Amir (relational boosting meeting)
3:00pm	3:30pm	Ryan/Molham (may be cancelled)
4:30pm	6:00pm	Bouldering at Iron City Boulders
6:00pm	7:30pm	Pinball and dinner (or vice versa) in Lawrenceville

Table 4: Suggested order of events and timeline.

As always, what's above is only a suggestion and can easily be changed on a whim.

Places to Work

- **Caffe d' Amore**
5400 Butler St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201
8-5 everyday
North side of Lawrenceville
- **Alloy 26 CoWorking in Allegheny Commons**
100 S Commons #102, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
8:30-5:30 weekdays

Food Possibilities

Southwest of the City

- **Mekong Diner**, Thai, Burmese, 4.5 stars on Yelp
1429 Potomac Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216
1–9:30 weekdays
Crofton
- **Pabellon Venezuelan**, 4.5 stars on Yelp
2957 Banksville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15216
Tues, Thurs 11:30–8, closed Wednesdays
Dormont

Deushtown and Alleghany Commons

- **Federal Galley food hall**
200 Children’s Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
11:30–9 Tues - Thurs
Alleghany Commons, long walking distance, same building as Alloy 26
- **Mayfly Market and Deli**, small organic market with nice sandwiches and salads
1327 Arch St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
8–8 weekdays
Mexican War Streets, 0.5mi from AirBnB
Slight recommendation to call ahead for order
1 Block from
- **Lots of gross German and Hungarian slop**
If you really want some sauerkraut or whatever, the neighborhood is crawling with it.

Lawrenceville

- **Caffe d’ Amore**
See info above in Places To Work
- **Ki Ramen**
4401 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
Tuesday–Saturday 11am–11pm
‘Hot Chicken Ramen’?
- **Oishii Donburi**
5227 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
Tuesday–Saturday 10:30am–9:00pm, Sunday 11:00am–9:00pm
More Japanese entrees, not just ramen; also some Korean

- **Umami** (sushi)
 - 202 38th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
 - Tuesday–Saturday, 5:00pm–11:00pm
 - Sushi and other Japanese entrees (including okonomiyaki)
 - **Condado** (tacos)
 - 4300 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
 - Every day 11:00am–11:00pm, Friday and Saturday open until midnight
 - Tex-mex style ‘build-your-own’ tacos
 - **Nanban** (empanadas)
 - 4407 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
 - Tuesday–Thursday 12:00pm–8:00pm, Friday–Saturday 12:00pm–10:00pm
 - Some recent reviews suggest staffing problems and inconsistent hours
 - Looks like a mix of Asian and Mexican? Unclear
 - **Pusadee’s Garden** (Thai)
 - 5319 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
 - 5:00pm–9:30pm Monday–Saturday, closed Sunday
 - Probably best to get a reservation
 - Reservations can be booked online: <https://pusadeesgarden.com>
 - A bit more expensive than other options
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Activity Possibilities

- **Kickback Pinball Cafe**
 - 4326 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
 - Roughly 15–20 pinball machines, a mix of 80s to now
 - 10am–11pm Tuesday–Saturday; 10am–7pm Sunday
 - Games are \$0.50–\$1.00 apiece via tokens
- **Iron City Boulders**
 - 143 51st St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
 - Day pass: \$17
 - Weekdays 11am–10pm, weekends 10am–8pm
 - Bouldering only; quite a large gym (as large as The Overlook or larger)
- **Allegheny Cemetery**
 - 4734 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
 - ‘Allegheny Cemetery is one of the largest and oldest burial grounds in Pittsburgh.’
 - Includes two reflection ponds and a wooded hillside trail
 - Could be nice to walk around

- **Point State Park**

601 Commonwealth Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Right at the confluence of the Monongahela and Allegheny

Includes Fort Duquesne, Fort Pitt Block House, and Fort Pitt Museum

Should be nice for a walk

- **Carnegie Museum of Art**

4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

10am–5pm Saturday–Monday and Wednesday; closed Tuesday; Thursday 10am–8pm

Timed tickets are required; \$20 admission

Exhibitions (selected): *Cauleen Smith: Pandemic Diaries, Extraordinary Ordinary Things, The Fabricated Landscape*

- **Andy Warhol Museum**

117 Sandusky St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212

10am–5pm Saturday–Monday and Wednesday; closed Tuesday; 10am–10pm Friday

Timed ticketing required; \$20 admission

The name of the museum kind of says what it's about

Day 8: Pittsburgh, PA–Buffalo, NY

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Overview and possible schedule

On this day, you need to wake up in Pittsburgh and travel to Buffalo. But, it is a workday, so you may need to thread in the trip between the two places carefully. The chosen route includes a couple quick overlook stops, and likely goes through a lot of areas with no service, so taking meetings from the car may be infeasible at some times. The route, as planned, will probably take roughly 6 hours of driving.

Below is a proposed timeline for the day:

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
8:30am	9:30am	Ryan/Niko 1-1.
9:30am	10:00am	Final packing and preparation to leave Pittsburgh.
10:00am	12:00pm	Drive from Pittsburgh, PA to Clarion, PA.
12:00pm	12:30pm	Get lunch in Clarion or nearby.
12:30pm	1:30pm	Optimizer integration team meeting for Ryan; should be stationary for this.
1:30pm	4:00pm	Drive through the Allegheny National Forest to Salamanca, NY.
4:00pm	5:30pm	Drive from Salamanca, NY to Buffalo, NY.

Table 5: Planned order of events and timeline.

If things are running significantly ahead of schedule, it may be possible to proceed from Clarion, PA to Warren, PA for lunch and still make the timeline. However, that is roughly a 90 minute drive, so it may not be possible. Tionesta, PA may also be a possibility, but it’s not clear that service will be good there. Tionesta is roughly 45 minutes from Clarion.

Food possibilities (lunch)

- *Clarion, PA*

Bob’s Sub & Sandwich Shop: 501 Main St. #1105. Local sandwich shop, nothing special. One reviewer reported that the mayo came out of a 10 gallon drum labeled ‘industrial’ that was from Chernobyl. This report is unsubstantiated.

Daddy’s Main Street: 513 Main St. Hot dogs, burgers. You can get it to go. Some reviewers say it’s dirty. This might add some nice flavor notes.

Michelle’s Cafe: 611 Main St. #1. Coffee shop, possibility for wireless.

Fast food: McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Taco Bell, Arby’s. (Down by the highway.) There is a Sheetz east of town on US-322.

- *Tionesta, PA*

The Hills In The Forest: 4076 PA-32, Pleanstville, PA 16341. Garbage cafeteria food that comes on paper plates. This is actually a few miles past Tionesta.

- *Warren, PA*

The Arbor Coffee House: 340 Pennsylvania Ave. W. Small coffee shop.

NY Style Deli & Pizza: 338 Pennsylvania Ave. W. Fairly generic pizza and sandwiches shop.

Hog Wild BBQ: 386 Kinzua Rd./Rt. 59. Brisket looks competent. Worth a shot if possible. Note that this is south of the river, on the way in to Warren.

Fast food: McDonald's, Wendy's, Arby's.

- *Salamanca, NY*

Corner Deli: 53 Linden Ave. Sandwiches, hot dogs, deli food. Something about 'molasses cookies'.

Clinton Restaurant: 200 Clinton St. Anything and everything!

Fast food: McDonald's, Burger King.

Things to see on the drive

The route has two planned stops.

- **Rimrock Overlook:** just after crossing the Allegheny River after going near Warren, PA, there will be a small turn off to the right (the route has this baked in). This will drive up to a small parking lot turnaround. Disembark from the vehicle and walk to the trailhead, then down the trail. Enjoy the scenic views for a period of time, and then return to the car and continue on. It may cost \$5, so keep some cash handy.
- **Eternal Flame Falls:** this is an interesting waterfall that has a natural gas leak that hikers keep lit. It's not particularly interesting. This is about halfway between Salamanca and Buffalo, and the route has the tiny turnoff baked in. There is also some hiking in the area.

Another interesting note is that Salamanca is the only U.S. city located in an Indian reservation. Specifically, it is in the Allegany Indian Reservation, which is governed by the Seneca Nation of New York. Note the many 'Nation-owned' cigarette outlets and gas stations. There is quite some dysfunction here, as the Seneca Nation owns most of the property and leases it out (in fact non-Senecas cannot buy any of the land here), and the Seneca Nation tries to avoid selling its land to Senecas, as when Senecas own the land it will be tax-exempt.

Day 9: Buffalo, NY

Friday, October 1, 2021

Overview

Welcome to Buffalo, the land of It's So Cold We Have To Drive! Home of the Buffalo Bills I guess. The 30-year average winter snowfall total in Buffalo is 94.4 inches, according to National Weather Service data. We're staying in a nice Victorian that's very easy walking distance to a coffee shop with some outdoor seating. This is the origin point of Hung and Mahmoud as we know them today in their full academic form. Clearly, if you stay in Buffalo for long enough you'll start writing query evaluators. It's up to you to determine if that's a bad thing.

There's really no transit to speak of, but driving is very possible all over the city. Expect easy parking lots or easy street parking depending on the area of town.

Potential schedule

Note the constraints here of sunset at 6:58pm and Ryan's 1-1 from 3-4.

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
7:00	8:30am	Climbing at Central Rock Gym.
8:30am	9:00am	Coffee.
9:00am	12:00am	Work at AirBnB or coffee shop.
12:00pm	1:00pm	Lunch on the road to or in Niagara Falls.
1:00pm	3:00pm	Work at SPoT Coffee Niagara Falls.
3:00pm	4:00pm	Martin + Ryan 1-1 (may be cancelled) taken from a nice place outside.
4:00pm	6:58pm	Explore Niagara Falls State Park (sunset 6:58pm)
6:58pm	9:00pm	Dinner and head back to Buffalo

Table 6: Suggested order of events and timeline.

Food Possibilities

Buffalo

- **Duff's Wings Buffalo**

"I take it back, eat Duff's Wings 3 times instead of 2" —Hung, 2021

3090 Orchard Park Drive Buffalo, NY 14224

12-10 Friday, 12-9 other weekdays

Orchard Park, pretty far SE of the city

- **Chick-Fil-A**

1753 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga, NY 14225

4942 Transit Rd, Depew, NY 14043

Dude, this place has TWO Chick-fil-as? That's basically the south!

The first one listed here has 3,597 reviews on Google (4.4 stars)

- **Pho Lantern**, Vietnamese
837 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14213
11–9 Thursday, 11–10 Friday
4 long blocks from AirBnB
- **Bread Hive Bakery and Cafe**
402 Connecticut St, Buffalo, NY 14213
8–2 Thursday - Monday
Bread, pastries, bagels, bagel sandwiches, legit sandwiches (example: brie and fig)
Probably walking distance from AirBnB
- **La Flor Bakery** Puerto Rican
544 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14201
7:30am–8pm Monday–Saturday; 7:30am–6:00pm Sunday
Walking distance from AirBnB
Entrees, sandwiches, and bakery
- **D’Avolio Kitchen**, Italian
5409 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221
10:00am–9:00pm Monday–Saturday; closed Sunday
Looks like the sandwiches might be good, or the Italian salads?
- **Roma Thai and Burmese Cuisine**, Thai and Burmese
964 Maple Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221
11:00am–9:00pm Tuesday–Saturday; 12:00pm–8:00pm Sunday; closed Monday
- **Forno Napoli Pizza and Italian Kitchen**, Italian/Neapolitan Pizza
1280 Sweet Home Rd., Ste 105, Buffalo, NY 14228
4:00pm–8:00pm Tuesday–Sunday
They also have paninis, but is that really what you want?
- **Khari’s Cafe**, Coffee
128 Fargo Ave., Buffalo, NY 14201
8:00am–4:00pm weekdays; 10:00am–4:00pm weekends
Right across the street from the Airbnb!

Niagara Falls

Note: I looked hard for good Italian here per Hung’s recommendation, and I couldn’t find it.

- **Duff’s Wings Niagara Falls**
24 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14303
Mon - Sat 11–11, Sun 12-10
Near the outlet mall, easily accessible to any route to and from Buffalo.
- **SPoT Coffee**
24 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14303
7–3 weekdays *note we’re planning on being here in the afternoon*
Across the street from Niagara Falls State Park sign.

- **The Pho Spot**

6600 Niagara Falls Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14304

11–8 Wed - Sun

- **The Griffon Gastropub**

2470 Military Rd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304

11:00am–10:00pm every day

They have a chicken and waffle sandwich; this actually looks quite good

Activity Possibilities

There are a number of things you could do in either Buffalo or Niagara Falls, but as before, typically you should be prepared to drive.

Buffalo

- **Canalside**: this is a park that front the canal that you can walk along. There are actually a number of parks like this, including also **Lasalle Park**. You can just scroll along the canal or river to see. Note that Canalside also has the **USS Little Rock**, a cruiser built at the end of the Second World War.
- **Central Rock Gym**: 55 Chicago St., Buffalo, NY 14204. This gym has bouldering and top-rope climbing, with walls up to 45 feet (some of that may be a lead wall though). Hours are 6am–10pm M/W/F, 10am–10pm T/R, and 9am–7pm weekends. Face coverings appear to be required, and a day pass will be \$25 per person.
- **Serendipity Labs**: 1 Seneca St., Buffalo, NY 14203. Coworking space, \$29/day. It's on the 29th floor, so, the views could be pretty awesome... Note that you have to reserve a seat ahead of time! It looks like there are 10 spaces overall. At the time of this writing, at least, all 10 are available.
- **Hansa Workspace**: 505 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY 14203. They call themselves 'An Elevated Office Experience', but there's only two stories in the building. You need to book a day pass online beforehand (it looks easy), on <https://www.hansaworkspace.com/day-pass/>, for \$20 apiece.

Niagara Falls

Most everything in Niagara Falls is walkable, since it's really not that large. Consider parking in the 'main city' and spending time on foot, walking down to Goat Island and other attractions.

- **Nikola Tesla Monument**: a statue of Nikola Tesla in a small park. This is on Goat Island, which will presumably be completely packed with tourists desperate to see Niagara Falls (remember, you will be one of them too).
- **Niagara Falls State Park**: there appears to be a part of the park that is on the city side, and part that is on the Goat Island side. There is a pedestrian bridge you can use to walk to and from Goat Island, so feel free to park in Niagara Falls and walk over—it's not a particularly long walk.
- **Prospect Point Observation Point**: this is likely to be the maximum density point of people. Enjoy!
- **Terrapin Point**: this is also going to be a place of significant people density. Enjoy!

Day 10: Buffalo, NY–Wellesley Island, NY

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Overview and possible schedule

There is much to see between Buffalo and Wellesley Island, but unfortunately there is only one day in which to do it. On the up side, this is a weekend, not a workday, and your vacation has now officially begun.

In short, there are two general possibilities that have been somewhat planned out:

1. Spend the day driving and seeing things on the drive, showing up on Wellesley Island later in the day.
2. Leave relatively early in order to get to Wellesley Island by midday, then go kayaking in the afternoon.

Of course, the second one of those things is weather-dependent, so if the weather looks bad, that will have to be ruled out.

Option 1: Longer drive

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
7:30am	8:00am	Final packing and preparation to leave Buffalo.
8:00am	10:00am	Drive from Buffalo to Palmyra.
10:00am	12:00pm	Visit the Sacred Grove. It opens at either 9am or 10am. <i>Note: it's tough to say how long this might take.</i>
12:00pm	12:45pm	Drive from Palmyra to Sodus Point.
12:45pm	1:15pm	Spend time at Sodus Point; walk out to the lighthouse?
1:15pm	2:15pm	Drive from Sodus Point to Syracuse.
2:15pm	3:15pm	Lunch in Syracuse.
3:15pm	5:00pm	Drive from Syracuse to Wellesley Island.

Table 7: Planned order of events and timeline.

Of course, deviating from that plan is possible and easy, given that it is not known how long it is worthwhile to spend at the Sacred Grove, and also we may choose to eat lunch earlier.

Option 2: Shorter drive, with kayaking

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
7:30am	8:00am	Final packing and preparation to leave Buffalo.
8:00am	11:00am	Drive from Buffalo to Watertown, NY.
11:00am	12:00pm	Lunch in Watertown, NY.
12:00pm	12:45pm	Drive from Watertown to Wellesley Island, NY.
12:45pm	5:00pm	Go kayaking.

Table 8: Planned order of events and timeline.

In fact, it would be possible to mix these two plans if desired.

Food possibilities (lunch)

- **Palmyra, NY**

“*Muddy Waters Cafe*”, 100 Division St. Sandwiches and paninis and chips—nothing special. Groups of Mormons are likely to be encountered, but they’ll be *really friendly and nice*.

“*Yellow Mills Diner*”, 2534 S.R. 31. Typical diner fare.

“*Happiness Garden*”. 212 E. Main St. American Chinese food. Doesn’t look bad!

- **Syracuse, NY**

“*Dinosaur Bar-B-Que*”, 246 W. Willow St. It looks like brisket will be the way to go here, and also the fried green tomatoes look good (if you’re into that kind of thing). I was surprised to see BBQ at the top of the list for Yelp, but hey, there it was.

“*Yamasho Sushi Steakhouse*”, 4713 Onondaga Blvd. Ste. 110. This might be a bit pricey, especially if you get a lot of sushi, but it looks to be pretty good.

“*Water Street Bagel*”, 239 E. Water St. Fairly generic bagel place. Closes at 2pm. The French Toast bagel looks pretty good.

- **Watertown, NY**

“*B-Hat’s Curry House*”, 1222 Arsenal St. Ste. 14. Looks like a fairly straightforward Indian place. The butter chicken is reported to be good, but I mean, do you trust some random Yelp reviewer to have good taste?

“*Vito’s Gourmet*”, 3 Public Sq. ‘Tasty, creative sandwiches’.

“*Wish Thai Kitchen*”, 1857 State St. Open from 11am-3pm on Saturday. This might need to be ordered online or to-go.

Food possibilities (dinner)

Note also you could consider going back to Watertown from Wellesley Island, which is roughly 45 minutes. That might be further than desired though.

- **Clayton, NY**

“*Bottomless Pit BBQ*”, 955 State St. There are not many details available about this place, and it’s not clear if it will even be open.

“*Tricia’s Rondette*”, 40685 S.R. 12. This is a cash-only restaurant that appears to serve generic American food. Open until 8pm.

- **Alexandria Bay, NY**

“*Fin’s Eatery and Pub*”, 43691 S.R. 12. Generic American food, though perhaps slightly more adventurous than your typical place. Apparently there is an aquarium here too.

“*Josie’s Pizza At The Bay*”, 19 Church St. It’s pizza and it comes on a paper plate. It’s not clear if this place will be open.

- **Thousand Island Park, NY**

“*The Guzzle*”, 42205 Rainbow St. E. Expect outrageous prices and mediocre food.

- **Other (not really in a town)**

“*JK’s Roadhouse*”, 24818 S.R. 26, Redwood, NY 13679. Open until 8pm. Generic American food.

Note that the entire Thousand Island area is a fast food desert—if things are falling through and you just want something quick, you’re gonna have to take a risk!

Things to see and do on the drive

- Be sure to take a picture of the Davis CS building for Mahmoud (and maybe Hung too). Significant portions of both’s lives were spent there. Try not to think about the amount of your life you spent in the Klaus building. (You failed, didn’t you?)
- Make sure to send Shannon a picture of her place. The route drives by it. The specific address is 42 S. Washington St., Apt. 204, Rochester, NY, 14608.
- The Sacred Grove appears to be open for tours, but you’ll have to figure it out when you get there. There is also the Smith Family Farm Museum, but the website and internet in general are spotty about information. The museum appears to open at 9am, and the grove at 10am, and it appears to be a self-guided tour.
- It might be worth modifying the route slightly to drive by the ‘Upside-Down Traffic Light’ in Syracuse, located at Tompkins St. and Milton Avenue. It’s not clear quite why, but local Irish residents interpreted the traffic light that had been installed (with red over green, as is the usual) as implying that Britain had a higher value than Ireland and it was thus vandalized, over and over and over again. Then someone finally decided in 1928, three years after the original installation, that it should simply be turned upside down. There was some minor controversy and the wheels of bureaucracy turned, but 100 years later, the light is still in the same configuration.
- Renting a kayak can be done at a place in Thousand Island Park called *Boomerang Bike & Kayak Rentals* (<https://boomerangbikeandkayakrental.com>). It’s not clear if the first day of October will be the on-season or the off-season, so call ahead and find out: 315-525-3172. Expect to pay something between \$70-\$120 for everything that’s needed for two kayak rentals.

Day 11: Wellesley Island, NY–Tunbridge, VT

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Overview and Tentative Timetable

Today’s drive is 306 miles, 6hr 44min with no stops. While the timeline here is tentative and quite flexible, it’s strongly suggested that we get started early. I’ve based times here on a 6:30am departure, which means we’ll see the sunrise on the first part of our drive out of Wellesley Island.

I’ve included a lot of food options along the way so we can easily be flexible if our timeline flexes.

The stops here are mostly for scenery, and I expect that we’ll be pulling off some places when we see a good view.

Burlington is our last major bastion of civilization before the cabin so that’s where we’ll do some basic grocery shopping and other provisions gathering. I’ve included a sketch of a grocery list just to get us started.

Below is a *very rough* timeline for the day:

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
6:00am	6:30am	Final packing and prep to leave Wellesley.
6:30am	7:30am	Drive to Gouverneur, NY, optional breakfast here or down the road
7:30am	11:00pm	Drive from Gouverneur, NY to Plattsburgh, NY.
11:00pm	12:00pm	Get lunch in Plattsburgh.
12:00pm	1:00pm	Catch the Cumberland Head to Grand Isle Ferry, first come first serve.
1:00pm	2:00pm	Explore Grand Isle, drive to Burlington.
2:00pm	3:30pm	Provisions gathering in Burlington.
3:30pm	5:00pm	Drive to Tunbridge.
5:00pm	7:00pm	Dinner at the cabin.

Table 9: Planned order of events and timeline.

Route Substitution Notes

- Optionally go north out of Lake Placid to drive up Whiteface Mountain.
- The route takes US 9 out of Elizabethtown, NY, but we can hop on parallel I-87 for speed
- The Cumberland-Grand Isle ferry is first come, first serve. If the wait is ridiculous, go north to the US 2 bridge at Rouse’s Point, continue on US 2 down to Grand Isle, and pick up the route. Adds 50 miles and 1 hour.

Food possibilities AND Attractions, Wellesley–Grand Isle

- *Near Wellesley Island and Open Early*

Tricia’s Rondette: 40685 NY-12, Clayton, NY 13624. Ye olde diner fare.

- *Gouveneur, NY, 53 miles in*

Giant Lifesaver Roll: 15 E Main St Gouverneur, New York, 13642. Gouveneur was apparently the home of the Lifesaver company until it wasn’t. This is the only thing that remains.

Route 11 Diner: 992 US-11, Gouverneur, NY 13642. **NOTE** that this address is actually for the car dealer just across the street because I couldn't find the diner address. "The grilled cinnamon roll is a Gouverneur tradition, and theirs was delicious. I do miss the way Jumbo's used to give you a squeeze bottle of icing to use on your roll if you liked a bit more icing."

Dunkin Donuts: 8 Rock Island St, Gouverneur, NY 13642

McDonald's: 118 E Main St, Gouverneur, NY 13642 "This McDonalds specifically is my go-to. Potsdam, Ogdensburg, are always dirty, always mess up my orders etc. This is the only McDonalds that you can tell takes pride in their appearance and making every order correctly and in a timely manner!"

- *Star Lake, NY*, 72 miles in

Coffee Fever: 4239 NY-3, Star Lake, NY 13690. Espresso, Breakfast Burritos, bagels, croissants

- *Wanakena, NY*, 79 miles in, slight detour included on route already

Black Waters Cafe and Trading Post 68 Ranger School Rd #B, Wanakena, NY 13695. Very old school little diner and country store right on a lake. <https://wanakenapinecone.wordpress.com/2021-menu/>

- *Lake Placid*, 141 miles in

A famous resort town, supposed to have incredible scenery. Bop around and see some views, or just keep going.

- *Plattsburgh*, 207 miles in

Chick-fil-a Noooooo!!! There's a Chick-fil-a but it's gonna be Sunday! Curses!

Sip 14 Margaret St Plattsburgh, NY 12901. New American with fish tacos, burgers. Well reviewed.

Hungry Bear, 2 Big Hank Plaza Rd Plattsburgh, NY 12901. Yon diner foode.

Zuke's Corner Store 113 Brinkerhoff St Plattsburgh, NY 12901 Deli, subs, some breakfast stuff. Recommended that you call ahead with your order. Reviews note that it's pretty fast, especially if you call ahead.

- *Hero Isle*, 215 miles in

Birdhouse Forest 102 W Shore Rd South Hero, Vermont. The owner of the land originally put up a couple dozen birdhouses within his property along White's Beach in Vermont. But after he realized each one was full, he continued adding more and more, hoping the birds would keep the bloodsucking bugs at bay.

Burlington, VT

Welcome to civilization! (Where civilization is defined as "has a Target"). While Montpelier is a closer town to Tunbridge, this is your best bet for doing pre-cabin shopping. At minimum, you want to make it through breakfast and lunch on Monday without having to go out cause wow lots of driving lately.

This plan is less a plan than a sketch. You'll have more idea of what provisions you need on the day of. Do consider what to do for dinner this night. Cook? Pickup takeout? Plan to dropoff stuff at the cabin and head back to Montpelier or similar?

Food and Attractions

- **World's Tallest Filing Cabinet**, 220 Flynn Ave, Burlington, Vermont, 05401. Built in 2002 by local artist Bren Alvarez, the filing cabinet in the first and second picture attached to this post is made up of 38 drawers, with each one representing the number of years of paperwork that Alvarez accumulated while working on a local street project. While Alvarez's piece proudly claims to be the tallest filing cabinet on Earth, it's unclear if that is actually the case, since other works of art also claim the same title.
- **Klinger's Bakery**, 10 Farrell St, South Burlington, VT 05403. Could be a really nice place to get provisions.
- **Chipotle**, 580 Shelburne Rd Ste 14B, Burlington, VT 05401. Just sayin'.

Loose Grocery List

- Milk
- Cereal
- A loaf of really nice crusty bread
- Butter
- Apples
- Cheddar cheese
- Something for dinner tonight: get takeout?

Big Chains Available

- Target
- Trader Joe's
- Hannafords (NE supermarket)
- Wal-Mart
- REI
- Ulta

Days 12–17: Tunbridge, VT

Monday, October 4, 2021–Saturday, October 9, 2021

Overview

Welcome to Tunbridge, VT! Population: 1171. Elevation 600ft. Covered bridges: 5. The chief purpose of being here is to chill out, relax, read, paint, and maybe not be in the car constantly. The first few items here cover some basic logistics, followed by a few loose suggestions of things to check out and do. This doesn't even pretend to cover all the possible hikes or cute little towns to check out. Remember, Emily has AllTrailsPro so the world is our oyster on that front, provided there's service. It's easy to branch out if nothing on here sounds good, and remember, you're here to relax!

Link to points of interest map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1jbH3BRt39Zsy0ARg-XdVah3F2vR060gB&usp=sharing>

Orientation and Pragmatics

How Far Are We From..

- Royalton, VT 10.2 miles, 17min
- Randolph, VT 17-22 miles depending on your tolerance for dirt roads
- Lebanon, NH 31 miles, 38 minutes
- Montpelier, VT 31 miles, 45 minutes
- Stowe, VT 50 miles, about 1 hour
- Burlington, VT 72.6 miles
- Mt. Washington, NH (top of the mountain by car) 111 miles, 2hr 53min

Food Stores and Gas Near The Cabin

- **Middle Branch Market and Deli** 51 VT-14, Randolph Center, VT 05061. 7am–6:30pm most days.
- **Shaw's Supermarket** 127 VT Hwy 12s, Randolph, VT 05060. 7am–9pm everyday.
- **Food Cooperative** 216 Chelsea St, South Royalton, VT 05068. Hours: ???
- **110 Quickstop Gas Station** 359-345, VT-110, Chelsea, VT 05038
- **Valero** 2336 VT-14, South Royalton, VT 05068

Vermont—Activities

Woodstock, White River Junction Area

- **Billings Farm and Museum**

10-5 daily

69 Old River Rd, Woodstock, VT 05091

<https://billingsfarm.org>

Billings Farm & Museum is just a scenic stroll from the village center of Woodstock, Vermont, and is regarded as one of the finest outdoor history museums in the country. Combining a fully-operating Jersey dairy farm with educational exhibits and interactive programs and events, Billings Farm & Museum is committed to providing education and enjoyment to visitors of all ages.

Cider Donut pop-up Sat, Sun, Mon 11-2 except Oct 9-11

- **Queechee Gorge State Park**

Queechee, VT

Queechee Gorge Trail, 2.7mi easy out'n'back. Start at campground for a little more challenge (but only a little).

- **Main Street Museum**

Saturday 12-4:30pm *only*

58 Bridge St #6, White River Junction, VT 05001

Wacky Atlas Obscura favorite with taxidermy and a lot of opinions.

Montpelier/Stowe Area

- **Rock of Ages Granite Quarry**

558 Graniteville Road Graniteville, VT 05654

Guided tours 10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, Monday thru Friday

The guided quarry tour takes you to an overlook of the Smith Quarry. At nearly 600 feet deep, it is the largest operating deep-hole, dimension granite quarry in the world. A one-of-a-kind tour experience, not to be missed while visiting Vermont.

- **Mt. Abraham**

See more info in Hikes below

- **Wilaiwan's Kitchen**

Lunch only, Mon - Sat 11-2pm

34 State St, Montpelier, VT 05602

Thai food that everybody seems to gush about

- **Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks**

10 - 5:30pm daily

1168 County Rd, Montpelier, VT 05602

Free sugar house tours and tasting, multimedia displays in a real woodshed theater, a nature trail, country store, and an outdoor Vermont farm life museum make up the Morse Farm experience, and sprinkled throughout, are whimsical carved folklife characters created by Burr Morse

- **Stowe, VT**

Bougie but beautiful resort town with good food.

Butler's Pantry Breakfast, 128 Main St., Stowe, VT 05672. 8am–12pm Thursday–Monday

The Deep End, 876 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05672. 4:30pm–9:00pm Tuesday–Friday, 3:00pm–9:00pm weekends. Neapolitan pizza.

The Bench, 492 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05672. 4:00pm–9:00pm Monday and Thursday, 4:00pm–10:00pm Friday, 2:00pm–10:00pm Saturday, 2:00pm–9:00pm Sunday. Note that poutine is also served here, in addition to typical American fare.

- **Stowe Mountain Resort**

Ski Resort next to Mt. Mansfield, the tallest mountain in VT.

Several ski lifts and gondolas in operation, some free to hikers

Gondola Skyride 10am–4:30pm everyday

Lots of hiking to be had in the area! Take the gondola up and explore lots of peaks.

Hikes

- **Mt. Moosilauke and South Peak Loop**

8.2 miles, 2506ft elevation gain.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-hampshire/mount-moosilauke-and-south-peak-loop?u=i>

- **Mt. Abraham via Long Trail**

5.1 miles, 1765ft elevation gain. Slight scramble in last 1/4 mile described as "easy to navigate." Est. time about 4 hours

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/vermont/mount-abraham-via-long-trail?u=i>

Add about 2 hours (1 hour each way) to also get Lincoln Peak.

New Hampshire (and maybe Maine)—Activities

White Mountains, Mt. Washington

- **Mt. Washington Auto Road to Mt. Washington Observatory**

Note that the approach is from the east side (Maine side) of the mountain

Could make sense to combine with a foray into Maine since the approach road is so close to the border.

- **Cog Railway**

<https://www.thecog.com/>

At this point there's plenty of ticket availability in the biodiesel trains and very limited availability in the steam trains.

Steam Train to the Summit Ride to the 6288' summit of Mount Washington— the highest mountain peak in the Northeast— powered by one of our authentic coal-fired steam locomotives! The approximately three-hour round trip is an exhilarating journey through history, technology and nature, and includes plenty of time to explore the State Park at the summit. Seasonal and weather-related restrictions apply.¹

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- **Mount Washington via Tuckerman Ravine and Lion Head Trail**

7.4 mi out and back, 4242ft elevation gain.

Tuckerman's Ravine Trail from Pinkham Notch is the most popular route to the summit. It is important to properly research this trail and bring proper gear as **conditions can quickly turn dangerous as a result of bad weather** in the form of severe storms, snow and wind. **There are no markings on Tuckerman's Ravine, so it's easy to take a wrong turn.** Keep left after the last yellow arrow and follow the cairns once you crest the wall.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-hampshire/tuckerman-ravine-trail-to-mount-washington>

- **Mount Lafayette and Franconia Ridge Trail Loop**

8.4 mile loop trail, 3822 ft. elevation gain

Mount Lafayette and Franconia Ridge Trail Loop is a 8.4 mile heavily trafficked loop trail located near Lincoln, New Hampshire that features a waterfall and is only recommended for very experienced adventurers.

The reviews indicate that the hike is very long, but not particularly difficult or terrifying.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-hampshire/mount-lafayette-and-franconia-ridge-trail-loop>

- **Old Speck Mountain (Maine)**

7.4 mile out and back trail, 2870 ft. elevation gain

You probably want it to be dry for this one, so that it's not slippery.

'Just east of the New Hampshire border, this is Maine's 4th highest mountain and 5th highest peak. It's the highest and most northeastern peak in the Mahoosuc Range of the White Mountains.'

'The rungs, ladders and metal ropes are likely fun going up—bring the kids;

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/maine/old-speck-mountain-trail--4>

- **Goose Eye Mountain** via Wright Trail (Maine)

10.1 mile out and back, 2821 ft. elevation gain

‘Views on the last mile are spectacular.’

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/maine/goose-eye-mountain-via-wright-trail>

Day 18: Tunbridge, VT–Newark, DE

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Overview and general plan

Today we have to check out of our Airbnb in Tunbridge and head on to much less nice accommodations in Delaware. Along the way we will meet up with Laurie and perhaps Lindsay, and then drive through the outskirts of New York City, the northern part of New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and then Wilmington. Expect to spend most of the day in the car, with perhaps a few stops to see things along the way.

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
7:30am	8:00am	Final packing and preparation to leave Tunbridge.
8:00am	11:30am	Drive from Tunbridge to New Haven, CT.
11:30am	1:00pm	Lunch with Laurie and Steve.
1:00pm	1:30pm	Drive from New Haven to Bridgeport.
1:30pm	2:30pm	Coffee with Lindsay in Bridgeport (this might not happen).

First possibility: check out the Hoover-Mason Trestle in Bethlehem

2:30pm	5:15pm	Drive from Bridgeport, CT to Bethlehem, PA.
5:15pm	6:00pm	Dinner in Bethlehem.
6:00pm	8:00pm	Walk on the Hoover-Mason Trestle.
8:00pm	10:00pm	Drive from Bethlehem, PA to Newark, DE.

Second possibility: scenic drive through CT/NJ/PA/DE

2:30pm	6:30pm	Drive from Bridgeport, CT to Philadelphia, PA.
6:30pm	7:30pm	Dinner near Philadelphia, PA.
7:30pm	9:00pm	Drive from Philadelphia, PA to Newark, DE.

Table 10: Planned order of events and timeline.

Because of these two possibilities, the day’s GPX route files are actually split into three—one up to Bridgeport, and then one for each possibility from Bridgeport. Times may skew greatly or change a lot, so even those plans may not be fully applicable.

For lunch, coordinate with Laurie and take whatever her suggestion is. For coffee, coordinate with Lindsay and take whatever her suggestion is.

Dinner possibilities

First, if you chose to drive to Bethlehem, here are places you can get food:

- **Aqui Es**, 821 Linden St. This isn’t quite L.A.-style street tacos, but it’s kind of close.

- **Pho Bowl**, 524 W. Broad St. Sit down Vietnamese, including pho, vermicelli bowls, and also some Thai food.
- **Inihaw Filipino Barbecue**, 3350 Schoenersville Rd. I don't know much about Filipino food. This looks like curries and meats with perhaps some noodles and things like this. Could be exciting.
- **Machu Picchu**, 1330 E 4th St. This is a Peruvian restaurant that is well-reviewed. Primarily chicken dishes. I also see "authentic boiled purple corn beverage and rice pudding / purple corn mix" in the reviews.

Second, if you took the scenic route, you might be hungry somewhere along this drive, and so here are possibilities at a few different locations:

- *Trenton, NJ*

Ajika Ramen, 1400 Parkway Ave. Suite A3, Ewing, NJ 08628. This place is just a ramen shop; it does serve some sides too. No sushi.

Totopos, 1279 Brunswick Ave., Lawrence Township, NJ 08648. Very small place (just 2 tables inside and 2 out front). This is actual Mexican Mexican food (specifically the owners are from Oaxaca), not typical La Parrilla-style tex-mex.

Indigrill, 300 Main Blvd. Ste. 501, Ewing, NJ 08618. Looks like they have typical Indian food, but Yelp also provides the category 'Barbeque' for this place, so it could be interesting. (It's not Indian/American BBQ fusion.)

- *Philadelphia, PA*

Fat Salmon, 719 Walnut St. What more to say? It's a well-reviewed sushi place.

Chatayee Thai, 1227 Walnut St. This is a well-reviewed Thai place, but there will not be parking out front (that may be true of the sushi place above too). You can park at one of the city-operated parking garages; see <https://philapark.org/garages/> for more information.

Chengdu Famous Food, 3635 Lancaster Ave. This is an actual Chinese place, not an American Chiense place. It is advertised as "noodles" and "Szechuan". Street parking may be possible here, but if you are thinking about it, probably it is best to check for nearby public garages.

Nomad Pizza Company, 611 S. 7th St. This is a Neapolitan pizza place that is very well-reviewed. It, too, will require parking in a parking garage as it is in a very urban part of the city.

- *Wilmington, DE*

Farmer & The Cow, 413 N. Market St. This is a pretty generic looking burger place, although the burgers do look good. Perhaps a little bit like Farmburger?

Pho Bami, 2113 Concord Pike. This is a very highly-reviewed Vietnamese place. They are known for their pho, but I can see also they have Banh Mis and other sandwich-like things, as well as vermicelli bowls.

El Diablo Burritos, 13A Trolley Sq. (Trolley Square Shopping Center). Looks like Mission-style burritos.

Additional notes

The first part of the route has two deviations from the highway;

- **Brattleboro, VT**: feel free to skip this by simply not getting off I-91.
- **Meriden Traffic Tower (CT)**: this is a little historical curiosity: a manned traffic light tower, from the 1920s. If you are running behind, skip it by not getting off I-91.

For the second part of the trip, when doing interstate driving, be careful and check traffic, rerouting if necessary.

If you chose Allentown, the attraction is the **Hoover-Mason Trestle**. This is a 1650-foot elevated linear park in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on the reclaimed industrial site of Bethlehem Steel. The trestle is 46 feet high and was originally an elevated narrow gauge rail line for raw materials, built around 1905. So, in this sense, it's the shortest rails-to-trails there is. It is right next to the old Bethlehem Steel facility, and there is an opportunity to get pretty close to the old equipment, along with informational placards explaining what is going on.

As it turns out, Sunday October 10th happens to be the last day of Oktoberfest at SteelStacks (which is the area that the Hoover-Mason Trestle is in). By the time you get there, it's likely that the only thing still going on is **Polkadelfia**, from 12-8pm. (Everything else seems to end around 6pm.) Here is some information about them:

Back in 2013, a tuba, trombone, trumpet, and accordion walked into a bar lamenting the lack of fresh approaches in the genre of polka. Two rounds and one passionate conversation later, Polkadelfia was born.

Not your ordinary oompah band, Polkadelfia plays traditional German and Polish favorites as well as more modern covers by artists as diverse as Radiohead, the Beatles, the White Stripes, and Metallica. Based in Philadelphia, they are in high demand throughout the tri-state area. Polkadelfia has been featured at Steelstacks Oktoberfest, Musikfest, Philly Bierfest, and Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein. They have performed on television at WVIA's legendary Pennsylvania Polka, and have been immortalized as special guests on the reality tv show Worst Cooks in America.

Whether rocking out at the local biergarten, dancing the Fliegerlied in a tent at Oktoberfest, or getting your party started Polkadelfia style, they always bring the haus down.

Have fun...!

Information about Newark, DE

Newark, DE is not a place that you should plan to have any business whatsoever with, other than finding a bed to sleep before you wake up the next morning and get the hell out of there.

Hotel Information

Bed location: one night has been booked at *Baymont by Wyndham Newark at University of Delaware*.

- **Address:** 630 South College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713
- **Room type:** 1 Queen Room — Mobility Access/Non-Smoking
- **Check-in time:** 3:00pm
- **Check-out time:** 11:00am
- **Breakfast:** yes
- **Booking.com confirmation number:** 3621120162
- **Booking.com PIN:** 2132

Day 19: Newark, DE–Washington, DC

Monday, October 11, 2021

Overview

Today, you need to move on from your Newark hotel (Was it nice? Doubtful), ending up in Fort Totten. Along the way, there are an interesting number of things to see.

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
8:00am	8:30am	Pack up and leave the hotel.
8:30am	9:00am	Drive to Conowingo Dam.
9:00am	9:30am	Look at eagles at Conowingo Dam.
9:30am	10:45am	Drive to Fort Howard Park.
10:45	12:00pm	Explore Fort Howard Park.
12:00pm	12:30pm	Drive into Baltimore.
12:30pm	1:30pm	Lunch in Baltimore.
1:30pm	3:30pm	Drive to MOM's Organic Market in College Park.
3:30pm	4:30pm	Play pinball!
4:30pm	5:15pm	Drive to Fort Totten.

Table 11: Planned order of events and timeline.

Lunch options

The intention is to have lunch in Baltimore after exploring the tunnels of Fort Armistead Park. Here are a handful of options:

- **Chaps Pit Beef**, 5801 Pulaski Hwy. This is big meat sandwiches. Imagine Arby's, but not fast food. (That doesn't sound good, but this looks way better than that.) In the parking lot for a strip club, across the street from an adult store. But... reviewed well...
 - **Thai Street**, 1640 Aliceanna St. #11. Kind of a to-go counter-order Thai restaurant. Parking could be a bit tricky but it should be possible to park on the street.
 - **Cafe Fili**, 816 Cathedral St. Standard-fare Mediterranean, looks high-quality. Appears to be counter-order or sit-down. Street parking will be needed here.
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Points of interest

Along the circuitious planned route, there are a number of interesting things to see.

- **Conowingo Dam**: the route brings you down to Fisherman's Park under the dam. The dam is interesting because it happens to stun and kill lots of fish, and then eject them out into the air when the dam is opened. Unsurprisingly this attracts lots of birds that eat fish—including lots and lots of bald eagles. In fact, when the dam is getting ready to release water, it sounds an alarm and blinks, and the birds are trained to get into a good position to catch the fish. Expect a bunch of nerd birdwatchers with expensive cameras.

- **Fort Armistead Park:** there are all kinds of interesting underground tunnels here, but, according to locals and other reports, it's primarily a place for prostitution, drugs, or getting killed. You might want to look into Fort Howard instead.
- **Fort Howard Park:** this is an old park that has some military structures that you can walk around and explore. It looks interesting, and less dangerous than Fort Armistead Park.
- **Mr. Trash Wheel:** keep your eyes peeled and you may see this as you drive by the Inner Harbor. It'll be pretty far off to the east of the harbor.
- **Ouija 7-11:** at the intersection of Charles St. and Centre St. (right before you get to the Washington Monument in Baltimore), there is a plaque commemorating the naming of the Ouija board, which happened at that location in 1890. Now, it's a 7-11.
- **Ellicott City:** this is a small old town that was far more important way in the past, and also happens to have a railroad museum that Ryan liked very much growing up. These days, it is interesting primarily because it is flooding more and more due to climate change.
- **Northern terminus of U.S. 29:** you always wondered where it ended, didn't you? Now you know.
- **Secret pinball room in MOM's Organic Market:** in the back of the market, this is a partition in the corner. Behind it, there is lots of pinball. All the machines are something like 50 cents, so bring change.

Days 20–23: Washington, DC

Tuesday, October 12, 2021–Friday, October 15, 2021

Overview

There are many things to do in Washington, DC. On the following pages are a list of possibilities with some additional information—but it's easy to branch out if nothing on that list sounds good.

Washington, DC—Activities

National Gallery Of Art

- Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20565
- 10am-5pm every day
- South of Archives–Navy Memorial

Description:

The Gallery's campus includes the original neoclassical West Building designed by John Russell Pope, which is linked underground to the modern East Building, designed by I. M. Pei, and the 6.1-acre (25,000 m²) Sculpture Garden. The Gallery often presents temporary special exhibitions spanning the world and the history of art. It is one of the largest museums in North America.

For the breadth, scope, and magnitude of its collections, the National Gallery is widely considered to be one of the greatest museums in the United States of America, often ranking alongside the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the Art Institute of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts. Of the top three art museums in the United States by annual visitors, it is the only one that has no admission fee. It attracted 730,408 visitors in 2020, a drop of eighty-two percent from 2019, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020 it ranked twenty-first on the list of most visited art museums in the world.

Current exhibits (selected):

- **The City:** East Building, Ground Level – Gallery 106A

Towering skyscrapers, massive steel bridges, and the hubbub of city streets captivated artists working in the first half of the twentieth century. Roaming the rapidly changing urban environment, they explored ways to convey the awe-inspiring scale and speed of the modern American city. For photographers, technological advances such as hand-held cameras and faster film and shutter speeds enabled new visual practices, from off-kilter, oblique views and bird's and worm's eye vantage points to the blurred effects of motion.

- **Marc Chagall: Orphée:** Sculpture Garden

In 1968, Marc Chagall visited the Georgetown home of his friends and patrons Evelyn and John Nef, and decided that he would design a mosaic specifically for the Nefs' garden. The mosaic's large scale—approximately 10 by 17 feet and 1,000 pounds—is belied by its ethereal figures and mystical tone, which also distinguish so much of Chagall's work in other media.

- **Masterpieces of American Furniture from the Kaufman Collection, 1700–1830,** West Building Ground Floor

One of the largest and most refined collections of early American furniture in private hands—acquired over the course of five decades by George M. and Linda H. Kaufman—was promised to the National Gallery of Art in October 2010. A new installation on the Ground Floor of the West Building will highlight nearly 100 examples of early American furniture and decorative arts from this distinguished collection, including French floral watercolors by Pierre Joseph Redouté and American, Chinese, and French porcelains.

- **Lynda Benglis,** East Building, Mezzanine

In the late 1960s, American artist Lynda Benglis (b. 1941) expanded coordinates of media and gender with her bold, physical, and tactile works. Over the course of her groundbreaking career, she has forged new paths through her endless explorations of different techniques, materials, and mediums.

Bringing together 33 of Benglis's sculptures, paintings, drawings, prints, and videos—most given to the National Gallery by Dorothy and Herbert Vogel—this exhibition reveals the innovations of a critical figure who has influenced generations of artists.

- **Artist Projects: Sarah Cain, Avish Khebrehzadeh, Kay Rosen**, East Building, Ground Level – Entrance Terrace

Experience the familiar spaces of the East Building through intriguing works by artists Sarah Cain, Avish Khebrehzadeh, and Kay Rosen. Their site-responsive installations, commissioned by the National Gallery, transform temporary construction walls and empty spaces in unexpected ways.

Note also that there is a gigantic permanent collection, so much so that the website designers have implemented a complicated search interface.

Washington, DC—Activities

National Museum of African American History and Culture

- 1400 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC, 20560
- WRFSU 10am-5:30pm; MT closed
- Just west of Smithsonian or Federal Triangle stations

Description:

The NMAAHC is the world's largest museum dedicated to African-American history and culture. It ranked as the fourth most-visited Smithsonian museum in its first full year of operation. The museum has more than 40,000 objects in its collection, although only about 3,500 items are on display. The 350,000-square-foot (33,000 m²), 10 story building (five above and five below ground) and its exhibits have won critical praise.

Exhibits:

- *A Changing America: 1968 And Beyond*
- *Defending Freedom, Defining Freedom: The Era of Segregation 1876–1968*
- *Slavery and Freedom 1400–1877*
- *Culture Galleries*
- *Community Galleries*
- *Explore More! Interactive Gallery*

Note: timed entry passes are required, but Chet has already managed to reserve some.

Washington, DC—Activities

National Air and Space Museum

- 600 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20560
- TW closed; RFSUM 10am-5:30pm
- Across The Mall from the National Gallery of Art
- Near L'Enfant Plaza

Description:

The National Air and Space Museum is a center for research into the history and science of aviation and spaceflight, as well as planetary science and terrestrial geology and geophysics. Almost all space and aircraft on display are originals or the original backup craft.

Exhibits (selected):

- *Neil Armstrong's Apollo 11 Spacesuit*
- *Moving Beyond Earth*
- *Space Race*
- *Explore the Universe* (astronomical instruments)
- *Time and Navigation*

Washington, DC—Activities

Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

- 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly, VA 20151
- 10am-5:30pm every day
- Long drive from DC (to the west); by Dulles

Description:

The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, also called the Udvar-Hazy Center, is the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM)'s annex at Washington Dulles International Airport in the Chantilly area of Fairfax County, Virginia, United States. It holds numerous exhibits, including the Space Shuttle Discovery, the Enola Gay, and the Gemini 7 space capsule.

Exhibits (selected):

- *World War II German Aviation*
- *Pre-1920 Aviation*
- *World War II Aviation*
- *Korea and Vietnam Aviation*
- *Cold War Aviation*
- *Applications Satellites*
- *Vertical Flight*
- *Human Spaceflight*

Washington, DC—Activities

National Archives Museum

- 701 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20408
- 10am-5:30pm every day
- Between Federal Triangle and Judiciary Square; on The Mall

Description:

The National Archives building holds original copies of the three main formative documents of the United States and its government: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. These are displayed to the public in the main chamber of the National Archives, which is called the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom.

The building hosts additional important American historical items, including the Articles of Confederation, the Louisiana Purchase Treaty, the Emancipation Proclamation, and collections of photography and other historically and culturally significant American artifacts. An original version of the 1297 Magna Carta confirmed by Edward I is an internationally historical document also on display.

Note: due to COVID-19, *only* the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights are viewable with limited capacity; there are also two gallery exhibits that are open for timed entry: *Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote* and *Records of Rights*.

Washington, DC—Activities

National Building Museum

- 401 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20001
- Only open Friday/Saturday/Sunday, 11am-4pm
- One block from Judiciary Square; short walk from Gallery Place-Chinatown

Description:

The National Building Museum is located at 401 F Street NW in Washington, D.C. It is a museum of "architecture, design, engineering, construction, and urban planning". It was created by an act of Congress in 1980, and is a private non-profit institution; it is adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the Judiciary Square Metro station. The museum hosts various temporary exhibits in galleries around the spacious Great Hall.

Exhibits (selected):

- *Justice is Beauty: The Work of MASS Design Group*
- *Animals, Collected* (statues in architecture)
- *Sukkah City X DC* (collaboration with The Capital Jewish Museum)
- *House & Home* (historical home objects)

Washington, DC—Activities

Smithsonian American Art Museum

- G Street NW / 8th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004
- Wednesday through Sunday, 11:30am-7pm
- Near Gallery Place-Chinatown

Description:

The Smithsonian American Art Museum, the nation's first collection of American art, is an unparalleled record of the American experience. The collection captures the aspirations, character, and imagination of the American people throughout three centuries. The museum is the home to one of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world. Its artworks reveal key aspects of America's rich artistic and cultural history from the colonial period to today.

Exhibits (selected):

- *Welcome Home: A Portrait of East Baltimore, 1975–1980*
- *The Automobile and American Art*
- *Experience America* (1930s/New Deal)
- *Time-Based Media Art Initiative*
- *20th Century* (modernism via realism and/or abstraction)

Note: the Galleries for Modern and Contemporary Art are temporarily closed. It's not clear precisely what was contained there, but it seems like a large part of the time-based media may be there.

Washington, DC—Activities

Phillips Collection

- 1600 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20009
- 11am-6pm Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday
- Near Dupont Circle
- \$10–\$12 for admission

Description:

The Phillips Collection, opened in 1921, is America's first museum of modern art. Featuring a permanent collection of nearly 3,000 works by American and European impressionist and modern artists, the Phillips is recognized for both its art and its intimate atmosphere. It is housed in founder Duncan Phillips' 1897 Georgian Revival home and two similarly scaled additions in Washington, D.C.'s Dupont Circle neighborhood.

The museum is noted for its broad representation of both impressionist and modern paintings, with works by European masters such as Gustave Courbet, Pierre Bonnard, Georges Braque, Jacques Villon, Paul Cézanne, Honoré Daumier, Edgar Degas, Vincent van Gogh, Paul Klee, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, and Pablo Picasso. In 1923, Phillips purchased Pierre-Auguste Renoir's impressionist painting, Luncheon of the Boating Party (1880–81), the museum's best-known work.

Washington, DC—Activities

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

- Independence Ave. SW & 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20560
- Wednesday through Sunday, 10am-5:30pm
- Just north of L'Enfant Plaza

Description:

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden is an art museum beside the National Mall, in Washington, D.C., the United States. The museum was initially endowed during the 1960s with the permanent art collection of Joseph H. Hirshhorn. It was designed by architect Gordon Bunshaft and is part of the Smithsonian Institution. It was conceived as the United States' museum of contemporary and modern art and currently focuses its collection-building and exhibition-planning mainly on the post-World War II period, with particular emphasis on art made during the last 50 years.

Exhibitions (selected):

- *Mark Bradford: Pickett's Charge*

A monumental new commission that spans nearly 400 linear feet.

Bradford drew inspiration for this new work from French artist Paul Philippoteaux's nineteenth-century cyclorama.

Bradford is a Los Angeles-based artist whose work addresses sociopolitical issues such as race, class, and gender while also engaging art history. For more than two decades, he has expanded the language of abstraction by incorporating personal experience and historical significance into his works. In 2009, Bradford was awarded the MacArthur Genius Grant, and in 2016, he was awarded the US Department of State's national Medal of Arts.

- *Barbara Kruger: Belief+Doubt*

This installation by Barbara Kruger fills the Lower Level lobby and extends into the newly relocated Museum bookstore.

The entire space—walls, floor, escalator sides—is wrapped in text-printed vinyl, immersing visitors in a spectacular hall of voices, where words either crafted by the artist or borrowed from the popular lexicon address conflicting perceptions of democracy, power, and belief.

At a moment when ideological certitude and purity seem especially valued, Kruger says she's "interested in introducing doubt."

- *Laurie Anderson: The Weather*

Debuts more than 10 new artworks, interspersed with select key works from throughout her career.

For more than four decades, Anderson has investigated issues such as American identity and the effects of technology on human relationships, often inventing new ways of interacting with technology.

The Weather will include landmark artworks such as *Habeas Corpus* (2015), a video sculpture that examines via multimedia storytelling the experience of Mohammed el Gharani, who was detained at Guantánamo Bay throughout his adolescence.

Guiding visitors on an intimate and personal journey through her work, Anderson will interject at points throughout the exhibition space; portions of the gallery walls will be covered with writing and images that the artist has directly hand-painted.

Washington, DC—Activities

The Kreeger Museum

- 2401 Foxhall Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20007
- Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-12pm; 2pm-4pm
- Not easily accessible by Metro; on the west side of town
- Requires a free timed-entry pass, good for 50 minutes

Description:

The Kreeger Museum, the former residence of David and Carmen Kreeger, rests on five acres of sculpture-filled gardens and terraces. The Kreeger's focus on 19th and 20th century paintings is evidenced by works, among others, by Monet, Picasso, Braque, Stella, Mitchell and Frankthaler. Also included in the permanent collection are works by prominent Washington artists, including Gilliam, Davis, Reed and Christenberry. Outstanding examples of African and Asian art are integrated throughout the galleries.

Washington, DC—Activities

Six Flags America

- 13710 Central Ave., Bowie, MD 20721
- 6pm-11pm, Friday, Oct. 15th
- \$60 admission, \$25 parking; must be ordered online beforehand
- The extra Fright Pass probably isn't needed

Everything here speaks for itself. Go ride rides! Check the weather first.

Washington, DC—Activities

Culture House

- 700 Delaware Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20024
- Saturday only, 12-3pm; one group allowed at a time
- Near Waterfront station

Description:

Tucked away on a quiet inner city cul-de-sac, the Culture House building is an explosion of color amidst the bumpy asphalt and low-rise housing in Southwest Washington, D.C. Legally prevented from tearing down the century-old walls, the developer went back to the drawing board and commissioned Atlanta-based painter HENSE to enliven the facade with an artistic intervention. A colorful mural now wraps around the building like a Basquiat meets Jackson Pollock billboard. The psychedelic-looking graffiti continues throughout the interior and has transformed the former nave into a ravey performance space. Downstairs there is space for a gallery of rotating art exhibits, and a portion of the grounds are now used as a community garden.

Washington, DC—Activities

National Museum of the U.S. Navy

- 736 Sicard St. SE, Washington, DC 20374
- MTWRF, 9am-4pm; Saturday 10am-4pm
- A few blocks southeast of Navy Yard-Ballpark

Description:

Today, the U.S. Navy Museum is the only naval museum to chronicle the U.S. Navy's history from its creation to the present. Artifacts like USS Constitution's fighting top, the world's deepest diving submersible, Trieste, and the khaki uniform of former Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz make The Navy Museum's collection second to none.

Alongside the many iron guns on display are a screw from the battleship USS South Dakota (BB-57), a 6-inch gun salvaged from the battleship USS Maine, a bathysphere from the Alvin undersea exploration vehicle, the Swift Boat PCF-1, and a 14-inch naval railway gun from the First World War.

Exhibits (selected):

- *Dive! Dive! U.S. Navy Submarines*
- *The Forgotten Wars of the Nineteenth Century*
- *In Harm's Way, The Navy in World War II*
- *Polar Exploration*
- *Cold War Gallery*

Washington, DC—Activities

U.S. National Arboretum

- 3501 New York Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002
- 8am-5pm daily
- 1mi walk from NoMa-Gallaudet

The United States National Arboretum is an arboretum in northeast Washington, D.C., operated by the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service. It was established in 1927 by an act of Congress after a campaign by USDA Chief Botanist Frederick Vernon Coville.

It is 446 acres (1.80 km²) in size and is located 2.2 miles (3.5 km) northeast of the Capitol building, with entrances on New York Avenue, NE and R Street, NE. The campus's gardens, collections, and features are connected by roadways that are 9.5 miles (15.3 km) long in total.

Washington, DC—Food

- **Zenebech Restaurant**, Ethiopian
2420 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009
Mon-Thu evenings only, Fri-Sun 11am-11pm.
Near Dupont Circle
- **Chercher Ethiopian Restaurant & Mart**, Ethiopian
1334 9th St. NW, Washington, DC 20001
12pm-10pm every day.
Near Mt. Vernon Square
- **Bombay Street Food**, Indian (traditional)
1413 Park Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20010
12-3pm, 5-10pm
Near Columbia Heights
- **Masala Story**, Indian (traditional)
3301 12th St. NE, Washington, DC 20017
12-9pm, some days a little later
Near Brookland-CUA
- **Agora**, Mediterranean
1527 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036
M 5-10pm; TWRU 12-4pm, 5-10pm; FS 12-4pm, 5-11pm.
A few blocks from Dupont Circle
- **Gypsy Kitchen**, Mediterranean / small plates
1825 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009
M-F 5-10pm; weekends noon-late
Near U Street/Cardozo
- **Tiger Fork**, Chinese / Hong Kong Style
922 Blagden Alley NW, Washington, DC 20001
5-10pm, closed Mondays
Near Mt. Vernon Square
Check out the bubble waffle matcha
- **Shanghai Lounge**, Chinese / Asian fusion
1734 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007
MT 4-9:30pm; WRFS 11-9/9:30pm, U 11:30-9:30pm
Long walk from Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan

- **O-Ku**, sushi
 - 1274 5th St. NE, Washington, DC 20002
 - 5pm-10pm, closed Sundays
 - Also has a location in Atlanta
 - \$3-5 per typical (single) nigiri
 - Near NoMa-Gallaudet U
- **Zeppelin**, sushi
 - 1544 9th St. NW, Washington, DC 20001
 - 4pm-1:30am, every day
 - Near Shaw-Howard University
 - Looks a bit cheaper than O-Ku, but still not cheap
- **Baan Siam**, Thai
 - 425 I St. NW, Washington, DC 20001
 - TWRF 11:30-3pm, 5-9:15pm (10pm F); S 11:30-10pm, U 11:30-9:15pm
 - A few blocks from Gallery Place-Chinatown
- **The Regent**, Thai
 - 1910 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009
 - 4:30-9:30pm every day (10pm on FS)
 - A medium walk from Dupont Circle or U Street/Cardozo
- **Taqueria Habanero**, Mexican
 - 3710 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20010
 - 11am-10pm every day (11pm FS)
 - Short walk from Georgia Ave-Petworth
- **Bandit Taco**, Mexican (street tacos)
 - 1946 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009
 - 11am-9/10/11pm depending on day
 - A few blocks from U Street/Cardozo
- **El Papi Real Street Tacos**, Mexican (street tacos)
 - 5904 Allentown Way, Temple Hills, MD 20748
 - M closed, TWR 11am-7pm, FS 11am-8pm, U 11am-6pm
 - 1 mile walk from Branch St... probably need to drive

Day 24: Washington, DC–Charlotte, NC

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Overview

Pack up your Airbnb, hop in the car, get to Durham, and pester people there until it's time for C&T Wok. After that, drive to your garbage hotel in Charlotte.

Information about Charlotte

Charlotte, NC is (with the exception of cities in South Carolina) the worst large city in the entire Southeast. Its sole redeeming quality is its racing opportunities, which happens to be precisely why you are there. As there is no need for expensive Airbnbs for a single night after a drive from DC, a simple hotel will suffice.

Hotel Information

Simple hotel: one night has been booked at *Microtel Inn by Wyndham University Place*.

- **Address:** 132 East McCullough Drive, University Place, Charlotte, NC 28262
- **Room type:** 1 Queen Room — Non-Smoking
- **Check-in time:** 3:00pm
- **Check-out time:** 11:00am
- **Breakfast:** probably not
- **Booking.com confirmation number:** 3635574786
- **Booking.com PIN:** 8297

Day 25: Charlotte, NC–Atlanta, GA

Sunday, October 17, 2021

This is the last day of the trip. It will start nice and early with a 2-hour endurance race at VLK, and then all you need to do is drive home.

<i>Start time</i>	<i>End time</i>	<i>Event</i>
6:45am	7:00am	Final packing and preparation to leave Charlotte hotel.
7:00am	7:30am	Grab some breakfast and head to the track.
7:30am	12:00pm	2-hour Sunday LeMans, plus possibly lunch at the track.
12:00pm	4:00pm	Drive home to Atlanta.
4:00pm	6:00pm	Hug cats.

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