

Colts Free Day – July 6, Washington DC

We are staying at the 'Model Secondary School for the Deaf' (MSSD) at Gallaudet University.

Have a great time! Stay hydrated and travel with at least one other member at all times.

We will run the vans back and forth to get people to the mall in the morning. After that you've got a bunch of options for getting around: walking, using the Metro, buses, Capital Bikeshare or Uber/Lyft.

www.Capitalbikeshare.com - \$8 gets you use of a bike for the day. Pick it up and drop it off at any docking station (they're all over DC). Once you pick up a bike from a docking station the first 30 minutes are included in your \$8 charge but if you spend more time on the bike before re-docking it, you are charged extra. If you go this route you'll want to install the app. It'll show where bike racks are located, where bikes are available and where docking stations have openings to drop off a bike. There is a Capital Bikeshare rack at the entrance to the Gallaudet campus. Requires a credit card, but you can rent two bikes with one card.

Using the Metro - The nearest Metro station to Gallaudet is about a 20 minute walk, or you may just want to walk to the Capitol / mall – it's about a 45 minute walk from Gallaudet.

Buses – lots of bus routes all over town. Buses do take cash (\$2 is the basic fare) or you can use the same SmartTrip card that you bought to use the Metro. Bus drivers don't make change so you'll want to have a couple of dollars in small bills or coins.

Buying a Metro card – the system does not take cash. You have to buy a "SmartTrip" card from one of the vending machines, which are located at each station. Everyone must have their own card - more than one person cannot use the same Smartrip card at the same time

Fares vary depending on time of day and where you are going. Rush hour (peak) fares are in effect until 9:30am and from 3:00 to 7:00pm.



You buy a card for your specific trip OR a farecard for \$10 (but you only get \$8 that you can use to travel – you pay \$2 for the card itself and you can't get it back). However unless you're going to ride the Metro 3 or 4 times you won't get your money's worth from a \$10 card and at the end of the day you'll be stuck with a card that still has value on it, but no way to cash it in.

There is a one-day unlimited ride Metro card, but it costs \$14.75. Not a good deal for the same reasons.

Option – walk to the Metro station and take the Red Line to Farragut North (see map). It's near the White House and then you can work your way back towards Gallaudet during the day. Or start the morning by walking to the mall and then take the Metro back in the evening.

Metro trains are marked by their color and the final destination on their line. So if you're going from the NoMa-Gallaudet station to Farragut North you'll want to find a Red line train towards Shady Grove. To get back to Gallaudet take the Red line train towards Glenmont.

And stand to the right on the escalators or risk being run over!

Steps to buying a Metro card:

Step 1: Select the kind of fare to purchase – pass, single-fare card, or multiple-fare card.

Step 2: Find your destination station from the list on the machine.

Step 3: Look in the appropriate column to the right of your station for the peak or off-peak fare.

Step 4: Then manually adjust the price in the window to your fare you need, pay and get your card. If you pay too little you'll be able to get on, but the turnstile won't let you out once you reach your destination. You'll have to find another machine and add 'exit fare'.



NoMa-Gallaudet
U New York Ave

The nearest Metro station
is on the Red Line:
NoMa-Gallaudet U-New York Ave

