



List of All Events

- [Tidal Basin Paddle Boat Rides](#) 
Reserve your Paddle Boat online and enjoy the cherry blossom from your paddle boat on the Tidal Basin.
Date: Mar 15, 2009 - Apr 12, 2009
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Location: Tidal Basin Paddle Boat House - 1501 Maine Avenue, SW
- [Lily Spandorf: Washington Never More](#)
Exhibition features the art work of Lily Spandorf, whose interpretation of the individuality and beauty of places became a form of historical documentation as she captured the essence of many old buildings in Washington, DC before they were torn down.
Date: Mar 15, 2009 - Aug 23, 2009
Time: Open Tuesday through Sunday (Closed Mondays) - 10 am to 5 pm
Location: Historical Society of Washington, D.C. - 801 K Street, NW
- [NETSUKE: Miniature Art in the Palm of Your Hand](#)
Developed in Japan during the 17th Century, these miniature figurines were first used as fasteners for pouches and kimono. Overtime, as designs became more intricate, the fine art of "netsuke" carving was born. Around 100 of these contemporary carvings from the collections of Joe and Etsuko Price and Robert Kinsey will be on display.
Date: Mar 16, 2009 - May 29, 2009
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Mondays through Fridays only
Location: Japan Information and Culture Center (Embassy of Japan) - 1155 21st Street NW
- ["Throne of Blood" Film Showing](#)
One of the most celebrated adaptations of Shakespeare to film, "Throne of Blood" is director Akira Kurosawa's classic retelling of Macbeth, set in feudal Japan.
Date: Mar 18, 2009 - Mar 18, 2009
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm
Location: Japan Information and Culture Center (Embassy of Japan) - 1155 21st Street NW
- [The Tale of Shuten Doji](#)
Exhibition explores modes of visual narration of the tale of the conquest of the monster Shuten Doji by the hero Minamoto Yorimitsu (948-1021) through the museum's exceptional collection of works.
Date: Mar 21, 2009 - Sep 20, 2009
Time: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Location: Smithsonian Institution, Arthur M. Sackler Gallery - 1050 Independence Avenue, SW
- [Eleventh Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk](#)
The Freedom Walk is a short, non-competitive walk which honors the sacrifices made-- and the injustices suffered--by Japanese American citizens during World War II and reminds Americans of the importance of upholding civil and constitutional rights, particularly during times of national crisis.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Mar 28, 2009
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: National Japanese American Memorial - D Street & New Jersey Avenue, NW
- [Blossoms by Bike](#) 
Celebrate the arrival of spring with this two-hour bike ride specifically designed to showcase the natural beauty of the Nation's Capital at its peak!
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Apr 12, 2009
Time: Weekday tours at 3:00 pm - Weekend tours at 9:30 am, 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm
Location: Bike and Roll Kiosk - 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (rear plaza on 12th Street)
- [National Park Service - Ranger-led Bike Tours](#)
The history of Washington's cherry blossoms comes alive with three-hour bike tours led by National Park Service rangers.
Date(s):
Mar 28, 2009

Mar 29, 2009


Apr 04, 2009

Apr 05, 2009

Apr 11, 2009

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Thomas Jefferson Memorial

- Seventh Annual National Cherry Blossom Festival Anime Marathon
In celebration of this year's Cherry Blossom Festival, the Freer, in conjunction with the Japan Information and Cultural Center and Otakorp, Inc., presents a day-long festival of four Japanese Anime films.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Mar 28, 2009
Time: 11:00 AM - Marathon finishes
Location: Smithsonian Institution, Freer Gallery of Art - 1050 Independence Avenue, SW
- The 43rd Annual Smithsonian Kite Festival
Join The Smithsonian Associates for the 43rd Annual Kite Festival! This year's theme explores how being 'green' and utilizing natural resources can be a fun, creative, and fulfilling experience.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Mar 28, 2009
Time: 10 am - 4 pm
Location: Washington Monument Grounds - Constitution Ave. & 17th St., NW
- National Cherry Blossom Festival Family Day presented with the National Building Museum
The National Cherry Blossom Festival and the National Building Museum celebrate the official opening of Washington, DC's 2009 cherry blossom season with a family festival full of hands-on fun exploring Japanese arts and design.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Mar 28, 2009
Time: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Location: National Building Museum - 401 F Street, NW
- River Blossoms Tours
Cruise along in a comfortable tour boat and experience the magical view of the blossoms and monuments from the water. 90-minute tour with live narration.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Apr 12, 2009
Time: Weekends: 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm & 4 pm - Weekdays: 12 pm & 2 pm
Location: Washington Marina - 1300 Maine Avenue, SW
- Cherry Blossom Photo Safaris
Washington Photo Safari offers workshops in travel photography for amateur photographers twice a day during cherry blossom season at the Tidal Basin.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Apr 12, 2009
Time: Varies by tour - see description for details
Location: Varies by tour - see description for details
- The Blossom Secrets Stroll 
Walking tour that relays the story of and points out sites related to D.C.'s Japanese cherry trees.
Date(s):
Mar 28, 2009
Mar 29, 2009
Mar 30, 2009
Apr 03, 2009
Apr 04, 2009
Apr 05, 2009
Apr 06, 2009
Apr 10, 2009
Apr 11, 2009
Apr 12, 2009
Time: 10:00 am to 12 Noon, M/F - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, S/Su
Location: National Mall - Tidal Basin

- Community Cherry Blossom Art Show at Union Station
Gallery exhibit shows how blossom inspiration comes to life through the imagination of DC Public and Charter School students grades 1-12.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Apr 12, 2009
Time: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Location: Union Station - 55 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
- Target Tidal Basin Stage - Cultural Performances
Performances featuring music, dance, and song by local, national and international performing artists.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Apr 12, 2009
Time: Begins at Noon - Held Daily
Location: Jefferson Memorial
- National Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Ceremony
The ceremonial kick-off to the two-week Festival features Washington dignitaries and performances by Japanese and western artists.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Mar 28, 2009
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: National Building Museum - 401 F Street NW
- National Park Service - Ranger Talks
Capitalize on the blooming of the cherry blossoms by joining a tour guided by a National Park Service ranger.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Apr 12, 2009
Time: 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm - Program durations are b/w 20min - 60min
Location: Tidal Basin at the Entrance of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial & Thomas Jefferson Memorial Welcome Tent
- National Park Service - Cherry Blossom Lantern Walks
Join a National Park Service ranger for evening walks amongst the cherry trees.
Date(s):
Mar 28, 2009
Mar 29, 2009
Apr 01, 2009
Apr 04, 2009
Apr 05, 2009
Apr 08, 2009
Apr 11, 2009
Apr 12, 2009
Time: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Location: Tidal Basin Welcome Area (near the paddle boats) - 1500 Maine Ave, SW
- Cherry Blossom Soccer Tournament
Thirty-two adult, co-ed, 7v7 teams from the Washington, DC metropolitan area compete for the Cherry Blossom Cup.
Date(s):
Mar 28, 2009
Mar 29, 2009
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: JFK Hockey & Soccer Fields - Independence Avenue & 17th Street, SW
- National Park Service - Bloomin' Junior Ranger!
Join the National Park Service rangers for fun and activities all about the cherry blossoms!
Date(s):
Mar 28, 2009
Mar 29, 2009
Apr 03, 2009
Apr 04, 2009
Apr 05, 2009


Apr 10, 2009

Apr 11, 2009

Apr 12, 2009

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Tidal Basin Welcome Area (near the paddle boats) - 1500 Maine Ave, SW



- Beyond the Tidal Basin: Introducing Other Great Flowering Cherries
The U.S. National Arboretum invites Festival participants to go "Beyond the Tidal Basin" and enjoy a self-guided tour of the Arboretum's flowering cherry trees introduced by the USDA Agricultural Research Service at the Arboretum.
Date: Mar 28, 2009 - Apr 12, 2009
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: U.S. National Arboretum - 3501 New York Avenue, NE
- Cherry Blossom River Teas 
Enjoy a charming English Tea aboard a classic yacht as you cruise along the Blossoms.
Date(s):
Mar 28, 2009
Mar 29, 2009
Apr 04, 2009
Apr 05, 2009
Apr 11, 2009
Apr 12, 2009
Time: Tours depart at 12 pm & 2 pm - Limited Seating; Reservations Required
Location: Washington Marina - 1300 Maine Avenue SW
- Lantern Lighting Ceremony
The 357-year old stone lantern is lit in a formal ceremony featuring traditional Japanese performers, Washington dignitaries, and the Cherry Blossom Princesses representing the U.S. State Societies.
Date: Mar 29, 2009 - Mar 29, 2009
Time: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: Tidal Basin at Independence Ave & 17th Street, SW
- Japanese-style Garden Days
Explore Hillwood's Japanese-style Garden and celebrate the cherry blossom season with a special tour of this extraordinary garden. Garden docents will provide insight into the garden and be on hand all afternoon to bring it to life for visitors.
Date: Mar 31, 2009 - Apr 01, 2009
Time: Guided tours at 12:30 PM & 2:30 PM - Garden docents on-site 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens - 4155 Linnean Avenue, NW
- A Taste of Japan: A Guided Sushi & Sake Evening
SOLD OUT!
Enjoy a guided evening into the world of sushi & sake presented by the National Sushi Society, National Geographic and the National Cherry Blossom Festival.
Date: Apr 01, 2009 - Apr 01, 2009
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: National Geographic Museum at Explorers Hall - 1145 Seventeenth Street, NW
- Blossoms in the Breeze: The Sounds of Spring by Japanese Composers
Music lovers will not want to miss this evening of soothing pieces for spring by contemporary Japanese composers. The trio of harp, cello and soprano will grace the audience with an evening of music by such composers as Rentaro Taki and Masatoshi Mitsumoto.
Date: Apr 01, 2009 - Apr 01, 2009
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Japan Information and Culture Center (Embassy of Japan) - 1155 21st Street NW
- National Conference of State Societies Congressional Reception
Reception honoring current and former members of Congress, and officials from the international community

as they escort the U.S. and International Cherry Blossom Princesses.

Date: Apr 01, 2009 - Apr 01, 2009

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm


Location: Congressional Office Building - TBD


- Madame Tussauds DC & Washington Wine Academy: Cherry Blossoms Soirée and Reception
Delight the senses and celebrate springtime among an array of politicians and celebrities (all in wax) -- including replicas of President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama -- as Madame Tussauds DC transforms into a Cherry Blossom wonderland.
Date: Apr 02, 2009 - Apr 02, 2009
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: Madame Tussauds Washington DC - 1025 F Street, NW
- National Japan Bowl
The Japan Bowl is an academic team competition for high school students from across the nation.
Date: Apr 02, 2009 - Apr 03, 2009
Time: April 2 at 3:00 pm - April 3 at 5:00 pm
Location: National 4-H Youth Conference Center - 7100 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase, MD
- National Conference of State Societies Grand Ball 
Formal black-tie sushi reception and dinner featuring presentation of the Cherry Blossom Princesses and selection of the U.S. Cherry Blossom Queen, followed by entertainment and dancing.
Date: Apr 03, 2009 - Apr 03, 2009
Time: 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Location: Grand Hyatt at Washington Center - 1000 H Street, NW
- Southwest Airlines presents the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®
Enjoy this long-standing Washington tradition featuring marching bands, floats, balloons, and other family entertainment.
Date: Apr 04, 2009 - Apr 04, 2009
Time: 10:00 am - Noon
Location: Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th streets, NW
- Cherry Blossom Regatta
Race for PHRF Sailboats run by Dangerfield Island Sailing Club and sponsored by the Washington Sailing Marina and Indigo Landing Restaurant / Guest Services.
Date: Apr 04, 2009 - Apr 04, 2009
Time: 11:00 am - TBD
Location: Washington Sailing Marina - 1 Marina Drive, GW Parkway, Alexandria VA 22314
- AkibaFest: Pop the Rock Japan Music Showcase 
Pop the Rock Japan Music Showcase is an annual concert event that presents Japanese Pop Music to a growing American fan base. This year's performers include Psychic Lover, Unicorn Table, Project R and special guest Shing02.
Date: Apr 04, 2009 - Apr 04, 2009
Time: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Location: Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center at UMD
- Blessing of the Fleets
Sailors from the Navy's Ceremonial Guard proceed across the Memorial's "Granite Sea" to pour water from the Seven Seas - and the Great Lakes - into the surrounding foundations, "charging" them to life, celebrating the new spring season.
Date: Apr 04, 2009 - Apr 04, 2009
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location: United States Navy Memorial - 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- Cherry Blossom Rugby Tournament
Invitation-only Rugby Tournament features best teams from across the United States in Men's club, College Men and Women's Division, as well as High School teams.

Date: Apr 04, 2009 - Apr 05, 2009

Time: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: Rosecroft Raceway - 6338 Rosecroft Drive Ft. Washington, MD 26744

- DC Visitor Information Center: Japanese Cultural Fair
The DC Visitor Information Center presents a Japanese Cultural Fair featuring a Japanese tea ceremony, calligraphy, and origami demonstrations.
Date: Apr 04, 2009 - Apr 04, 2009
Time: Noon - 2:00 pm
Location: DC Visitor Information Center - 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival
The Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C. presents the nation's largest Japanese street festival, stretching for six blocks through downtown DC!
Date: Apr 04, 2009 - Apr 04, 2009
Time: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Location: Downtown DC - Pennsylvania Ave. between 14th & 10th streets; and 12th Street between Pennsylvania & Constitution avenues
- Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run
World-class runners and 12,000 running enthusiasts take part in the 36th running of the "Runner's Rite of Spring."
Date: Apr 05, 2009 - Apr 05, 2009
Time: 7:45 am - Noon
Location: Washington Monument Grounds (15th and Jefferson Dr., SW).
- Drawing from Cherry Blossoms - A Family Workshop for Children Ages 8-16 
Using graphite, colored pencil, and watercolor, children and their families will be introduced to botanical art by drawing the Yoshino cherry trees and their blossoms.
Date: Apr 05, 2009 - Apr 05, 2009
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Location: Tidal Basin - meet at NCBF Welcome Tent
- "Discovering the Diversity of Flowering Cherries" Lecture
Dr. Margaret Pooler of the Arboretums' Floral and Nursery Plants Research Unit will present "Discovering the Diversity of Flowering Cherries" in the Arboretums' National Bonsai & Penjing Museum Lecture/Demonstration Center. A tour featuring the Arboretums' flowering cherries will follow the presentation.
Date: Apr 05, 2009 - Apr 05, 2009
Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Location: U.S. National Arboretum - 3501 New York Avenue NE
- Gala Dinner Cruise Aboard the Odyssey
Cruise past the cherry blossoms that line the Potomac while enjoying a four-course dinner, live entertainment and dancing in the glass atrium dining rooms with monumental views of nation's capital at night. Tickets go on sale November 1, 2008.
Date: Apr 09, 2009 - Apr 09, 2009
Time: Boarding at 6:00 pm - Cruise from 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Location: Gangplank Marina - 6th & Water streets, SW
- The 22nd Annual George Washington Invitational Regatta
Watch races between some of the top men's and women's rowing teams from around the country. With races coming down the course every 6 minutes and its scenic location, the event is an exciting one for spectators.
Date: Apr 10, 2009 - Apr 11, 2009
Time: Friday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Saturday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Potomac River near Washington Harbor and Thompson Boat Center

- National Cherry Blossom Festival Fireworks Show
 Enjoy a spectacular fireworks show from the Washington Channel.
Date: Apr 11, 2009 - Apr 11, 2009
Time: 8:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Southwest Waterfront - 7th Street & Maine Ave., SW
- Prelude to the Fireworks
 Enjoy musical entertainment by military and local musical groups, family-friendly activities and food prior to the fireworks.
Date: Apr 11, 2009 - Apr 11, 2009
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: Waterfront Park - 600 Water Street, SW
- Newseum Birthday Bash
 The Newseum celebrates its one-year anniversary with fun activities, events and appearances by the Newseum News Hound. Join us for special editions of NewsMania, a News Hound Scavenger Hunt and other exciting and interactive programs such as the "Be a Reporter" activity with the cherry blossoms in bloom at the Tidal Basin.
Date: Apr 11, 2009 - Apr 11, 2009
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Newseum - 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- Spirit of Washington Fireworks Cruise
 Cruise aboard the Spirit of Washington for an evening of a bountiful buffet, live entertainment, DJ for dancing, views of the Nation's Capital and the spectacular Festival fireworks!
Date: Apr 11, 2009 - Apr 11, 2009
Time: 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Location: Embarks from Pier 4 - 6th & Water streets NW
- Fireworks Cruise on the Celebrity 
 Watch the skies light up over the monuments and trees. Includes dessert buffet.
Date: Apr 11, 2009 - Apr 11, 2009
Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Location: Washington Marina - 1300 Maine Avenue SW
- Anacostia Cherry Blossom Festival
 Main Street Anacostia and this historic SE neighborhood gather for a community celebration including a tree planting and dedication ceremony, a rooftop brunch and an art walk featuring local artists and performers.
Date: Apr 11, 2009 - Apr 11, 2009
Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Anacostia Park & Anacostia Gateway Building - Good Hope Road & MLK Avenue, SE