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YRE Description

This event covers an area of Northwest Washington D.C. that is known for its embassies and diplomatic missions. The southern 11k trail is through an older section of embassies along Massachusetts Ave. and in the streets surrounding it, known as Embassy Row. As the need to expand has increased, several embassies that were originally located in this area have moved outwards to other areas. One of these areas is around International Drive in the Van Ness area of Northwest Washington D.C. The northern 11k trail is through this area.

Embassy refers to a diplomatic mission including a residence, office or any combination. Chancery usually refers to a diplomatic office building. Legation refers to a diplomatic mission headed by a minister ranking just below an ambassador.

All trails are mostly on concrete sidewalks.

There are three trails;

- A northern 11k trail that views a newer section of Embassies on International Drive and the National Cathedral.
- A southern 11k trail visits the Embassy Row area. This trail also visits the National Cathedral and goes by the Naval Observatory grounds.
- A 5k trail to see some of the southern section of Embassies.

The northern and southern 11k trails may be combined for the 22k distance.

Registering for the walk

- Participant Fee: The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch club charges a \$4 per person participation fee for all participants aged 13 and older. This fee helps cover event costs.
- Ensuring Your IVV Credit: To ensure you receive IVV event and distance credit for your walk, please do NOT check the “No Credit” box during registration if you are 13 years or older. This step is important for tracking your progress in Volkssporting!

Accessing Walk Information (OSB PDF Download)

For your convenience, you can download a comprehensive PDF file containing detailed walk information, maps and instructions for your chosen route.

- There is a small, upfront \$2 download fee for this PDF.
- Reimbursement for the PDF: We'll credit this \$2 download fee back to you when you complete your walk using the OSB “Finish Table” and pay the \$4 participant fee. Think of it as a prepayment that gets returned when you finish!

After You Have Completed the Walk

After completing your walk, please return to the OSB and log your finish at the “Finish Table” within 60 days. Be sure to include the walk date, distance, and any AVA Special Programs. If walking for IVV credit, your event and distance credits will be recorded automatically.

Directions to Trail Start

Address: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan Metro Station Entrance, 2700 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

GPS Coordinates: 38.9246336,-77.0518565

Plus code: WAFX+R2 Washington, District of Columbia

Plus codes are based on latitude and longitude. By using a simpler code system, they are intended to be shorter and easier to use than traditional global coordinates.

Metrorail Directions:

Metrorail Line to use: Red

Destination Station: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan

Take the escalator from the station to the surface.

Driving Directions:

Drive if you must, but we prefer that you use the Metrorail to the walk start!

From Washington Beltway (I-495)

Take Exit 33, MD-185 South (Connecticut Ave.) for 2.7 miles

Embassy Row/National Cathedral Y0553

Enter/Exit traffic circle on Connecticut Ave. NW for 1.2 miles

Metro station entrance will be on the right.

Free Parking is limited to residential streets on the weekends ONLY!

Paid Parking is available at the OMNI Shoreham Hotel on Calvert St. NW.

Embassy Row Trail – 5k

AVA rating 1A

There are restrooms at the McDonald's when open. There are other restrooms along this trail. In addition to the Embassies, these instructions also call out the residences of foreign diplomats and other buildings of interesting architecture and history. Also, these instructions call out examples of "Art on Call". These are 1860s-era abandoned police and fire call boxes that have been restored as works of art.

In case of Emergency: Dial 911.
For event assistance contact Darla Fera at (301) 649-2601

From the Metro station exit,

1. **Turn Right** on Connecticut Ave.

- a. Cross Calvert St.
- b. Cross William Howard Taft Memorial Bridge.

The bridge was built between 1897-1907. It is an excellent example of an artistic monolithic concrete bridge. It was the largest at that time, constructed entirely of concrete with no metal reinforcement.

- c. Cross Kalorama Rd.

This is the Kalorama Heights neighborhood named after a famous mansion which once stood on the hill on your left.

2. **Cross Wyoming Ave and Turn Right.**

Art On Call - "Architects and Architecture" at corner.

Permanent Mission of Paraguay (on left)
Embassy of Macedonia (on right)
Embassy of Algeria -Military (on right)
Embassy of Algeria -Consular Section (on right)
Embassy of Barbados (on left)
Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic (on right)
Consulate of Poland (on left)

3. **Cross 23rd St and Turn Right**, then **Quickly Turn Left** to continue on Wyoming Ave.

Art On Call - "The Presidents" at the corner.
Embassy of Yemen (on right)
Embassy of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (on right)

- a. Cross 24th St.

4. **Turn Left** on Kalorama Rd.

Art On Call - "Women of Influence" at the corner of Tracy Pl.

5. **Quickly Turn Right** on Tracy Pl.

Embassy of Guyana (on left)

6. **Turn Left** on Belmont Rd.

Islamic Center of Washington DC (on right)
Art On Call - "Diplomacy" at the corner of Massachusetts Ave.

7. **Turn Left** on Massachusetts Ave.

Embassy of Belize (on left)
Embassy of Turkey (on left)
Embassy of India (on right)
Embassy of Japan (on right)
Embassy of Lesotho (on left)

- a. Cross California St.

Embassy of the Republic of Korea (on right)
Embassy of the Marshall Islands (on left)
Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Organization of American States (on right)
Embassy of Côte d'Ivoire (on right)
Embassy of Chad (on left)

- b. Cross S St.

In the mini-park formed by intersecting 24th St. is a statue of Robert Emmet, Irish patriot, with his back to the British Embassy looking in the direction of the Irish Embassy further down the Avenue.

Art On Call - This one portrays the history of the Kalorama Mansion.

Embassy Row – 5k

c. Cross 24th St.

Embassy of Malawi (on right)
The United Arab Emirates Cultural Attaché (on right)
Embassy of Cameroon (on left)
The Korean Cultural Center (on right)
Embassy of Croatia (on left). There is a statue of St. Jerome the Priest in front.

d. Cross Decatur Pl.

Embassy of Kyrgyzstan (on right)
Embassy of Haiti (on left)
Embassy of Burkina Faso (on right)

8. **Veer Left** to follow R St. (no sign)

Embassy of Kenya (on left)
Embassy of Armenia (on left)
Embajada de Guatemala (on right)
Embassy of Cyprus (on left)
Embassy of the Republic of Niger (on right)
Embassy of Zambia (on right)
Art On Call - “Arts in Sheridan- Kalorama” at the corner of 22nd St and R St.

9. **Cross 22nd St and Turn Right.**

Note the statue of Alberto Santos Dumont, considered the “Father of Aviation” in Brazil.
Embassy of Bulgaria (on left)
Embassy of Zambia (on right)
Embassy of Estonia (on left)

10. **Turn Left** on Florida Ave.

a. Cross R St.

Decision Point: Optional Detour
Detour Route to walk up the Spanish Steps, a tranquil set of stone steps with a fountain.

● **Turn Left** on Decatur Pl.

Embassy of Dominican Republic (on left)
Art On Call - “police services and the fire services” and an informational sign at the corner of Decatur Pl and 22nd St.

- **Turn Right** on 22nd St.
- **Continue** up the Spanish Steps and visit the Decatur Fountain, which dates back to 1912.
- **Turn Left** on S St. and continue with instruction #11b.

Regular Route

- b. Cross Decatur Pl.
- c. Cross Phelps Pl.

Embassy of Albania (on left)

11. **Turn Left** on S St.

Embassy of Moldova (on right)

a. Cross Phelps Pl.

Embassy of Costa Rica (on left)

b. Cross 22nd St.

Embassy of Laos (on left)

Embassy of Myanmar (on left), formerly known as Burma, has built a new embassy on International Drive along with several other countries including Israel, Malaysia, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates.

The Woodrow Wilson House (on left). It is Washington’s only Presidential Museum. Wilson lived here after leaving the White House.

Residence of Pakistani Ambassador (on right)

12. **Turn Right** on 24th St.

a. Cross Bancroft Pl.

Cypriot Ambassador’s Residence (on right)

b. Cross California St.

c. Cross Tracy Pl.

Art On Call - “Chief Justices” at the corner of Tracy Pl and 24th St.

d. Cross Wyoming Ave.

Embassy of Afghanistan (on right).

Art On Call - “The Lindens” at 24th St. and Kalorama Rd.

13. **Turn Right** on Kalorama Rd.

Consulate Section of the Embassy of Thailand (on right)

Royal Thai Embassy (Consular Office) (on right)

14. **Turn Left to Cross** 23rd St to the left side of Kalorama Rd.

Miniature Statue of Liberty (on left)

Art On Call - “Little Friar”.

Across Kalorama is an annex of the Embassy of France. France built a new embassy in upper Georgetown on Reservoir Rd.

- a. Cross Thornton Pl.

Ukraine House (on right)
Ambassadorial Residence of the Embassy of Portugal (on left)
Embassy of Benin (on right)
Chinese Embassy Staff Apartment building (on left)
Embassy of Algeria (on right)

- 15. **Turn Left** on Connecticut Ave.

At 2311 Connecticut Ave. is the Spanish Colonial apartment house. It was built prior to World War I for retailer S. Walter Woodward. The building's most striking feature is the elaborate baroque terra cotta entrance.

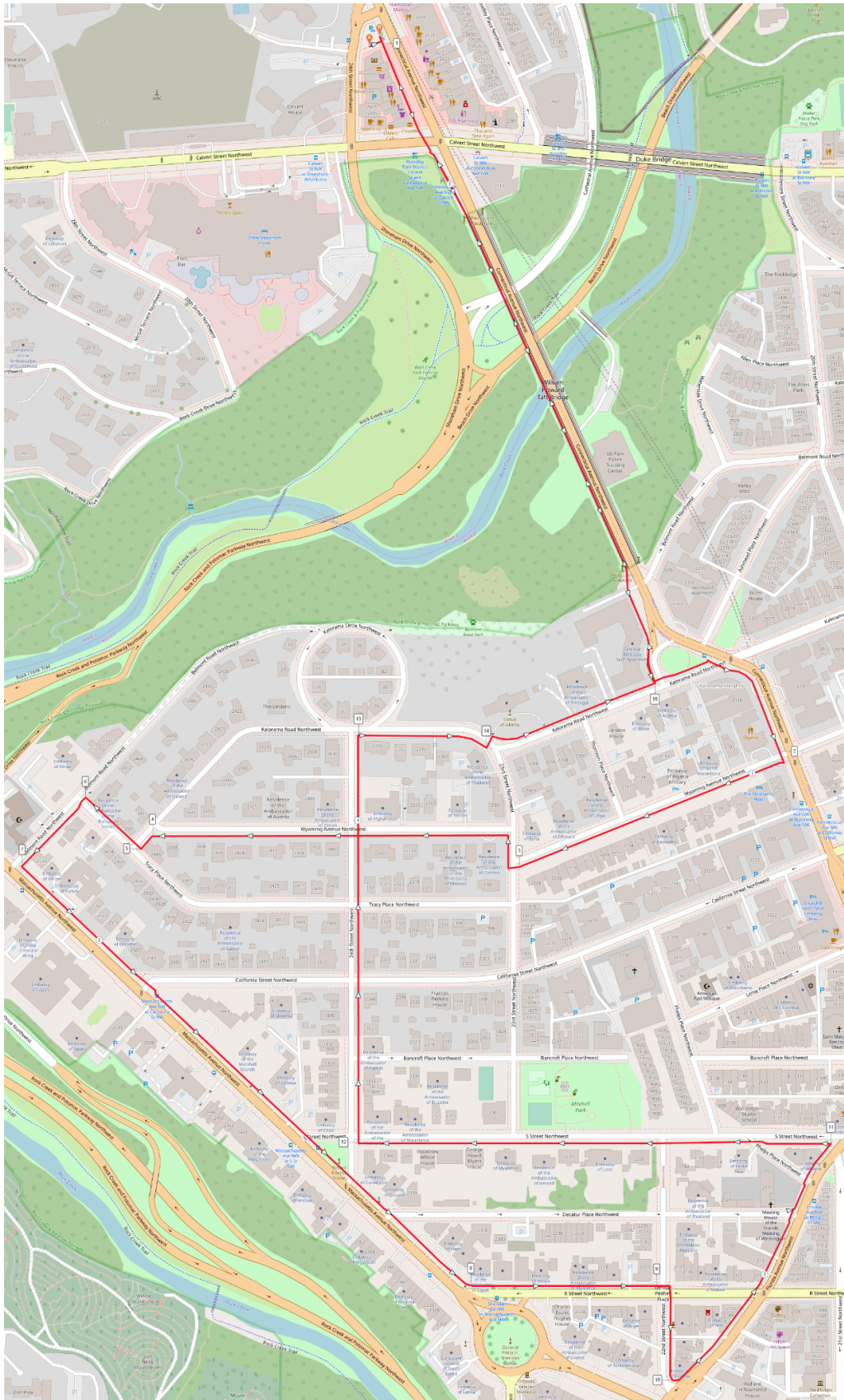
- a. Cross William Howard Taft Memorial Bridge.
- b. Cross Calvert St. to our start/finish.

Thank you for walking our Sugarloafer Year-Round today!

We hope you enjoyed this trail.

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Embassy Row – 5k



Numbers in circles are kilometer markers

Numbers in squares or rectangles are instruction numbers

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Embassy Row North Trail - 11k

AVA rating 2A

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From the Metro station exit,

1. **Turn Left** on Connecticut Ave.

- a. Cross 24th St.
- b. Cross Woodley Rd.
- c. Cross Garfield St.
- d. Cross Cathedral Ave.
- e. Pass National Zoo (on right)
- f. Cross Devonshire Pl. (~1 km)

Notice the Kennedy-Warren apartment complex on your right with its art deco design. Built in the 1930s, it is one of the first luxury apartment buildings built in Washington, complete with indoor shops and services. (1 km)

The bridge you are crossing was lit with gas lanterns around the turn of the century.

g. Cross Macomb St.

The Cleveland Park public library (on left) was the site of popular wooden structure during the early part of the century and served not only as a shelter and stop for trolley car patrons, but also as a favorite meeting place for the neighborhood.

You are passing through a section known in the 1920s as the "Commercial Strip."

h. Cross Newark St.

The Uptown Theater (on left) with its art deco facade joined the 'Strip' in 1936 to provide a new kind of entertainment, movies. It is an historic single screen theater in this Cleveland Park neighborhood.

i. Cross Ordway St.

At 3522, you pass the Engine Co. No 28, a DC fire station built in 1916. Notice the fancy Georgian Revival style details of the building.

This station was one of the first in the city equipped with motorized fire engines.

- j. Cross Porter St.
- k. Cross Rodman St.
- l. Cross Sedgwick St.
- m. Cross Tilden St. (**2 km**)

Notice the futuristic building complex, headquarters of Intelsat, on your left at the corner of Van Ness St.

2. **Turn Left** on Van Ness St.

On your right is the University of District of Columbia (UDC).

This area now occupied by UDC and new embassies was the home of the National Bureau of Standards from 1903 to 1968, before the agency moved to Gaithersburg, MD.

3. **Cross and Turn Left** on International Dr. (no sign)

You are now entering what is known as Little Embassy Row.

Embassy of Singapore (on right)

a. Cross International Pl.

MedStart Health Center (on left)

b. Pass International Park (on right)

Embassy of Kuwait (on left)

Embassy of Bahrain (on left)

c. Cross International Pl. a second time.

Embassy of Jordan (on left)

Embassy of Ethiopia (on left)

US State Dept, Office of Foreign Missions (on right)

Embassy of Bangladesh (on left)

Embassy of Ghana (on left)

Embassy of the People's Republic of China,

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*designed by I.M. Pei.
Embassy of Israel (on left)*

4. **Cross** both sides of Van Ness St **to the left side** of International Ct. (**3 km**)

Decision Point: Accessibility Detour
Detour Route to bypass steps at instruction #7.

- **Turn Left** on Van Ness St. to Wisconsin Ave.
- Skip to Instruction #13.

*Embassy of Pakistan (on left)
Embassy of Nigeria (on left)*

5. **Turn Left** at T-intersection.
6. **Continue** around cul-de-sac and continue on International Ct.

*Embassy of Malaysia (on left)
Embassy of Brunei (on left)
Embassy of United Arab Emirates (on left)
Embassy of Egypt (on right)
Embassy of Austria (on left)
Embassy of Slovakia (on right)*

7. Immediately after passing the Embassy of Austria, **Turn Left** on the brick walkway and **GO down** the steps.
8. **Turn Left** at the intersection (3km) and continue to its end at 36th St. (no sign)
9. **Turn Left** on 36th St.
10. **Turn Left** on Reno Rd.
11. **Turn Right** on Van Ness St. (**4 km**)

Notice the fine examples of English Tudor architecture on the houses along this street.

- Cross 37th St.
- Cross 38th St.

12. **Turn Left** on Wisconsin Ave.

Across Wisconsin Ave is a McDonalds (restrooms)

- Cross Upton St.

The Friendship Station Post Office on your left is notable for offering full service hours on Sunday and for the anthrax scare in October 2001.

On your right is the former headquarters of Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae).

*On your left is the private Sidwell Friends School, attended by Chelsea, President Clinton's daughter and by Malia and Sasha, daughters of President Obama. (**5 km**)*

- Pass Rodman St.
- Cross Quebec St.
- Cross Porter St.

On your left is the Washington School of Ballet.

- Cross Ordway St./Idaho Ave.
- Cross Norton Pl.

13. **Turn Left** on Newark St.

14. **Cross 36th St and Turn Right.**

The brick house on this corner (3542 Newark St.) sits on the site of President Grover Cleveland's summer home. It was a stone residence with a porch added by Mr. Cleveland just before his wedding in 1886. That house was razed in 1927 to make way for this present brick dwelling.

- Cross Macomb St.
- Cross Lowell St. (**6 km**)

15. **Cross** Woodley Rd **and Continue** on North Rd to enter National Cathedral grounds.

Repairs being done to the National Cathedral are due to the damage from the 5.8 magnitude earthquake on August 23, 2011.

There is a FEE to enter the Cathedral (\$12/adult; \$8/senior or child). Tours may be available.

Restroom (no fee) on the Gift Shop level (B-2) of the underground parking garage. Take the stairs or the elevator outside near the corner of the Cathedral.

16. **Continue** counter-clockwise around the Cathedral past the front entrance.

17. **Cross** the road (South Rd.) using the crosswalk and **continue** on the sidewalk on the left side of Church House Lane (no sign).

Decision Point: Accessibility Detour
Detour Route to bypass steps

- Continue on sidewalk and turn Turn Left on Pilgrim Rd going downhill to exit the Cathedral grounds at Garfield

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St.
Turn Turn Left and skip to Instruction
#32.

Regular Trail

18. **Turn Left** to enter the Bishop's Garden through an arched door in the stone wall.

The Bishop's Garden was planned by Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. It contains two herb gardens, a rose garden, two perennial borders, a Shadow House, and winding stone paths.

19. **Go Down steps** and across the lawn to the Stone Gazebo.

The stone gazebo (garden house) at the edge of the lawn in front of you was built in 1927 with stones from President Cleveland's summer home on Newark Street. It is called Shadow House, a place for the bishop to sit in the shade.

20. **Go Down steps** on the left side of gazebo on the stone path, and then **immediately Turn Left**.

21. **Quickly Turn Right** to pass an ancient Carolinian baptismal font on your right, surrounded by boxwood. Walk around the font to the brick walk at the rose garden.

a. Continue through the rose garden to a T-intersection with a stone path.

22. **Turn Right** on the stone path and **Immediately Turn Left** to continue through the rose garden.

23. **Turn Right and Quickly Left** to exit through the gate.

24. **Turn Right and go down** the Pilgrim Steps to Pilgrim Rd.

The steps were laid in 1930, and the sandstone came from a quarry once owned by George Washington in Aquia, Virginia.

a. Cross Pilgrim Rd.

The bronze equestrian statue of George Washington is now in front of you.

25. **Turn Right** on flagstone path to enter woods.

Olmsted Woods is one of few old growth forests still standing in Washington.

26. **Turn Left** at Y-intersection and then **Turn Left** again at next Y-intersection in path. Ignore paths on right and left. Continue downhill on serpentine path to Pilgrim Rd. (no sign).

27. **Turn Right** on Pilgrim Rd. to the exit gate at Garfield St. (sign on left) (**7 km**).

28. **Turn Left** on Garfield St.

Embassy of Belgium (on right) at 34th St.

29. **Cross 34th St and Turn Left**.

- Cross Cathedral Ave.
- Cross Cleveland Ave.
- Cross Klinge Rd.
- Cross Woodley Rd.
- Cross Lowell St.
- Cross Macomb St. (**8 km**)

30. **Turn Right** on Newark St.

Cleveland Park Historic District - You are entering Cleveland Park where President Cleveland once owned a home.

31. **Turn Left** on 33rd Pl.

You have entered the Highland Section of Cleveland Park known for its fancy turn-of-the-century Georgian Revival and Queen Anne style homes. Many of them have been restored to their former beauty.

32. **Turn Right** on Highland Pl.

Take time here to admire old homes from a bygone era.

At 3225, notice the Queen Anne style house with its fancy lace treatment (on left).

At 3209, is the first brick house built in Cleveland Park. This is now the National Child Research Center Preschool.

At 3154, notice the red-tiled roof home (on right) which was restored in 1990.

At 3100, you pass another fine example of a Queen Anne style home (on right).

33. **Cross Newark St and Turn Left**.

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#2960 Newark St was built in 1899 and was once the home of O.T. Crosby, the founder of Potomac Electric Power Company.

#2940 Newark St was once the home of arctic explorer Commodore Robert Peary.

34. Turn Right on Connecticut Ave. (**9 km**)

- a. Cross Macomb St. (Cleveland Park Library restrooms)
- b. Cross bridge.

35. Cross Devonshire Pl **and Turn Right.**

36. Turn Left on Cortland Pl.

- a. Cross 28th St.

You are now in a quaint neighborhood once known as English Village. Many young Washington professionals made their home here.

37. Turn Left on 29th St.

At 2913, notice the beautiful treatment of the facade of the home (on left).

Embassy of Switzerland at the corner of Cathedral Ave. and 29th St.

- a. Cross Cathedral Ave.

Old Woodley Park Historic District - You are walking in Woodley Park named after the Woodley Mansion, once the summer home of four 19th century presidents; Van Buren, Tyler, Buchanan, and Cleveland, located on Cathedral Ave.

- b. Cross Garfield St./Woodley Rd. (**10 km**)

The Oyster-Adams Bilingual School at the corner of Calvert St.

38. Turn Left on Calvert St. at the Oyster Bilingual School on your left.

Embassy of Panama, the stone building on your right.

- a. Cross 24th St.

The construction of the grade-level bridge across the deep ravine of Rock Creek allowed Connecticut Ave. to become one of Washington's major thoroughfares when the trolley car service was extended to Chevy Chase Circle in 1892.

This allowed the development of new suburbs along the trolley line, as affluent Washingtonians moved to the highlands west of Connecticut Ave., seeking cooler, more comfortable homes.

39. Turn Left on Connecticut Ave. to return to our start/finish point at the Metro Station.

If you would like to see the traditional "Embassy Row" along Massachusetts Ave. and in the streets surrounding it, we invite you to walk our Embassy Row - South trail.

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Embassy Row South Trail – 11k

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1. **Turn Right** on Connecticut Ave.
2. **Turn Right** on Calvert St.
 - a. Cross 24th St.
 - b. Cross 29th St.

Oyster-Adams Bilingual School (on right)

Embassy of Panama (on left)

3. **Turn Left** to the left sidewalk of 29th St.
4. **Cross Woodland Dr and Turn Right** to continue on Woodland Dr.

You are passing through the neighborhood of Washington Heights, the location of embassies and ambassadorial residences.

- a. Cross 30th St.
 - b. Cross 31st St.
 - c. Pass 31st Pl.
 - d. Cross 32nd St.
5. **Turn Left** on Garfield St.

Embassy of Belgium (on left) at the corner of Garfield St. and 34th St.

6. At 34th St., **Cross** Garfield St. to the right sidewalk and continue straight.
7. **Cross** Pilgrim Rd **and Turn Right** to the National Cathedral grounds.

Olmsted Woods on the left is one of the few old growth forests still standing in the Nation's Capital.

8. **Continue** uphill on the sidewalk until you come to the statue of George Washington on horseback on your left and steps leading up to the Cathedral on your right.

Decision Point: Accessibility Detour

Detour Route to bypass Pilgrim Steps

Those with wheelchairs/strollers may continue on Pilgrim Rd, bypassing the Pilgrim Steps and the Bishop's Garden (on right).

9. **Turn Right** at end of the parking lot, on Church House Ln (no sign).
10. **Cross** South Rd (no sign) **and Turn Right**.
11. **Quick Turn Left** to the front of the National Cathedral. Skip to instruction #23.
12. **Turn Right** and cross Pilgrim Rd. Go ½ way up the Pilgrim steps.
13. **Turn Left** on stone walk, through the gate into the Bishop's Garden.
14. **Turn Right** on the stone path, then Turn Left on the wide brick path.
15. **Turn Left** after the sundial (on left), on brick path.
16. **Turn Right** on the stone path to baptismal font and continue straight ahead.
17. **Turn Left** at T-intersection in stone path toward the stone gazebo.
18. **Turn Right** up steps to the lawn.
19. **Bear Right** across grass toward the arch gateway in the wall at the far-right corner.
20. **Exit** the Bishop's Garden through the gateway and up 2 steps.

Embassy Row - South - 11k

21. **Turn Right** on Church House Ln. (no sign)
22. **Cross** South Rd (no sign) **and Continue** on the walkway leading to a ramp down to the front of the National Cathedral.

Decision Point: Bypass the Cathedral Interior
To bypass the Cathedral, skip to Instruction #23.

Decision Point: Visit the Cathedral Interior
To enter the Cathedral, continue around to the left side of the Cathedral.
There is a fee to enter the Cathedral (\$17/adult; \$14/senior/Student, or \$12/Child).
Tours may be available.
Restroom (no fee) on Gift Shop level (B-2) of the underground parking garage. Take the stairs or the elevator outside near the corner of the Cathedral.

23. **Retrace your steps** toward South Rd.
24. **Turn Right** on the walkway leading to Wisconsin Ave.
25. **Turn Left** on Wisconsin Ave (no sign).
 - a. Cross Lych Gate Rd (no sign).
 - b. Cross Massachusetts Ave at traffic light.
 - c. Cross Garfield St.
 - d. Cross Fulton St.
 - e. Cross Edmunds St.

Embassy of Russia. The white marble structure was built during the 1980s as a new Soviet Embassy which relocated from downtown to this high ground in upper Georgetown. At the time, the move provoked suspicion in the local press as it was thought to give the Soviets enhanced surveillance capability.
Occupancy of the embassy building was delayed by the Reagan Administration when a new U.S. Embassy building in Moscow was found to be bugged.

Note the tricolor flag brought back in 1991 as the official flag of the new Russian Federation.

26. **Turn Left** on Davis St.
 - a. Cross 36th Pl.
 - b. Cross 36th St.
27. **Cross** Observatory Circle **and Turn Left.**
28. **Bear Right** on Massachusetts Ave.

At Massachusetts Ave., you have arrived on Embassy Row which extends to DuPont Circle. Be on the lookout for coats of arms and colorful flags identifying embassies, chanceries and ambassadorial residences.

Embassy of Norway, at 34th St. Wave back at the statue of Crown Princess Martha. (on left)
At the gate with two white anchors is the main entrance to the Naval Observatory, with the digital master clock. (Rockin' around the Clock SP)
The U.S. Vice President's official residence is here.
Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See (Legation of the Vatican) is just past 34th St. (on left)
Embassy of the Republic of Finland (on left)

- a. Cross Observatory Circle.

Embassy of Great Britain (on right). As you pass the embassy complex, note the statue of Winston Churchill.
Kahlil Gibran Memorial (on left) is a memorial garden for the poet and philosopher.
Embassy of South Africa with a statue of Nelson Mandela. (on left)
Former Embassy of Iran (on left) is now closed
Embassy of Bolivia (on right)
Embassy of Brazil (on right)
- b. Cross Whitehaven St. (5km)

Embassy of Italy is just up Whitehaven St.

- c. Cross the Charles C. Glover Bridge, spanning scenic Rock Creek Park.
- d. Cross Waterside Dr. at the traffic light.

Embassy of Spain (on right)

29. **Cross** Massachusetts Ave. **to the left side** and continue straight.

Embassy Row - South - 11k

The impressive Islamic Center Mosque is on your left. Its tower is turned to face Mecca, the Holy City of Islam.

a. Cross Belmont Rd.

You are entering the heart of Embassy Row.

*Embassy of Belize (on left)
Embassy of Turkey (on left)
Embassy of India (on right)
Embassy of Japan (on right)
Embassy of Lesotho (on left)*

c. Cross California St.

*Embassy of the Republic of Korea (on right)
Embassy of the Marshall Islands (on left)
Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Organization of American States (on right)
Embassy of Côte d'Ivoire (on right)
Embassy of Chad (on left)*

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Embassy of Cameroon (on left)
The Korean Cultural Center (on right)
Embassy of Croatia (on left). There is a statue of St. Jerome the Priest in front.*

f. Cross Decatur Pl.

*Embassy of Kyrgyzstan (on right)
Embassy of Haiti (on left)
Embassy of Burkina Faso (on right)*

30. Turn Left to follow R St. (no sign)

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Embassy of Armenia (on left)
Embajada de Guatemala (on right)
Embassy of Cyprus (on left)
Embassy of the Republic of Niger (on right)
Embassy of Zambia (on right)
Art On Call - "Arts in Sheridan- Kalorama" at the corner of 22nd St and R St.*

31. Cross 22nd St and Turn Right.

Note the statue of Alberto Santos Dumont, considered the "Father of Aviation" in Brazil.

*Embassy of Bulgaria (on left)
Embassy of Estonia (on left)*

32. Turn Right to cross 22nd St.

Art On Call - "George Washington" who may have traveled at this intersection.

a. Cross Massachusetts Ave., becomes 22nd St.

Embassy of Sudan (on right)

33. Turn Right on Q St.

34. Turn Right on 23rd St.

The imposing building across the street is a residence of the Embassy of Turkey.

Embassy of Romania (on right)

Art On Call - "The Gilded Age."

35. Turn Right on Sheridan Circle.

The circle is named for Union Civil War General Philip Sheridan. Gutzon Borglan, sculptor of Mt. Rushmore, created the statue of Sheridan astride his spirited horse.

Curbside on Sheridan Circle, embedded in a grass plot, is a small monument commemorating two Chilean diplomats who were killed by a car bomb.

36. Turn Right on Massachusetts Ave.

*Embassy of Ireland (on right)
Economic and Commerce Office of the Embassy of Egypt (on right)
Embassy of Greece (on left)
Embassy of Bahamas (on right)
Embassy of Paraguay (on left)
Embassy of Turkmenistan (on left)
Daughters-American Colonists (on left)
Embassy of Sudan (on right)
Embassy of Togo (on right)
Embassy of Sudan (on right)*

a. Cross 22nd St.

On your right is a triangular park with a statue of Tomáš Masaryk, first president of Czechoslovakia.

On your left is the Philosophical Society of Washington, also known as the Cosmos Club. The Club has been described as: "the closest thing to a social headquarters for Washington's intellectual elite."

37. **Turn Left** on Q St.

Embassy of India. Look for a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the mini-park at the street intersection in front of the embassy.

- a. Cross 21st St.

38. **Turn Left** on 20th St. (7 km)

- a. Cross Hillyer Pl.

39. **Continue** on Connecticut Ave.

40. At R St, **Cross Connecticut Ave. to the right sidewalk** and reverse direction.

- a. Pass Larry's Ice Cream & Cupcakes at 1633 Connecticut Ave.
- b. Cross Q St.

41. At Dupont Circle, use the crosswalks to **Cross** the road and enter Dupont Circle Park. Continue to the Fountain in the center.

Dupont Circle Park, dedicated to Samuel Francis Dupont, Rear Admiral of the Navy in the Civil War, is a favorite park for neighborhood picnics and gatherings. Centerpiece of the circle is the fountain designed by Daniel Chester French, sculptor of the Lincoln Memorial.

42. **Continue** counter-clockwise around the fountain.

43. **Turn Right** on 2nd path to exit the Park at New Hampshire Ave.

44. **Cross** Dupont Cir **and Turn Left**.

45. **Turn Right** on 19th St.

46. **Cross** Sunderland Pl **and Turn Right**.

At 1914 Sunderland Pl. see a sign on black fence about the mural on the side of the building.

47. **Cross** 20th St **and Turn Right**, crossing New Hampshire Ave also.

Across New Hampshire Ave. is the Heurich House Museum, the dark brown stone building. This 31 room landmark is the most intact late-Victorian home museum in the nation's capital. Described as "The House that Beer Built", German-born beer baron Christian Heurich lived here until his death in 1945 at the age of 102.

Grandchildren of Heurich established a foundation to secure the Castle's future as a cultural treasure. Tours are available.

48. **Turn Left** on O St.

The Mansion at #2020 O St. is made up of five interconnecting townhouses. It is a unique museum, private club and hotel where everything is for sale.

At #2025 O St. is the American Center of Polish Culture.

49. **Cross** 21st St **and Turn Right**.

Art on Call at the corner of 21st St and O St.

You are now in the Dupont Circle Historic District noted for its rich architectural variety.

- a. Cross P St.

Trade and Investment Section of the Embassy of Poland

Embassy of Indonesia. This 60-room ornate art nouveau mansion was designed in 1903 by architect Henry Anderson for Thomas F. Walsh MacLean who made his fortune in gold mines. His daughter, Evalyn Walsh MacLean, was the last private owner of the Hope Diamond. Indonesia bought this house for its embassy in 1951.

- b. Cross Massachusetts Ave.

- c. Cross Q St.

Embassy of India (on left)

The Phillips Collection (on left) is one of the most outstanding private collections of contemporary art in the nation. Opened in 1918, it is America's oldest museum of modern art.

Art on Call - "Dupont Circle Art" at the corner of 21st and R Streets.

50. **Turn Left** on R St. (8 km)

As you turn on R St., you are on Art Gallery Row with several small shops along the way.

Art on Call - "Diverse-Visions/One Neighborhood"

At 2108, Studio Gallery is the longest running artist-owned gallery in the city and shows local emerging and professional artists in all media.

- a. Cross Florida Ave.

Embassy of Mali (on left)

At #2131 is the residence of the Ambassador of Mali.

51. **Turn Right** on 22nd St.

Chancery of the Dominican Republic (on right)
Art On Call - "police services and fire services"

- a. Cross Decatur Pl.

Decision Point: Accessibility Detour

Detour Route to bypass steps

Those with wheels may bypass Decatur Steps by turning **Turn Right** on Decatur Pl.

Turn Left on Florida Ave. (no sign)

Turn Left on Phelps St

Turn Left on S St.

The Decatur Fountain dates back to 1912.

52. **Turn Left** on S St.

Across S St. is Mitchell Park.

Embassy of Laos

Ireland's Ambassadorial Residence

Chancery of the Embassy of Myanmar.

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, has built a new embassy on International Dr. along with several other countries including Israel, Malaysia, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates.

At 2340, is the Woodrow Wilson House. It is Washington's only Presidential Museum. Wilson lived here after leaving the White House.

Embassy Residence of Pakistan (on right)

Royal Netherlands Embassy (on right)

53. **Turn Right** on 24th St.

- a. Cross Bancroft Pl.

Residence of the Ambassador of Cypress (on right)

- b. Cross California St.

- c. Cross Tracy Pl.

Art On Call - "Chief Justices"

- d. Cross Wyoming Ave.

Embassy of Oman (on left)

Embassy of Afghanistan (on right)

Art On Call - "The Lindens"

54. **Turn Right** on Kalorama Rd.

Consular Office of the Thai Embassy (on right)

55. **Turn Left** to cross 23rd St. and continue on Kalorama Rd.

Art On Call - "Little Friar"

Annex of Embassy of France. France built a new embassy in upper Georgetown on Reservoir Rd.

Ambassadorial Residence of the Embassy of Portugal (on left)

- a. Cross Thornton St.

Embassy of Benin (on right)

Embassy of Algeria (on right)

56. **Turn Left** on Connecticut Ave.

At #2311, view the Spanish Colonial apartment house. It was built prior to World War I for retailer S. Walter Woodward. The building's most striking feature is the elaborate baroque terra cotta entrance.

- a. Cross the William Howard Taft Memorial Bridge.

- b. Cross Calvert St. and return to our start/finish point.

You saw at least 64 Embassies, along with some Ambassadorial Residences, Chanceries, and Legations.

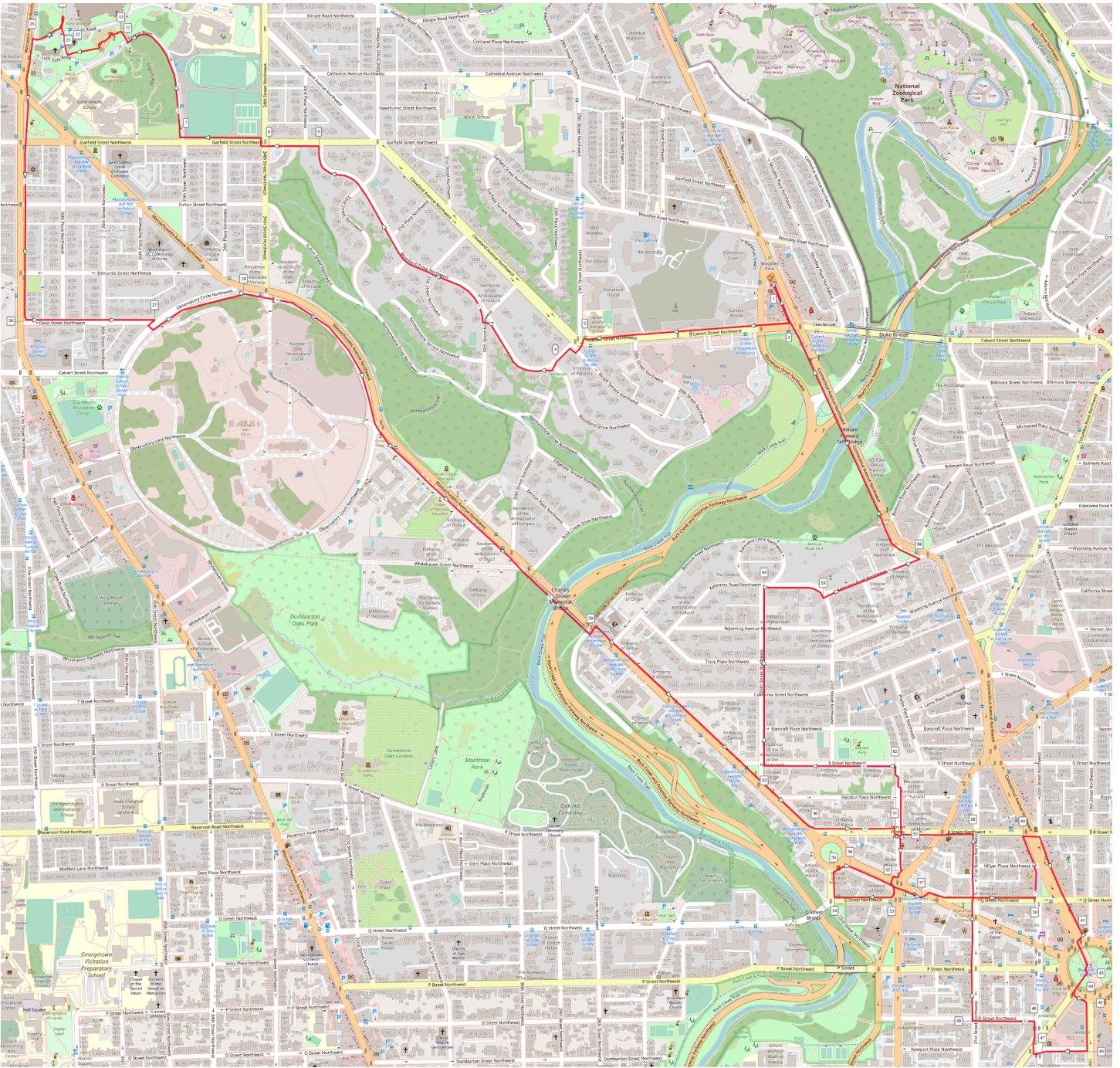
If you would like to see the "New Embassy Row" developing along International Drive, adjacent to the campus of the University of DC, we invite you to walk our Embassy Row - North trail.

Thank you for walking our Sugarloafer year-round today!

We hope you enjoyed this trail.

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Embassy Row - South - 11k



Numbers in circles are kilometer markers

Numbers in squares or rectangles are instruction numbers

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Internet Resources

Washington Metro: <https://www.wmata.com/>

Embassy Row: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embassy_Row

Flags of the World:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/docs/flagsoftheworld.html>

DC Call Boxes:

<https://www.vox.com/videos/2017/8/24/16125850/dc-fire-police-call-boxes-emergency-services>

National Cathedral: <https://cathedral.org/about-the-cathedral/mission-and-vision>

National Observatory: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Naval_Observatory

Geographic region: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_Seaboard_Fall_Line

Club Information: [Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club](#)

AVA National Programs

This YRE qualifies for all AVA National Programs:

- Walking the United States (51 Capitals) → Washington D.C.
- Walking the USA (A - Z) → W for Washington
- Centurion Achievement Challenge → 1 event
- IVV-Americas

AVA Special Programs

Trail Legend for table below:

ERN → Embassy Row North - 11k

ERS → Embassy Row South- 11k

ER5 → Embassy Row - 5k

Program Name	Years	ERN	ERS	ER5	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	2024 2027				
Anniversaries Hurrah	2026 2026				
Appalachian Trail	2018 2029				
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	2025 2028				
Lighthouses II	2023 2026				
Par for the Course	2023 2026				
Rails-to-Trails	2022 2027				
Step to the Beat	2024 2027				

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Walking With the Wild Things	2025 2028				
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	2022 2032				