

Terra Atlas

Central Washington, DC

An Aerial Photographic Atlas

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Welcome to *TerraAtlas: Central Washington, DC*, an aerial photographic atlas of the administrative, historical, intellectual, and emotional heart of our nation's capital and the adjoining part of Arlington County, Virginia. Among the architectural landmarks and other special places featured in this atlas are the major buildings of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the federal government; the National Mall and the museums of the Smithsonian Institution; Washington's administrative, financial, and commercial districts; Rock Creek Park and the National Zoo; the Potomac and Anacostia rivers and their

bordering waterfronts; Arlington National Cemetery; most embassies of other nations; historic Georgetown; and numerous residential neighborhoods scattered throughout the covered area. Vividly depicted in this atlas are the impressive patterns of content, function, color, and texture that characterize the dynamic and varied urban landscape of Washington and Arlington, an area that has been unified at one level by its more than two centuries of tenure as our national capital, and at another by the parklike veneer of vegetation that makes this one of America's greener urban areas.

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About ***TerraAtlas: Central Washington, DC***

TerraAtlas™ is a collection of atlases of high quality aerial photography that features selected venues from the American landscape.

TerraAtlas: Central Washington, DC incorporates an area 5.68 miles north-south and 5.08 miles east-west, or some 28.84 square miles, in Washington, DC, and Arlington County, Virginia. The southeast corner of this area lies at 38.867° N, 76.974° W, the northwest corner lies at 38.938° N, 77.081° W, and the center lies at 38.903° N, 77.027° W.

The aerial photography reproduced in this atlas was taken in 2002 by the US Geological Survey. It has been color enhanced. This atlas includes 35 pages of photographs presented at a scale of 1:7000. Arrows with numbers located in the margins of each page identify the page upon which the adjacent terrain can be found. A grid located on the back cover of the atlas identifies the pages upon which specific parts of the overall area are represented.

Each of the 35 pages of photographs is titled with the name of a prominent neighborhood or landscape feature located on the page. A grid divides each of these 35 images into 72 cells; each cell measures 0.1 mile on a side and is uniquely identifiable by a letter and number located on the left and bottom side of the grid, respectively. The grid locations of representative points of interest that appear in the image are given at the bottom of the page. Certain areas and structures in this atlas have been blurred intentionally in accord with policies instituted by the US Department of Homeland Security.

The atlas concludes with eleven pages of indexes, of which five pages are devoted to street names and six pages to selected other place names. The street names have been taken from the Navteq NavStreets 2004 data base, whereas the names of landmarks and other points of interest and significance come primarily from the DC GIS Department. Place names, other than streets, included in this atlas are representative of categories of places that appear on the images; the selection of places represented has been influenced by the content of data bases that were consulted and at times has been limited by the availability of space in this atlas. Generally, the places listed include those of historical, cultural, and natural significance; international, national, state, district, and local government properties; educational institutions; and more prominent hospitals, hotels and motels, and religious sites.

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