

5. Abraham Lincoln Memorial

Continue west toward the Lincoln Memorial (the one on the back of the penny) for approximately 5 minutes. There are 36 columns, each one representing one state in the U.S. at the date of President Lincoln's death. Climb the stairs to look down the mall past the reflecting pool to the Washington Monument.



6. Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Head northeast along the left side of the Reflecting Pool for about 5 minutes toward the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It's hard to spot the memorial from a distance because it is a partially sunken wall. The wall is made up of two identical walls that each stretch 246 feet and 9 inches, containing more than 58,000 names. The names are listed in chronological order based on the date of casualty, and within each day, names are shown in alphabetical order.



7. World War II Memorial

Walk to the east edge of the Reflecting Pool (along the scenic Constitution Gardens) for my favorite monument – the WWII Memorial. You can find a granite column for your home state around the edge of the fountain before walking toward the center. Look west to see the Lincoln Memorial and look east to see the Washington Monument and Capitol building.



8. Washington Monument

Although the Washington Monument is visible from many locations in DC, you can end your tour here. The Washington Monument is currently closed for renovations and will reopen in 2019. The two closest Metro stops are Federal Triangle and Smithsonian, both on the Blue, Orange and Silver lines.