

What to See in Washington

Key to aerial photo

1. The Capitol
2. Senate Wing
3. House Wing
4. House Office Bldgs.
5. Library of Congress
6. Folger Library
7. U. S. Supreme Court
8. Senate Office Bldg.
9. Capitol Plaza
10. Union Sta. Plaza
11. Union Station
12. D. C. Post Office
13. Acacia Mutual Life
14. Gen. Accounting
15. Standard Oil of N. J.
16. Municipal Building
17. D. C. Court Bldgs.
18. Civil Service Comm.
19. Main business area
20. National Press Bldg.
21. Veterans Admin.
22. Lafayette Park
23. White House
24. Old State Building
25. Fed. Works Agency
26. Treasury Department
27. District Building
28. U. S. Coast Guard
29. Post Office Dept.
30. Old P.O. Bldg.
31. Nat'l Art Gallery
32. Fed. Trade Comm.
33. U. S. Archives
34. Dept. of Justice
35. Internal Revenue
36. Natural History Bldg.
37. Interstate Commerce
38. Dept. of Labor
39. Dept. of Commerce
40. Ellipse Park
41. Interior Department
42. State Department
43. Federal Reserve
44. U. S. Public Health
45. Pan American Union
46. Navy Department
47. Munitions Building
48. Lincoln Memorial
49. Potomac River
50. Memorial Bridge
51. Reflecting Pool
52. Washington Monument
53. The Mall
54. Smithsonian Inst.
55. Freer Art Gallery
56. Agriculture Dept., N.
57. Agriculture Dept., S.
58. Engraving-Printing
59. Tidal Basin
60. Virginia
61. Jefferson Memorial
62. Railroad Retirement
63. Social Security
64. Botanical Gardens



The National Gallery of Art in which hang the famous Mellon and Widener Art Collections.
Photo by Ewing Galloway.

the Old National Museum and the New National Museum. The Smithsonian administers these, as well as five other government bureaus, the Bureau of American Ethnology, the Astrophysical Observatory, the International Exchange Service, the National Zoological Park and the National Art Gallery. It also administers the Freer Gallery of Art, which is a private foundation.

The Old National Museum

The Old National Museum, housed in the Arts and Industries Building next to the Smithsonian Building, built in 1881, is one of the most fascinating museums in the entire world. It preserves all collections of scientific, historical, industrial and artistic objects that belong to our government. More than a million people visit it each year.

One of the most popular single exhibits is the *Spirit of St. Louis*, the plane in which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh made the first nonstop flight from New York to Paris on May 20 and 21, 1927. The Museum also contains the original Langley flying machine, the first aeroplane purchased from the Wright brothers by the Government in 1908, the first Liberty engine, and many other fascinating aeronautical exhibits.

Another extremely popular exhibit is the costume collection, especially the gowns of the President's wives, beginning with that of Martha Washington and continuing without break to the present day. Other exhibits include the original flag that floated over Fort McHenry in Baltimore and inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner;" the original nugget that started the gold rush to California in 1849; the first automobile, the Morse telegraph instruments; and collections of textiles, stamps, ship models, clocks and watches, firearms, and others too numerous to mention.

Really, the Old National Museum has to be seen to be believed.

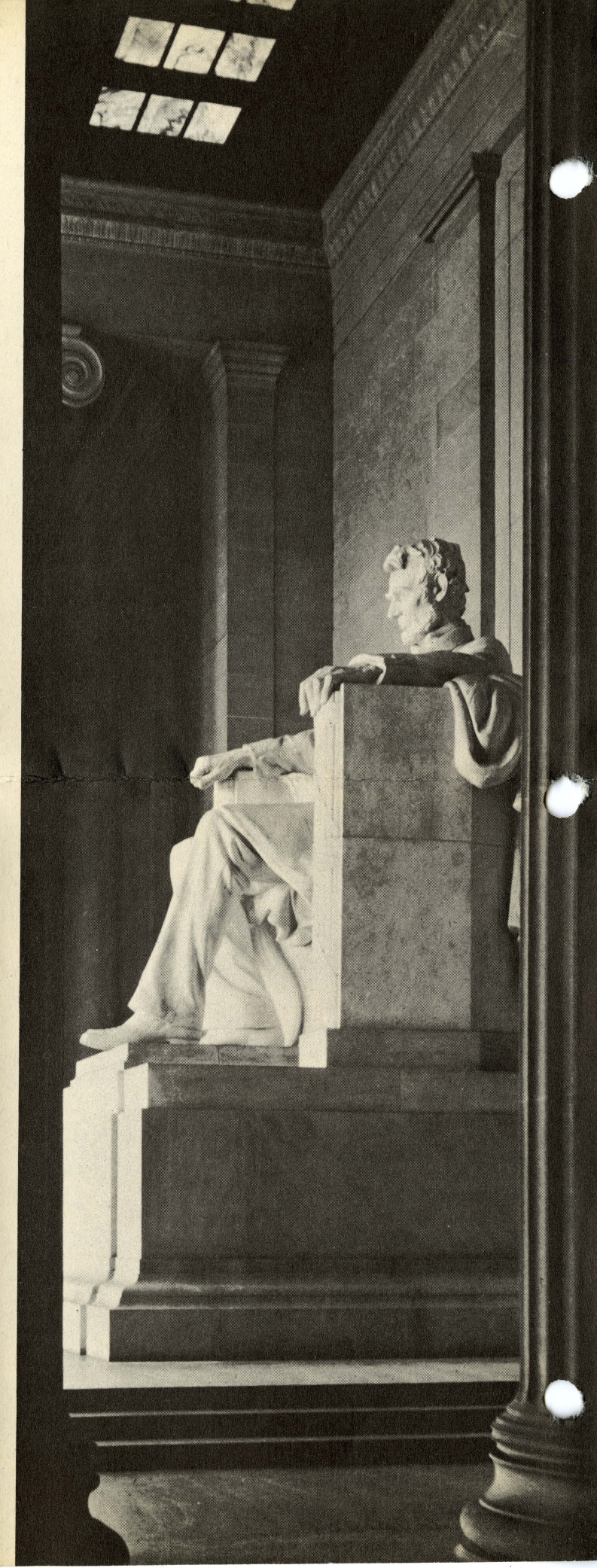
Visiting hours—9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. every day.

The New National Museum

The Natural History Building, popularly called the New National Museum, was completed in 1911 and is located directly north of the Smithsonian Building. It was erected to house "all objects of art and of foreign and curious research, and of objects of natural history, plants and geological and mineralogical specimens belonging to the United States." There are numerous botanical and zoological collections, the collections of animal groups being among the largest and most valuable in the world. Archaeological exhibits show early man in different countries, but especially in America, and include models of pueblo ruins, cliff houses, and Mexican temples. The museum also contains a Herbarium with nearly one million specimens. There is an iron meteorite from Arizona weighing 1,370 pounds, minerals and gems worth more than \$300,000,000, an amazing collection of marine fossils, some over 10,000,000 years old, the great stone of the Aztec calendar, and hundreds of other exhibits too numerous to mention.

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The National Gallery of Art and the Freer Gallery of Art are described in the section "The Capital, a World Art Center."



Statue of Lincoln viewed between columns in the Memorial.
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