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Washington DC: Growth of the Nation's Capitol

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The very center of the National Mall and is an iconic landmark.

In the beginning, before Washington had been designated the nation's capital, much of the Mall was an empty lowland along the Potomac, made yet marshier by the Tiber Creek, which flowed into the river not far from where the Washington Monument stands today.

The river has been worked around and additional land put in its place to make room for a larger downtown area. Bus routes are labeled in orange.

Downtown Washington D.C. in modern day.

The Potomac River is showing stretching throughout most states. It also flowed through D.C.

Washington D.C.

The first map shows the general whereabouts of the nation’s capitol in comparison to other regions.

The second map shows how the downtown area began to take shape around 1808. Water ways were altered to make more land readily available for construction of the downtown city area.

The third and final image at the bottom shows modern day D.C., displaying monuments and popular museum attractions as well as major roadways.

Although there's an elevator, there are a total of 897 steps inside the monument.

The observation deck provides views out of windows on the north, east, south and west views of the monument.

The diagram below shows the Washington Monument and the process in which it was built. The most noticeable piece of the diagram, is where the construction came to a halt due to a lack of federal funding in 1864 through 1877. The 555 ft tall structure, which was built to honor George Washington, was the tallest in the world up through the 19th century. The corresponding photos on the diagram help show what the actual monument looked like through construction as well as the interior structure.

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