

## Cross Key: Georgetown Walkabout

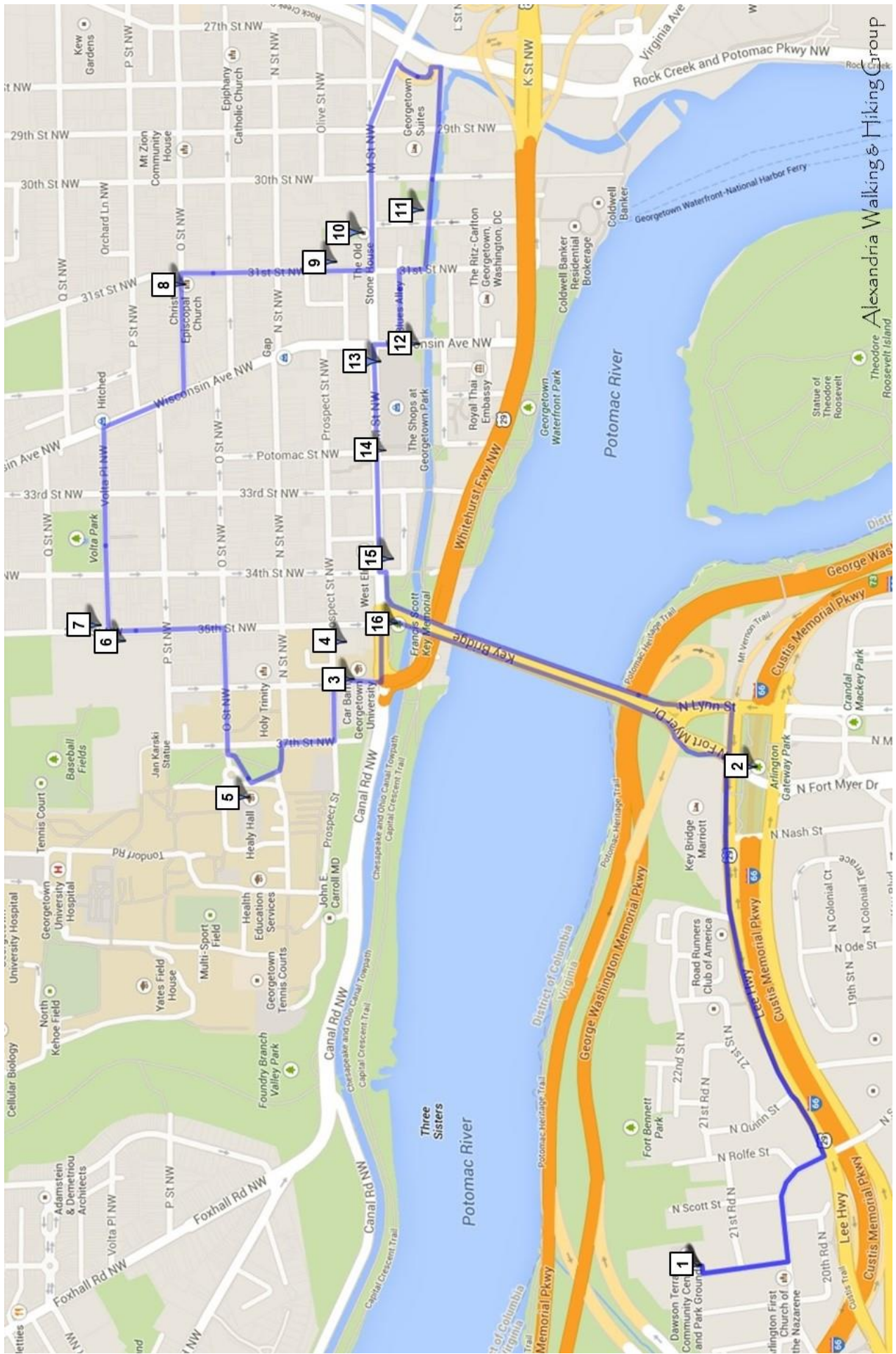
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**Meetup location:** Dawson Terrace Community Center, 2133 North Taft Street, Arlington, VA 22201

Walking directions: 4.9 mi - about 1 hour 39 mins

1. **Dawson Terrace Community Center**, 2133 North Taft Street, Arlington, VA 22201
2. **Arlington Gateway Park**, 1300 Lee Hwy, Arlington, VA 22201
3. **Exorcist Steps**
4. **Prospect House**, 3508 Prospect St NW, Washington, DC 20007. Prospect House was built in 1788 by James Lingan, and designed by William Thornton, the architect of the US Capitol. Lingan was an officer of the Continental Army during the American Revolution, later a brigadier general in the Maryland State Militia, and one of the founding members of the Society of the Cincinnati. At the outbreak of the War of 1812, Lingan was an outspoken advocate of freedom of the press and was murdered by a mob while defending the offices of an anti-war newspaper in Baltimore. President John Adams visited the Prospect House and Lafayette was a house guest. <http://tinyurl.com/m7qrt6n>
5. **Healy Hall**. Healy Hall is the historic flagship building at the main campus of Georgetown University. Constructed between 1877-79, it was designed by prominent architects Paul Pelz and John Smithmeyer at the time they were working on the Library of Congress. The building was built during the presidency of Patrick Francis Healy, after whom it is named, and features a Neo-Medieval style that combines elements of Romanesque, Early Gothic, Late Gothic and Early Renaissance. <http://tinyurl.com/k5upegu>
6. **Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School**, 1524 35th St NW, Washington, DC 20007. Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School was founded in Washington, DC in 1799 as the Georgetown Academy for Young Ladies. Since 1799, the school has continued for over 200 years as a college preparatory school for women. <http://tinyurl.com/kohvtkv>
7. **Volta Laboratory & Bureau**, 1537 35th St NW, Washington, DC 20007. The building was constructed in 1893 by Alexander Graham Bell to serve as a center of information for deaf and hard of hearing persons. Bell, best known for receiving the first telephone patent in 1876, was also a prominent figure of his generation in the education of the deaf. In 1880 the French government awarded Bell the Volta Prize of 50,000 francs for the invention of the telephone, and Bell used the money to establish a trust fund, the Volta Fund, and founded the Volta Laboratory Association to research the analysis, recording and transmission of sound. <http://tinyurl.com/k7furpg>
8. **Christ Episcopal Church**, 3116 O St NW, Washington, DC 20007. Christ Church, founded in 1817, is a historic Episcopal church. The current church building was built in 1885-1886. <http://tinyurl.com/kek2qpy>
9. **Customhouse and US Post Office**, 1215 31st St NW, Washington, DC 20007. The Customhouse and Post Office in Georgetown was built in 1857. It served historically as a customhouse and as a post office. <http://tinyurl.com/mbafvjx>
10. **The Old Stone House**, 3051 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007. The Old Stone House, built in 1765, is the oldest unchanged building in Washington, DC, and the last Pre-Revolutionary Colonial building on its original foundation. The house is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. <http://tinyurl.com/yegjjun>
11. **Georgetown Visitor Center**, 1057 Thomas Jefferson St NW, Washington, DC 20007, (202) 653-5190.
12. **Vigilant Firehouse**, 1066 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007. The Vigilant Fire Company was organized in 1817 and this firehouse was built in 1844, making it the oldest extant firehouse in the District of Columbia. There are several stone markers on the site including one placed in 1869 to "Bush the Old Fire Dog." <http://tinyurl.com/n5onr33>
13. **City Tavern Club**, 3206 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007. The City Tavern Club is housed in the City Tavern, the last remaining Federal-period tavern in the city. The tavern was constructed in 1796 and first managed by Clement Sewall, who served in the American Revolution alongside his friend George Washington Parke Custis, George Washington's step-grandson. Many of the country's founding fathers, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams frequented the City Tavern during this historic time. <http://tinyurl.com/6p9zjch>
14. **Georgetown Market**, 3276 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007. The Georgetown Market is an historic building constructed in 1865, on the site of a market dating to 1795. <http://tinyurl.com/mwccrzh>
15. **Forrest-Marbury House**, 3350 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007. The Forrest-Marbury House was the site of a March 29, 1791, meeting between President George Washington and local land-owners to discuss the federal government's purchase of land to build a new capital city for the United States of America. The meeting was a success and the land was soon acquired. The house dates from 1788 and was originally home to Uriah Forrest, mayor of the Town of George at the time. Since 1992, it has served as the offices of the Embassy of Ukraine. <http://tinyurl.com/lxzhnq3>
16. **Francis Scott Key Memorial**

➤ *Source: National Register of Historic Places listings in western Washington, D.C., <http://tinyurl.com/kuduh2s>*



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