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MARCH AT NDU



- Fridays - SpICE meetings at ISMO
- 8-13 March - Deep South Field Studies
- 17 March - St. Patrick's Day
- 20 March - Cherry Blossom Festival Begins

St. Patrick's Day

March 17

The 17th of March marks the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, in the fifth century. It has traditionally been a religious holiday for the Irish to bring Christianity and the Irish culture together. In the United States, the holiday has expanded to celebrate the Irish heritage of Americans with parades and merriment. Be sure to wear green on the 17th or you might get pinched as according to folklore, green makes you invisible to leprechauns!

Holidays and Celebrations

Learn more about these U.S. holidays and celebrations!

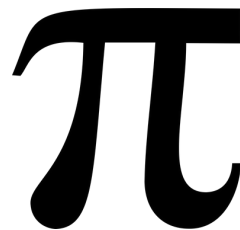
Dr. Seuss Day - March 2

Also known as National Read Across America Day, Dr. Seuss Day is the birthday of the celebrated American children's book author. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books.



Pi Day - March 14

Another academic celebration, Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π . Celebrations often involve eating pie or holding pi recitation competitions.



St. Patrick's Day - March 17

St. Patrick's Day, on March 17, remembers one of Ireland's patron saints, St. Patrick. It largely celebrates Irish-American culture in the United States. While Washington DC's St. Patrick's Day Parade has been postponed this year, you can still experience the celebrations by going to the Greater Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12, or by visiting an Irish Pub in the area.



Events & Activities

The Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Basketball Championship



Watch some collegiate basketball during the Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Basketball Championship at the Capital One Arena from March 9 - 13, where teams will compete for the league title and an NCAA Tournament bid.



Performances

Watch a performance of Fiddler on the Roof at the Capital One Hall from March 11 - 13, or the American Ballet Theatre's performance of Don Quixote at the Kennedy Center, March 31 to April 3.

TRANSIENT Exhibit



Visit ARTECHOUSE and view Transient, an exhibit which is "a duet of motorized piano and hyperreal projections." Through the generative algorithm, each brushstroke corresponds to a note.

Picasso: Painting the Blue Period



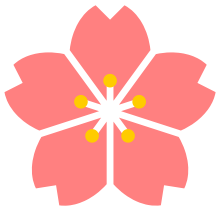
Visit the Phillip's Collection to view the new exhibit: Picasso: Painting the Blue Period. The exhibit features more than 70 paintings, sculptures, and works on paper by Picasso along with works by artists he studied before and during the Blue Period.

Rock 'n' Roll Run

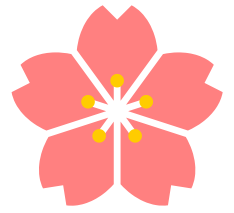


Participate in the Rock 'n' Roll Run through the Capital on March 26. Runners can take part in either the 5k or Half Marathon.

Cherry Blossom Festival



The Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo in 1912 to the Capitol. The blooming of the cherry trees is an incredible time to be in Washington, DC. You don't want to miss out on all this wonderful time of year. This year the Cherry Blossom Festival will begin March 20 and end April 17.



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Opening Ceremony

The National Cherry Blossom Festival's signature **Opening Ceremony** is a celebration of the 1912 gift of trees from Tokyo to Washington, DC, with performances by traditional Japanese musicians and artists.



Blossom Kite Festival

The Blossom Kite Festival is a long-standing DC tradition encouraging attendees of all ages fly kites among the cherry blossom trees. The iconic outdoor event is fun, free, and open to the public, March 26 - 27.



Bloom Watch

View the Cherry Blossoms at Peak Bloom this season from the Tidal Basin. The National Cherry Blossom Festival reveals **their prediction for Peak Bloom** on March 1.

