



GETTING YOU AROUND



THE MID-ATLANTIC

Is there a back way around traffic?

In the Mid-Atlantic, we can have some massive grid lock that continues from I-95/I-495 in DC to I-64 in Williamsburg. I recommend checking your traffic proceeding anywhere because we can have unexplained traffic commonly. You may do this through:

The GPS app Waze is very accurate in our area. <https://www.waze.com/>

In Maryland, online at <http://www.md511.org/>

In Virginia, online at 511virginia.org

If you're staying at the Courtyard Marriott in Greenbelt at the beginning of Con, you might want to avoid the Beltway (495) to avoid rush-hour traffic when going to Six Flags on Monday morning. Route 193 to 214 is usually a good option.

When traveling from Six Flags America to Kings Dominion, you may want to consider not leaving the park between 3:30 & 6pm to head south to Kings Dominion because you will be driving in DC rush hour. There are some alternate routes, like US-301 that can take you south if I-95 or I-495 is at a standstill. Hwy 301 is a road full of speed limit changes, heavy traffic, traffic lights, and a \$6 toll on the Harry W. Nice Bridge (Potomac River Bridge).

Between Kings Dominion and Busch Gardens/Great Wolf Lodge, you will find portions of I-64 are under construction and the speed limit is reduced. There is a possibility of late night/overnight lane closures.

To access Busch Gardens Williamsburg from Great Wolf Lodge: When leaving the hotel parking lot, turn right and travel for about 3 miles to the traffic light. At the light go straight through onto the entrance ramp for I-64 East heading to BGW.

What else can I see in the area?

Every city involved in our Con offer options for outdoor activities, historical attractions, and arts and cultural attractions. You will even find a good selection of free activities in each city!

In the DC area - <https://washington.org/things-do-washington-dc>

In Richmond - <https://www.visitrichmondva.com/things-to-do/>

In the Williamsburg area - <https://www.visitwilliamsburg.com/things-do>

Williamsburg Area Discounts: <https://www.visitwilliamsburg.com/reunions-weddings-other-events/value-card>

Other Amusement Attractions or History in the Area

Glen Echo Park is in the heart of Downtown DC about 45 minutes from Six Flags America. Home of a 1921 Dentzel Carousel. Tours are available on Sunday at 10:30am. The carousel is open Saturday & Sunday 11am-5pm

Address: 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812

For more information: (301) 320-1400 or <https://glenechopark.org/carousel>

Watkins Regional Park is near Six Flags America. It is home of the Chesapeake Carousel, which is believed to have been constructed by Gustav Dentzel at the turn of the century. It is currently not operational due to restoration work, so call before visiting. They also offer rides on their new miniature train, new for 2018, Chance's train # 399 is now operating.

Hours: Open Sunday 12-5pm and Monday 11am-7pm.

Address: 301 Watkins Park Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

For more information: 301-699-2255 or online

at [http://outdoors.pgparcs.com/Sites/Watkins Regional Park/Watkins Antique Carousel Train Miniature Golf.htm](http://outdoors.pgparcs.com/Sites/Watkins_Regional_Park/Watkins_Antique_Carousel_Train_Miniature_Golf.htm)

National Harbor outside Washington, DC is home to the Capital Wheel and a carousel. The Capital Wheel will take you 180 feet above the Potomac River waterfront, with views of National Cathedral, Washington Monument, Masonic Temple, City of Alexandria, Prince George's County, and the lush parklands throughout the DC-Maryland-Virginia region.

Hours: Capital Wheel Friday-Sunday, 10am-11pm Monday-Thursday, 12pm-10pm. Carousel: Friday-Sunday, 12pm-8pm Not open Monday-Thursday.

Address: 165 Waterfront St
National Harbor, MD 20745

For more information: (877) 628-5427 or <http://thecapitalwheel.com/>

Go-Karts Plus, a small regional park, about 20 minutes west of Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA welcomes Coaster Con 41 attendees to stop by on Thursday, June 21st or Friday, June 22nd for a free ride on their Python Kiddie Coaster, \$6 mini golf or an all you can ride pass for \$10 (normally \$35) Present your Coaster Con 41 name badge at the ticket window to receive this special offer.

Park hours are 11am-10pm both days.

Address: 6910 Richmond Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188

For more information: <https://www.gokartsplus.com/>

Haunted Mansion at Funland in Rehoboth Beach, DE about 45 minutes north of Ocean City, MD
<http://www.funlandrehoboth.com/>

Park hours are: Rides open at 1pm and Haunted Mansion at 6pm both Saturday and Sunday. Admission to Haunted Mansion is 6 tickets ~ \$2.40.

For Sports Fans

The Baltimore Orioles will be playing home game nearby in Baltimore, MD Friday 6/15 through Sunday 6/17. <https://www.mlb.com/orioles>

In Richmond, a minor league team in Richmond, VA (near Kings Dominion) will be playing home on Tuesday (6/19) and Wednesday (6/20). <https://www.milb.com/richmond>

Con may be done, but the Mid-Atlantic is not!

After Con, ACE Mid-Atlantic is excited to host you in Ocean City, MD home of 4 seaside parks. You have two options for traveling to the seaside area.

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel is a 23 mile fixed link crossing of the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay with bridges and tunnels. The toll is \$15 for a one way trip with a two axle vehicle. EZ Pass is accepted. The bridge is subject to closing or restrictions in high winds, so we recommend checking before traveling.

<http://www.cbbt.com/>

You may proceed north through Annapolis, MD across US-50. With no traffic, this route is an hour and half longer than the Bay Bridge Tunnel option.

Is there anything near the parks?

Near Six Flags America you will find the closest commercial area off Arena Dr near FedEx Field. In this area, you will find a variety of restaurants and stores. Northeast of Six Flags, there are also many restaurants and stores along Routes 197 and 301 in Bowie as well as farther north along Route 3 in Crofton.

In Doswell, VA, you do not have many options near the park. There is a Burger King and a 7-11 near the park. The closest commercial areas are 6 miles south at exit 92B on England St in Ashland, VA or 6 miles north at exit 104. In this area, you will find a variety of restaurants and a few stores. At exit 104, you will find many 24 hour options as well as the cheapest gas in the area. The largest commercial area is about 12 miles south at exit 86B. Here you will find a mall, many restaurants and a huge variety of stores.

In Williamsburg, you will find the “strip” just west of the park. Upon leaving the parking lot, take Hwy 60 and you will find endless restaurants – both locally owned and national chains. There is a large outlet mall further west on Hwy 60.

Avoid Meeting our Highway Patrol

In the state of Maryland, Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia (Washington DC), it is unlawful to use cell phones or any handheld devices when driving, whether talking or texting. Phone use must be hands free.

Headlights must be used whenever windshield wipers are being used.

Radar detectors are illegal in Virginia and the District of Columbia (Washington DC)

In Virginia, driving 20MPH or more over the speed limit or over 80MPH is considered reckless and a class 1 misdemeanor