

A Guide to the Three Washington Area Airports

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DULLES INTERNATIONAL

Chantilly, Va. | 703-572-2700, <http://www.mwaa.com/Dulles>

DISTANCE FROM . . .

- * Union Station: 28.3 miles
- * Chevy Chase Circle: 25.5 miles

ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBERS

- * Paging (available for main terminal only): 703-572-8296, or call the airline
- * Airport police: 703-572-2950

PARKING

* *Hourly*: In front of the main terminal. \$4 per hour, up to \$36 per 24 hours. No charge if exiting within the first 20 minutes.

* *Daily*: In the two garages closest to the terminal. Garage 1 is connected to the terminal via an underground passageway. Garage 2 is connected to the terminal's third level by a bridge. \$5 per hour, up to \$15 per 24 hours. No charge if exiting within the first 20 minutes.

* *Valet parking*: Available daily through hourly parking (follow signs) in front of main terminal 24 hours a day. \$30 for the first 24 hours, \$17 each additional day (703-572-4540).

* *Cellphone lot*: Drivers waiting for passengers can wait in this free lot at Rudder Road and Autopilot Drive for up to one hour. Driver must remain with the vehicle.

* *More info*: 703-572-4500, or check radio station 530 AM. All lots accept cash and credit cards. Pay & Go machines are on lower level of the Main Terminal near the east and west exit doors and on the pedestrian bridge of Garage 2.

GETTING THERE

* *By bus*: Metrobus runs a D.C.-Dulles bus (5A) that originates at the L'Enfant Plaza Metro station and stops at the Rosslyn Metro, the Tysons-Westpark Transit Station (at Jones Branch Drive and Spring Hill Road in McLean) and the Herndon-Monroe Park and Ride Lot (on Sunrise Valley Drive in Fairfax). Buses depart L'Enfant Plaza every 35 to 45 minutes from 4:50 a.m. to 10:38 p.m. weekdays and depart nearly hourly from 5:30 a.m. to 10:35 p.m. weekends. Buses depart Dulles about every 40 minutes from 5:50 a.m. to 11:40 p.m. weekdays and hourly from 6:32 a.m. until 11:40 p.m. weekends. The trip to or from L'Enfant Plaza takes 56 minutes and costs \$3 each way. Info: 202-637-7000, <http://www.wmata.com/>.

In Loudoun County, Virginia Transit also offers hourly service on its Dulles to Dulles Connector, between the airport and Dulles Town Center (at Routes 7 and 28), with five stops in between. Buses depart Dulles Town Center hourly from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and depart Dulles hourly from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The trip to or from Dulles Town Center takes 28 minutes and costs 50 cents. Info: 877-777-2708, <http://www.vatransit.org/>.

* *By subway/bus*: The Washington Flyer express bus travels from the West Falls Church Metro station to Dulles every 30 minutes starting at 6:15 a.m. weekdays and 8:15 a.m. weekends and holidays until 10:45 p.m. daily. Buses depart Dulles every 30 minutes starting at 5:45 a.m. weekdays and 7:45 a.m. weekends and holidays until 10:15 p.m. daily. The trip is 25 minutes and costs \$9 one way or

\$16 round trip. Buses depart Dulles at Door 4 on the arrivals level of the main terminal. Info: 888-927-4359, <http://www.washfly.com/>.

* *By taxi:* Fares are about \$55 one way from downtown Washington, \$58 from Reagan National Airport, \$55 from Bethesda, \$40 from West Falls Church Metro station and \$115 from BWI.

SERVICES

* 39 food, drink and snack spots

* 36 retail shops, including newsstands

* 7 currency exchange stations, 1 bank branch and 9 ATMs

* 7 public computer terminals with Internet access, in wall-mounted telephone enclosures in concourses B, C and D

REAGAN NATIONAL

Arlington, Va. | 703-417-8000, <http://www.mwaa.com/reagan>

DISTANCE FROM . . .

* Union Station: 5.8 miles

* 16th and K streets NW: 4.4 miles

* Chevy Chase Circle: 9.3 miles

ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBERS

* Paging, Travelers Aid: Terminal A, 703-417-3972; Terminal B, 703-417-1816; Terminal C, 703-417-1806; baggage claim level, 703-417-3974

* Airport police: 703-417-8560

PARKING

* *Hourly:* Available in the Terminal A garage and lot and garages at Terminals B and C. \$2 per half-hour for the first two hours, then \$4 an hour up to \$17 per 24 hours at Terminal A and up to \$36 at B and C. The garages are connected to the terminals by a bridge.

* *Daily*: Available in the Terminal A garage and lot at the same rates as hourly parking (see above). Also at the garages at Terminals B and C. \$5 per hour, up to \$17 per 24 hours.

* *Economy*: At the south end of the airport. \$3 an hour, up to \$10 per 24 hours. All lots have 20-minute free parking. Free shuttle to terminals from all parking venues leaves about every seven minutes, 24 hours a day.* *Valet parking*: Available across from the Terminal A garage; reservations encouraged (703-417-1234). \$40 for the first 24 hours, \$30 the second and third days and \$25 thereafter.

* *Cellphone lot*: Drivers awaiting the arrival of passengers can wait in this free lot just beyond Terminals B and C for up to one hour. Driver must remain with the vehicle.

GETTING THERE

* *By subway or bus*: Trains run to Reagan National, a stop on the Blue and Yellow lines, at the concourse (Level 2) between Terminals B and C. Hours: Monday to Thursday, 5 a.m. to 12:26 a.m.; Friday, 5 a.m. to 3:26 a.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3:26 a.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. to 12:26 a.m. Free shuttles run between the Metro station and Terminal A. Info: 202-637-7000, <http://www.wmata.com/>.

* *By taxi*: Fares are about \$15 from downtown Washington, Capitol Hill and Georgetown; \$58 from Dulles; and about \$25 from Bethesda and the West Falls Church Metro station.

SERVICES

- * 35 food, drink and snack spots
- * 31 retail locations, including 6 kiosks
- * 1 currency exchange station, 1 bank, 11 ATMs
- * 4 shoeshine stands

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL

Linthicum, Md. | 800-435-9294, <http://www.bwiairport.com/>

DISTANCE FROM . . .

- * Union Station: 32 miles

* 16th and K streets NW: 33.5 miles

ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBERS

* Paging: 800-435-9294

* Airport police :410-859-7041

* Lost and found: 410-859-7387

PARKING

* *Hourly*: Garage next to the main terminal. First 30 minutes free, then \$2 for each half-hour, with a daily maximum of \$20. Pay & Go kiosks in skywalks to garage let customers prepay for the hourly garage and exit through express lanes. You must exit within 30 minutes of paying.

* *Daily*: Garage at Aviation Boulevard (Route 170) and Elm Road, just beyond the terminal near the Four Points by Sheraton. \$2 an hour, with a daily maximum of \$10. Shuttle buses to the terminal run every five to eight minutes.

* *Express Service Parking (ESP)*: This lot is at Aviation Boulevard and Elm Road, directly across from the Daily Garage. \$3 an hour, up to \$14 a day. ESP offers luggage assistance and immediate shuttle service that picks up passengers at their parking spaces. On return to BWI, the shuttle delivers passengers directly to their cars.

* *Long term*: On Aviation Boulevard just north of the airport. \$1 an hour, with a daily maximum of \$8; every seventh day is free. Shuttle buses to the terminal run every 10 to 15 minutes.

More info: 800-468-6294, or listen to radio station 1040 AM.

GETTING THERE

* *By train*: Amtrak and MARC trains travel from Union Station and New Carrollton to the BWI Rail Station, where a free shuttle bus connects you to the airport.

Amtrak: From Union Station, trains run from 5:02 a.m. weekdays and 5:25 a.m. on weekends until 10 p.m. daily. Departures from New Carrollton are about 10 minutes later. Return service from BWI starts at 6:23 a.m. and ends at 11:48 p.m. weekdays and 11:51 p.m. weekends. The trip is 30 minutes to or from Union Station and 15 minutes to or from New Carrollton. Cost is from \$12 each way. Info: 800-872-7245, <http://www.amtrak.com/>.

MARC: MARC trains depart Monday through Friday nearly hourly; no weekend service and limited holiday service. Service from Union Station is from 5:54 a.m. to 10:45 p.m.; from New Carrollton, 6:05 a.m. to 10:56 p.m.; from BWI, 4:40 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The trip takes 35 to 40 minutes. Cost is \$6 each way to or from Union Station and \$5 each way to or from New Carrollton. Info: 800-325-7245, <http://www.mtmaryland.com/>.

* *By subway/bus*: The BWI Express bus (No. B30) runs nonstop from the Greenbelt Metro station on the Green Line to the arrivals level of BWI's Concourse E. Buses stop at two locations: The first stop serves Southwest and Delta passengers, and the second stop is for all other airlines. Buses depart Greenbelt every 40 minutes from 6:10 a.m. weekdays and from 8:45 a.m. weekends until 10 p.m. daily. Return service from BWI runs from 6:58 a.m. weekdays and from 9:38 a.m. weekends until 10:48 p.m. daily. Cost is \$3 each way. Info: 202-637-7000, <http://www.mata.com/>.

* *By taxi*: Fares are about \$63 one way from downtown Washington and \$71 from Bethesda, \$71 from Reagan National and \$103 from Dulles.

SERVICES

* 36 food, drink and snack spots

* 27 retail shops, including newsstands

* 3 currency exchange stations

* Unlimited high-speed wireless Internet is available throughout Concourses A, B and D for \$7.95 per day and \$21.95 per month.

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