

Visiting D.C. for the 2016 Summer NABCs?

Some Tips for Getting To and From the Playing Site



When attending an NABC, many bridge players prefer to stay with friends or rent homey accommodations through commercial services such as Airbnb, VRBO, or Homeaway.

The tournament playing site, the Marriott Wardman Park, is located right at the Woodley Park Red Line Metro Station. This makes it a very convenient location if you are staying in a neighborhood that is also served by the Red Line or if you want to visit the tourist sites in D.C.

Metro

Metro runs from 7 a.m. until midnight on weekdays, and until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Off-peak fares are \$1.75 to \$3.50 if you use a SmarTrip card, which you can purchase at any Metro station for two dollars. SmarTrip cards for seniors (65 and over) offer reduced rates. Without a SmarTrip card, fares are one dollar higher. SmarTrip cards are reloadable.

On weekdays (Sunday through Thursday), the last Red Line train leaves Woodley Park for Shady Grove (\$3.60) at 12:12 am, arriving 30 minutes later. The Bethesda station (\$2.20) is 12 minutes from the playing site, and Cleveland Park, Van Ness, Tenleytown, and Friendship Heights are all closer than that and in residential neighborhoods. The last Red Line train in the opposite direction, toward Glenmont, leaves at 11:58 pm. Although many nearby stops in this direction are in downtown D.C., some, including Dupont Circle and Union Station (\$1.85; 12 minutes), NoMa-Gallaudet, and Brookland, may have residential accommodations for rent. On weekends, Metro runs until 3 am.

Further information about Metro can be found at www.wmata.com or www.dctransitguide.com, which provide full information about each Metro stop, including schedules, routes, fares, maps, facilities, etc. and more detail about how Metro operates. The sites also include information about buses and about connections between the Red Line and other Metro lines with stops (e.g., Capitol Hill, Foggy Bottom) that may have nearby rental accommodations. In addition, each site has a downloadable app.

Driving and Walking

The host hotel is a short drive from some D.C. neighborhoods, including Adams Morgan, Glover Park, and Georgetown, that may offer temporary accommodations but are not well served by Metro. Players with cars should be aware that street parking near the hotel is limited to two hours unless you have a temporary DC District 3 parking permit. If you are staying at a home in District 3, your host may be able to obtain a temporary permit for you. Alternatively, daily parking at the Marriott is available at \$28 per day, with discounted rates available on most days—check the website in June for the latest updates. Accommodations in some residential locations, including Adams Morgan, Dupont Circle, Cleveland Park, and Woodley Park, may be close enough to the host hotel that you can walk to the playing site, especially if you don't mind long walks. You can use a driving directions website to determine distances.

Questions?

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