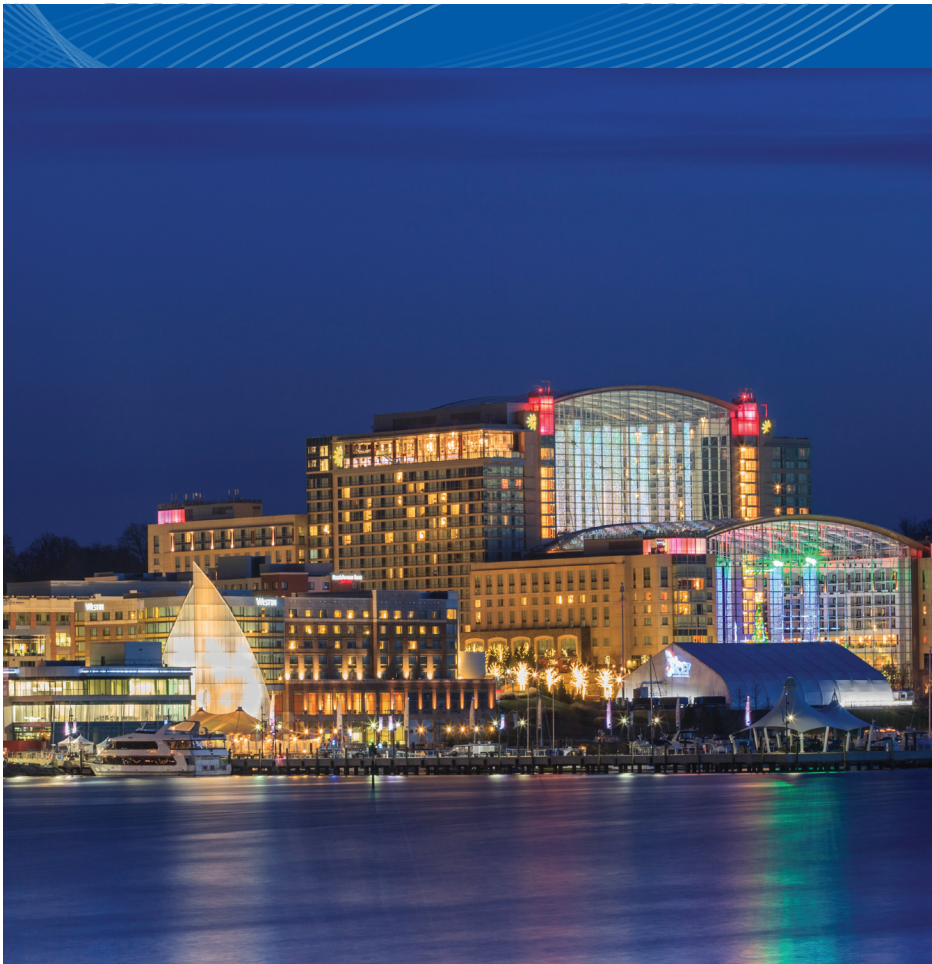


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Moving to Forestville, MD - What You Need to Know

So, you're moving to Forestville? Well, get excited, because there is no shortage of amazing things to see, do and eat nearby! Regardless of what your interests are, you're in for a fun-filled next chapter of your life.

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About Forestville and Where to Live

About Forestville

Located just outside of Washington, D.C. with a population of just over 12,000, Forestville offers the best of both worlds: a small-town feel with a big-city vibe and public transportation. Forestville is filled with diversity and history. The city was known as “Old Long Fields” during the War of 1812 and served as an encampment for American soldiers during the war.

Forestville is about a 15-minute drive from the Potomac River and is home to several waterfront neighborhoods, activities, retail stores, restaurants and more.

Where to Live

From garden apartments to single-family homes, Forestville offers a living space that can accommodate just about any pace – and stage – of life.

First things first, where to live? The surrounding D.C. metro area near Forestville has a diverse set of neighborhoods that can accommodate just about any pace – and stage – of life.

Millennials

Washington, D.C. and its surrounding areas are an extremely popular destination for millennials – particularly recent grads, thanks in large part to an active city life, public transportation and a wealth of entry-level job opportunities.

The region’s housing market attracts more renters than homeowners, given the high cost of homes. Popular neighborhoods and localities for millennials include the following:

- 14th St/U Street Corridor (D.C.)
- Shaw (D.C.)
- H Street (D.C.)

Young Families

The D.C. area has one of the most expansive and resilient job markets in the country, which makes it so attractive for young families, not to mention a diverse mix of neighborhoods and localities to accommodate any family style. The question is, which area is best for you and your family?

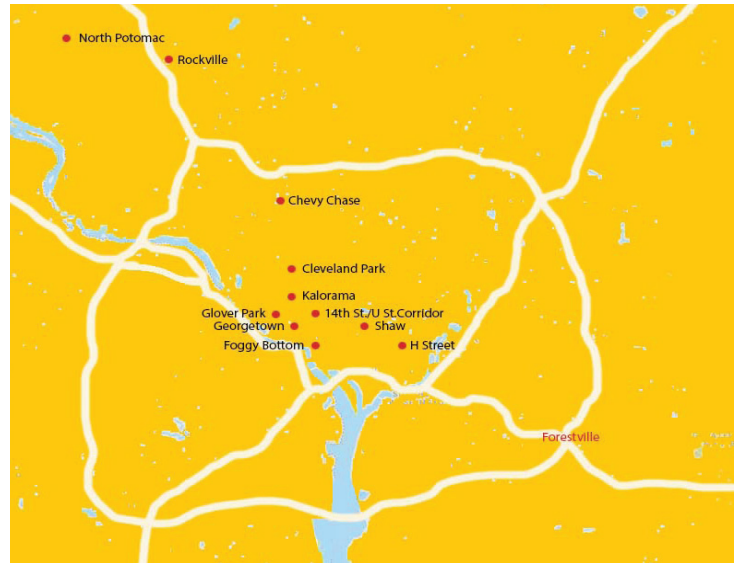
Popular neighborhoods for young families include the following:

- Georgetown (D.C.)
- Glover Park (D.C.)
- North Potomac (Maryland)
- Chevy Chase (Maryland)

Empty Nesters

Empty nesters may want to consider homes in these neighborhoods and communities:

- Kalorama (D.C.)
- Cleveland Park (D.C.)
- Foggy Bottom (D.C.)
- Rockville (Maryland)



Getting Around Town

With Washington, D.C. nearby, plenty of residents commute in or around Forestville by various modes of transportation. While taxis and buses are available, many residents depend on the Metro for transportation. Forestville is only a few miles from the Metro’s Blue and Green lines.

While public transportation is readily available and sometimes the quickest route, many residents enjoy the ease of using their own vehicles. Forestville is conveniently located along the Capital Beltway and Maryland Route 4.

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The question in Forestville isn't what to do - it's what to do first.

Museums



National Air and Space Museum

The National Air and Space Museum holds the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft travel in the world, including the 1903 Wright Flyer and the Apollo 11 Command Module. The Air and Space Museum is arguably the most popular tourist attraction in the area, with nearly 7.5 million visitors in 2016, making it the second most visited museum in the world! For more information, visit airandspace.si.edu.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

The Holocaust Museum serves as the United States' official memorial to the Holocaust. The museum exhibits literature, documentation, and studies from or about the time of the Holocaust. Since its dedication, nearly 40 million visitors from all nationalities and religious backgrounds have come to learn more and increase awareness of the Holocaust. For more information, visit ushmm.org.

National Museum of African American History and Culture

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the newest Smithsonian museum, opening in September 2016. The

museum is the home to 37,000 objects focusing on important areas such as religion, culture, civil rights, slavery, segregation, art, and history. Because of its popularity, the museum offers free, timed entry passes that you can obtain online or in-person (weekdays only). For more information, visit nmaahc.si.edu.

Newseum

The Newseum is a popular destination located in the heart of downtown Washington D.C. This seven-level interactive museum features 15 theaters and 15 galleries, all of which explore free expression and the First Amendment, while conserving the history and evolution of journalism and communication throughout the world. Famous exhibits include the Berlin Wall Gallery, which displays sections of the wall and the spying and journalism efforts that went into its history. You'll see Today's Front Pages Gallery that displays the daily front pages of more than 80 international newspapers. The Newseum is a fun and enriching learning experience for people of all ages. For more information, visit newseum.org.

International Spy Museum

If you're a fan of James Bond and Jason Bourne, then you'll love the International Spy Museum, located in the Penn Quarter neighborhood of Washington D.C. This museum has many interactive features and exhibits like Operation Spy, where you have one hour to complete a series of "spy missions." For more information, visit www.spymuseum.org.

National Museum of Natural History

The National Museum of Natural History provides a plethora of opportunities to learn more about natural history, science, national collections, and research – not to mention that it is free and open 364 days a year! Some of its most popular exhibits include the Hope Diamond and one of the oldest known Earth rocks (3.96 billion years old!). For more information, visit naturalhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of American History

The National Museum of American History is dedicated to the preservation of the political, social, scientific, cultural, and military history of the United States. One of the most popular artifacts is the original Star-Spangled Banner, the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the national anthem. The National Museum of American History serves as a great learning experience as well as an opportunity to commemorate the history and patriotism of the United States of America. For more information, visit americanhistory.si.edu.

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Historical Sites



National World War II Memorial

The World War II Memorial consists of 56 pillars and small arches surrounding a fountain and a plaza located on the National Mall in Washington D.C. This memorial is dedicated to those Americans who served and made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/wwii.

Washington Monument

Located on the National Mall, east of the Reflecting Pool, the Washington Monument was made to honor the nation's first president, George Washington. The monument is not only renowned for its historical significance, but also for being the world's largest stone structure and the world's largest obelisk. It is currently closed until Spring 2019, but you can still tour the outside and take pictures. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/wamo.

Jefferson Memorial

The Jefferson Memorial was built to commemorate Thomas Jefferson, the third U.S. President and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. The Jefferson Memorial is located on the Tidal Basin, and in 2007, was listed [fourth on the American Institute of Architects' "List of America's Favorite Architecture."](#) For more information, visit www.nps.gov/thje/index.htm.

Lincoln Memorial

Overlooking the Reflecting Pool, the Lincoln Memorial was built to commemorate our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. Designed with a Greek Doric temple architecture on the outside with a carved and a seated statue of Abraham Lincoln on the inside, the aesthetic appeal and architecture technique makes this memorial a popular tourist attraction. The Lincoln Memorial is also the site for where many famous speeches have taken place, including Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/linc.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

Spanning four acres of the National Mall, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial honors Dr. King's legacy for freedom and equality. The highlights of the memorial are a granite sculpture of Martin Luther King, Jr., titled, Stone of Hope, and the Inscription Wall, which features 14 quotes from Dr. King. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/mlkm/index.htm.

The U.S. Capitol

The Capitol's website says it best, "The United States Capitol is a monument, a working office building, and one of the most recognizable symbols of representative democracy in the world." Those wanting to tour the inside can do so 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. If Congress is in session, you can even get a pass to watch from the gallery! For more information, visit visitthecapitol.gov.

It's no surprise that Washington, D.C. has one of the largest collections of monuments and memorials. For a full list, visit www.nps.gov/nama/index.htm.

Theaters, Music Venues and Events

The Fillmore Silver Spring

North of Forestville is one of Maryland's most popular music venues, the Fillmore Silver Spring. The Fillmore has been showcasing diverse, live music for more than 40 years and even offers its space for private events. For more information, visit www.fillmoresilverpring.com.

National Theatre

The National Theatre is a 1,676-seat venue that is both historic and entertaining. In the past, the theatre has hosted famous speakers

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such as Winston Churchill. Today, it is where D.C. residents and visitors can see Broadway performances like West Side Story and Mamma Mia. For more information, visit thenationaldc.org.



John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, more commonly known as “the Kennedy Center,” is one of the most prestigious theatres in the country. Not only does it host performances like the National Symphony Orchestra, its architecture is something to behold. It has seven theaters, most famous of which are the Concert Hall and Opera House. The Grand Foyer features 63-foot ceilings, chandeliers, and amazing views of Georgetown. For more information, visit kennedy-center.org.

Warner Theatre

Originally a movie palace, known for its rooftop garden, a basement ballroom and restaurant, the Warner Theatre is now used as a performance venue for comedies, speakers, musicians and dance groups. Every year in December, The Washington Ballet performs The Nutcracker here. For more information, visit www.warnertheatredc.com.

U Street Music Hall

U Street Music Hall, often referred to as “U Hall,” is a venue located in the U Street Corridor in Washington D.C. Since opening in 2010, the U Street Music Hall has become one of the District’s most popular dance clubs known for booking well-known DJs and indie/electronic artists. For more information, visit www.ustreetmusichall.com.

9:30 Club

The 9:30 Club is one of area’s most popular destinations for live music – attracting nationally acclaimed rock bands despite its relatively small space. It has a capacity of approximately 1,200 people, leading to many sell-out shows. For more information, visit www.930.com.

Dining

Fine Dining

Chart House in Annapolis serves quality seafood in an upscale environment overlooking Spa Creek. The restaurant’s million-dollar remodel makes it the ideal place for celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and more. Be sure to try their raw bar to enjoy some local oysters! In 1999, Chef Todd and Ellen Gray opened **Equinox**, a fine-dining restaurant in D.C. with an emphasis on an innovative approach to American cuisine. Named one of the best restaurants in D.C. year after year, Equinox is a must try.

Casual Dining

Horace and Dickies has been a nearby favorite, serving excellent soul-style seafood for almost 30 years. Serving up authentic Hispanic cuisine in a “quick casual” setting, **Corinto Restaurant** is a common destination for those looking for a quick, but delicious meal. What started as a food truck traveling around and servicing the busy business people of D.C., **District Taco** has now grown into one of the best taco places in the city. The restaurant has grown to several locations, but they are sticking to their roots and serving up their famous Yucatan style, Mexican cuisine with a focus on fresh ingredients. With American farmers in mind, **Founding Farmer’s** is a family farmer-owned restaurant in D.C. taking the term ‘from farm to table’ to a whole new level. Serving up American cuisine with fresh ingredients, Founding Farmer’s is a favorite for locals and those visiting the capital.

Wineries/Breweries

Located east of Forestville in Harwood, **Thanksgiving Farm** is a family-owned winery specializing in European-style dry wines. The winery sits on land protected with an easement, meaning its natural beauty will remain preserved by law and includes a restored farmhouse. Just 10 minutes north of Thanksgiving Farm is an eighth-generation family winery, **Vineyards at Dodon**. With more than 28,000 vines planted along 16 acres, Vineyards at Dodon specializes in international varieties including merlot, cabernet franc, chardonnay

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and more. More a beer drinker? **Calvert Brewing Company** offers a brew for every palate, ranging from stouts and cream ales to IPAs and Pale Ales with a kick. The brewery also has a beer garden that opens for guests each summer. **Scorpion Brewing** is southeast of Forestville in Owings and specializes in bold brews like IPAs and a smoked porter. The brewery even supports aspiring brew masters and runs an annual home brew contest.

Shopping

Tysons Corner

Tysons Corner is more than just a mall; with over 300 stores and restaurants such as Crate and Barrel, Nordstrom and California Pizza Kitchen, it provides an all-inclusive shopping experience. Tysons Galleria is located across the street and provides a more high-end shopping experience with stores like Burberry and Chanel. Between the two malls, Tysons is one of D.C.'s most popular shopping destinations, providing stores for the needs of all the District's residents. For more information, visit www.tysonscornercenter.com.



Centre at Forestville

The Centre at Forestville is a community-focused shopping center located in the heart of Forestville. The shopping mall includes a mix of local and national stores and restaurants to enjoy. For more information, visit petrierichardson.com/retail-and-specialty-leasing/the-centre-at-forestville/.

Shops at Waldorf Center

A few miles south of Forestville is the Shops at Waldorf Center, a premier, open-air shopping destination where shoppers can find everything from apparel and accessories to crafts and plenty of restaurants from which to choose. The outdoor shopping center also hosts holiday and seasonal events, like the annual Harvest Festival each fall. For more information visit, www.theshopsatwaldorfcenter.com.

Fashion Centre at Pentagon City Mall

Located in Arlington, Virginia, and just minutes away from the nation's capital, The Fashion Centre at Pentagon City Mall offers over 170 stores and three floors of merchandise to provide a world-class shopping experience. From Apple to Hugo Boss and Microsoft, Pentagon City is a one-stop-shop for everything you need. For more information, visit www.simon.com/mall/fashion-centre-at-pentagon-city.

Miller Farms

From local produce and a plant nursery to baked goods and endless activities, Miller Farms is an ideal destination for local products. Miller Farms is about an hour north of Forestville, but its produce and other goods are always available at the D.C. Open Air Farmers Market at RFK Stadium and Capital Harvest, also in D.C. For more information, visit www.millerfarmsclinton.com.

Outdoor Recreation and Attractions

Rosaryville State Park

South of Forestville is a 982-acre park filled with scenic trails, historic landmarks and a beautiful space for large events like weddings or your next family reunion. Enjoy a variety of activities like hunting, hiking, biking and more. Equestrians are even available for day use. For more information, visit dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/southern/rosaryville.aspx.

National Harbor

One of the newer waterfront developments, National Harbor is located across the Potomac in Prince George's County, Maryland. The mixed-use development features a conference center and performance venue, an outlet mall, more than a dozen restaurants, and even a Ferris wheel – all along the waterfront! For more information, visit www.nationalharbor.com.

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Great Falls Park

In nearby McLean, Great Falls Park is a National Parks Site with incredible views of the Potomac River. There is a \$10 entry fee per automobile, which is valid for three days. The park has a series of hiking trails, spots to rock climb and camping areas with BBQ setups. Also, be sure to check out the Patowmack Canal that dates back to the late 1700s and was George Washington's vision for making westward navigation on the Potomac River possible. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/grfa/index.htm.

Activities on the National Mall

Located right in the heart of downtown D.C. the National Mall provides a backdrop to various Smithsonian museums, memorials, and sculptures in the area. Through the years, the National Mall has been famously used for presidential inaugurations, concerts and political rallies and protests. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/nama/planyourvisit/calendar.htm.

Six Flags America

Forestville is only a twenty-minute drive from Six Flags America! Enjoy hundreds of exciting games, rides, shows and attractions for all members of the family. Cool down during the hot summer days at the water park and join in on holiday festivities during Holiday in the Park each winter. And, enjoy endless options for dining and shopping within the park. For more information, visit www.sixflags.com.

Professional Sports

The Washington Redskins - FedEx Field

The Washington Redskins' home stadium, FedEx Field, is located just a few miles outside the city in Landover, Maryland. It has one of the largest capacities in the NFL at 81,000 seats. The Morgan Boulevard Station on the Silver or Blue Line is the closest Metro station, located approximately nine-tenths of a mile from the stadium. For more information, visit www.redskins.com/fedexfield/.



The Washington Capitals/The Washington Wizards - Capital One Arena

Located in the middle of downtown D.C., Capital One Arena is home to the 2018 Stanley Cup champions, the Washington Capitals, and the city's NBA team, the Washington Wizards. During the off season, there is a good chance you can catch an amazing live performance as the arena frequently hosts big-name acts like Adele and Justin Timberlake throughout the year. For more information, visit capitalonearena.monumentalsportsnetwork.com.

The Washington Nationals - Nationals Park

Opened in 2008, Nationals Park is home to D.C.'s major league baseball team, the Washington Nationals. Located in Southeast D.C., Nationals Park is easily accessible via the Metro for a night of baseball, beer, and fun. Nationals Park also hosts concerts, fundraisers, conventions and more throughout the year. For more information, visit washington.nationals.mlb.com/was/ballpark.

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Seasonal Events

FeBREWary

FeBREWary is a state-wide annual celebration of craft beer and runs through the entire month of February. Local breweries and beer pubs across Maryland create custom and unique brews available only in February and participate in contests and giveaway packages. For more information, visit marylandbeer.org/febrewary/.

Maryland Vintage Wine and Jazz Festival

Enjoy food and wine from local vendors with live jazz at this annual event. The day-long festival takes place on the waterfront of the Potomac River at National Harbor. <http://marylandvintagewine.com/>.



Independence Day Celebration

It shouldn't be a surprise that Washington, D.C. knows how to celebrate the Fourth of July. You can start the day with the annual National Independence Day Parade that goes along Constitution Avenue featuring military service men and women, fife and drum corps, and a variety of floats. From there, you can stroll over to the National Mall to get a seat for one of the nation's best fireworks display that night. Not only are the fireworks incredible, the National Symphony Orchestra provides the score for the show, capped off with the "1812 Overture."

For more information, visit <https://washington.org/topics/fourth-july>.

Cherry Blossom Festival

The Cherry Blossom Festival is one of the region's most beloved traditions celebrating the arrival of spring. With over 3,000 cherry

blossom trees, this festival is a beautiful tourist attraction for people of all ages welcoming more than 1.5 million people each year. For more information, visit www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/.

Lighting of the National Christmas Tree

The Lighting of the National Christmas Tree occurs every December at the Ellipse near the White House to signify peace to the nation and the world. The official lighting ceremony is free, but you must win tickets via an online lottery. For more information, visit thenationaltree.org.

Weekend Trips



Living in Forestville also will allow you to take some incredible weekend trips. You can hop on the Amtrak and take the train up to Philadelphia, New York City or Boston. There's incredible hiking opportunities along the Appalachian Trail in the Shenandoah National Forest a few hours away. Annapolis is a favorite weekend getaway for many in the area and is just over an hour's drive. Baltimore a little under an hour drive and offers endless activities like the National Aquarium, Patapsco Valley State Park, Fort McHenry and more at the Inner Harbor. And with how close Forestville is located to Dulles International Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Airport, it's not out of the question to find a cheap flight to Chicago, Florida or even Iceland for a quick getaway!

Are you excited yet? You should be! Whenever you're ready to start planning your move to Forestville, we're here to help!

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