

Public Transportation

From DCA: The least expensive option (under \$10) is to take the Metro Yellow Line to Fort Totten. At Fort Totten, change to the Green Line (direction Greenbelt), which will then take you to the College Park station where you get off. The transfer at Fort Totten is simple. Just get off the Yellow Line and stay on the platform. Get on the next Green Line train going in the same direction. The Metro ride takes about 25 min. During peak hours, the Yellow line takes you all the way to College Park, so check the destination on the display.

You can find a detailed Metro map with all its stops at <http://wmata.com/rail/maps/map.cfm>. The College Park station is on the northern part of the Green Line. There are maps in the Metro stations and in most Metro cars.

NOTE: Metro runs from about 6 or 7 am until 2 am the next day. If you come in late at night or early morning please check the Metro web site for the hours of operation for the day you arrive.

If you are not familiar with Metro, please look at their web site <http://wmata.com/> to see how to get a SmarTrip card or a regular ticket and use the system. It is not difficult, but we suggest you read instructions in advance. You can pay with cash or credit card by picking the correct machine. The website also has a trip planner, which gives you departure and arrival times and total cost for the trip, if you enter departure and destination point.

If you are using a smartphone, there is a free app called “DC Metro Transit” that has all the information and features available on the Metro website but in a more accessible form. You can also see real-time arrival estimation of trains at each Metro stop.

From BWI: There is a Metrobus (B30), which will take you all the way to Greenbelt Metro Station in about 30 min. The Greenbelt Metro stop is only one stop away from College Park. You can either take a taxi from Greenbelt (the best alternative we suggest) or ride the Metro to College Park (direction Branch Ave) and call for the hotel shuttle. (See above) The timetable for B30 is at <http://wmata.com/bus/timetables/view.cfm?line=165>.

From IAD: There is also a Metrobus (5A), which will take you to the L’Enfant Plaza metro station in Washington DC in about 45 min. From there you can take the Metro Green Line (direction Greenbelt) to College Park, which takes around 25 min. Altogether, it may take up to 90 min to get to College Park. The timetable for 5A is at <http://wmata.com/bus/timetables/view.cfm?line=49>.

Supershuttle: There are usually several SuperShuttle vans (<http://www.supershuttle.com/>) outside each airport. Prices vary by airport and type of service. If you choose a “shared ride” to College Park, the fare for the first passenger is around \$32 (e.g. from BWI), with each additional person paying around \$12. Usually, the total cost is shared equally by all passengers. “Shared rides” may involve minor detours, although they try to have customers with similar destinations in one van. For comparison, “exclusive non-stop service” is around \$110 from BWI to College Park. Reservations for shared rides are not necessary, but recommended.

Taxi: You can take a taxi from each airport to College Park. Fares may be about \$50 from DCA and BWI, and \$70 or \$80 from IAD. Taxi will be the fastest way to get to College Park, but also the most expensive. Please note, each airport has their own taxi areas outside, and we recommend you use the taxis in those areas.