

2018 Cherry Blossom Public Events

NCSS Cherry Blossom Premier Event: The Lantern Lighting at the Tidal Basin (free event)

Sunday, April 8, 2018 2:30-4:30 pm Tidal Basin at Independence Ave & 17th Street, SW Washington DC. ([Map](#))

There is very limited parking around the Tidal Basin, so we recommend you taxi/uber and get there early as it is open seating. The ceremony will begin at 3pm.

Please join (NCSS) and the National Park Service for the traditional lighting of the Japanese Stone Lantern situated amidst the cherry blossom trees on the Tidal Basin.

This annual event is the official start to the week and includes remarks by top U.S. and Japanese officials, traditional music and songs, introduction of the 2018 Cherry Blossom Princesses, the United States and Japan Cherry Blossom Queens and the lighting of the Japanese Stone Lantern.



NCSS Cherry Blossom Premier Event: Night at the Nationals (ticketed event)

Monday, April 9, 2018 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Casual Attire
Washington Nationals Stadium - Reserved Seating

([Map](#)) \$35 per ticket - which includes \$8 coupon (food/drink or souvenir) [Purchase Tickets](#)

NCSS Cherry Blossom Premier Event: Congressional Reception

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Business Attire
United States Botanical Garden ([Map](#))

Each State Society will be provided with a specific number of tickets - this event is not open to the public.

NCSS Cherry Blossom Premier Event: Sushi Reception & Grand Ball (ticketed event)

Friday, April 13, 2018 6:30 pm Until Midnight Black Tie
Optional Omni Shoreham Hotel - 2500 Calvert Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008 ([Map](#)) \$225 for adults, \$125 for
children 12 and under: [Purchase Tickets](#)

Ticket prices include sushi reception, open bar, fabulous full course dinner, exciting program, entertainment and special guests, and the crowning of the 2018 U.S. Cherry Blossom Queen and much more!

National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade

Saturday, April 14, 2018 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Constitution Avenue - From 7th to 17th Streets, NW

Junior Cherry Blossom Princesses do not participate but are invited to watch.

Starting at \$20 for Grandstand Seating: [Purchase Tickets](#)

Standing along the Parade route from Constitution Avenue between 9th and 15th Streets, NW is FREE and open to the public. Arrive early for the best views. Closest Metro: Archives - Navy Memorial (yellow & green lines).



Sakura Matsuri Street Festival

Saturday, April 14, 2018 10:30 am 6:00 pm Pennsylvania Avenue, NW between 3rd and 7th Streets

Ticket - \$10 per person (children under 12 years old are free)

[Purchase Tickets](#)

You're invited to visit the NCSS Booth at the annual Sakura Matsuri Street Festival where you can learn more about the NCSS and meet the 2018 Cherry Blossom Queens and Princesses.

Closest Metro Stop: Archives - Navy Memorial (yellow and green lines) For more information, please visit:

www.sakuramatsuri.org