

Venue

The P MEC East 2008 will be held at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner hotel, a world-class atrium style hotel and event venue. Attendees will enjoy luxury service, elegant surroundings, exceptional dining and an inviting Northern Virginia location convenient to major highways, downtown DC and the historic sights of Virginia.

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- • The Hilton McLean Tysons Corner hotel is located minutes from Ronald Reagan National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport.

- • The hotel is steps away from world-class shopping at Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria Mall, as well as many outstanding restaurants.

- • Enjoy the 24-hour fitness center, indoor heated swimming pool and outdoor sundeck.

- • The self-service Business Center offers fax, copy and printing services, a computer and laptop station.

- • Attendees may enjoy wired or wireless high-speed Internet service in their guest rooms at a nominal fee. Once online you will also have wireless access in the hotel lobby, Atrium Bar, Café Restaurant and Opus 88 Lounge.

- • Luxury one-bedroom suites feature separate bedrooms, living space and dining areas.

- • Enjoy exceptional dining at the Café Restaurant, relax in the Atrium Lounge or enjoy live Jazz in Opus 88 Thursday through Saturday evenings.

- • The hotel also offers local shuttle service, ATM, a gift shop, same-day valet service and room service.

- • Free self parking

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Other Things To Do

Climate & Weather

<http://www.wordtravels.com/Cities/Washington+DC/Washington+DC/Climate>

GETTING AROUND

Here is a link to the Metro website with a trip planner tool <http://www.wmata.com/>

EAT

Check out this link for local dining guides and restaurant reviews

<http://www.washingtonian.com/sections/restaurants/index.html>

READ A BOOK

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with more than 130 million items on approximately 530 miles of bookshelves. Closed on Sundays and federal holidays. If they only served coffee… <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

STRETCH YOUR LEGS

Fairfax County Cross Country Trail

This is a 38 mile waling/jogging trail running the entire length of Fairfax County from the north to the south. The Cross County Trail runs through some of the county's most scenic areas, beginning at Great Falls National Park on the mighty Potomac River and extending south to the Occoquan River and Laurel Hill, formerly known as Lorton Prison. This link also includes a map <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/cct/>

Great Falls National Park

Many people consider the Great Falls of the Potomac to be the most spectacular natural landmark in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. This 800 acre National Park offers three observation areas providing safe panoramic views overlooking the falls. <http://www.nps.gov/grfa/>

SEE KOOL STUFF

Museums

Here is a link to a general list of museums and, equally important, a list of the best museum cafes

<http://www.washingtonian.com/articles/artsfun/4712.html>

More Museums…Smithsonian Institution & Museums

Admission is free for all Smithsonian museums and the zoo in Washington, D.C., and the American Indian Museum's George Gustav Heye Center in New York. Tickets are not used for general admission. A fee is required at the Cooper-

Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York (Members and children under age 12 are admitted free).
<http://www.si.edu/visit/>

Here is a link to the Smithsonian online trip planning tool
<http://gosmithsonian.com/>

White House

Public tours of the White House are available for groups of 10 or more people. Requests must be submitted through one's Member of Congress and are accepted up to six months in advance. Wow, not very inviting…

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/tours/>

White House Visitors Center

The Center is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and features many aspects of the White House, including its architecture, furnishings, first families, social events, and relations with the press and world leaders, as well as a thirty-minute video.

U.S. Capitol Building

Watch the U.S. government inaction. The Capitol is open to the public for guided tours only. Tours will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday (the Capitol is not available for tours on Sundays). The Capitol will be open on all federal holidays except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Visitors must obtain free tickets for tours on a first-come, first-served basis, at the Capitol Guide Service kiosk located along the curving sidewalk southwest of the Capitol (near the intersection of First Street, S.W., and Independence Avenue; see the map below). Ticket distribution begins at 9:00 a.m. daily.