

- Washington designated the new capital by George Washington
- Charles Pierre L'Enfant hired to develop a plan for the federal city
 - First July 4th celebration in Washington
- First Inaugural parade
- Lafayette Square designated a public park by Jefferson
- Rows of poplar trees planted along Pennsylvania Avenue
- Washington burned during the War of 1812
- Lafayette Square first landscaped for Lafayette visit
- James Smithson bequeaths gift to the nation
- Washington Monument cornerstone laid
- Installation of gaslights along Pennsylvania Avenue
- Smithsonian "castle" begun
- Virginia portion of District of Columbia returned to Virginia as unneeded
- Landscape designer Andrew Jackson Downing hired
- Andrew Jackson Downing killed in steamboat accident
- Arrival of the railroad and construction of a terminal on The Mall
 - Armory built on The Mall
- Treasury building portico obstructs view from the Capitol to White House
 - Civil War-soldier encampments on The Mall
 - Lincoln funeral cortege and 2-day parade of the Grand Army of the Republic
- Most streets and avenues in the northwest quadrant paved
 - Nation's Centennial Celebration
 - National Museum built
- Tiber Canal filled in to become Constitution Avenue
- Congress allocates money to dredge Anacostia River, create Washington Channel and East and West Potomac Parks
 - Washington Monument completed
- More than 100 miles of tramway within the city
- Rock Creek Park formed
- Coxe's Army demonstration
- D.C. Commissioners establish first height restrictions within the District
- Dept. of Agriculture opens large office on south side of Mall
- Union Station constructed and old railroad terminal on Mall removed
 - National Museum of American History built
 - Commission of Fine Arts formed by President Taft
 - Lincoln Memorial designed and begun
 - 1,800 Cherry Trees planted around the Tidal Basin
- Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway begun
- Sylvan Theater constructed
 - Federal Triangle project
- Freer Gallery opens
- National Capital Park Commission formed
- Shipstead Act gives government aesthetic control over private or semiprivate buildings adjacent to public buildings and grounds
- Capper-Cramton Act passed providing money to expand the park system of the District
 - Arlington Memorial Bridge completed

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STUDY AREA ACTIONS:

- The Mall
- Pennsylvania Avenue
- Washington Monument
- West Potomac Park

OTHER:

- Miscellaneous events, legislation and construction
- The White House & President's Park

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