

Inventing for the Environment



The **Lemelson Center** at the Smithsonian Institution invites you to a series of **free** tours highlighting the invention of nature in the city with visits to parks and natural reserves in the greater Washington area. Tour leaders discuss the history of creating recreational green spaces and explain their technological roots. **All tours begin with an introductory presentation at the National Museum of American History (NMAH), 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. Metro: Federal Triangle (orange/blue line)**

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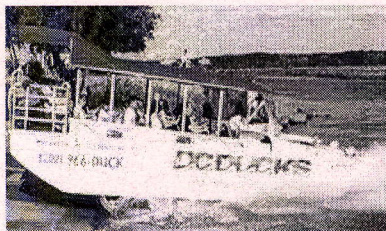
Saturday, August 22

9:30 a.m. NMAH, Constitution Avenue entrance

Inventing Nature: Parks and Gardens

Join Washington historian Howard Gillette for a tour highlighting the history and philosophy behind the creation of two of Washington's largest green spaces, the National Mall and the National Arboretum.

Registration is required, call 202-357-1593. Space is limited. **R.S.V.P. by August 19.**



Saturday, September 12

9:30 a.m. NMAH, Constitution Avenue entrance

Inventing Nature: Along the Potomac

National Park Service historian Timothy Davis leads this tour of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the banks of the Potomac. Board a "DC Duck" amphibious

vehicle to learn about the history of park roads and the changing landscape along the riverbank, from industrial sites to parklands.

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Saturday, October 10

9:30 a.m. NMAH, Constitution Avenue entrance

Inventing Nature: Zoos

Perhaps the ultimate examples of invented nature are the exotic habitats created in urban zoos. Smithsonian historian Pamela Henson and award-winning zoo exhibit designer Jon Coe lead this tour of the National Zoo, offering their insights into changing fashions in zoo design—from the perspectives of humans and animals.

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