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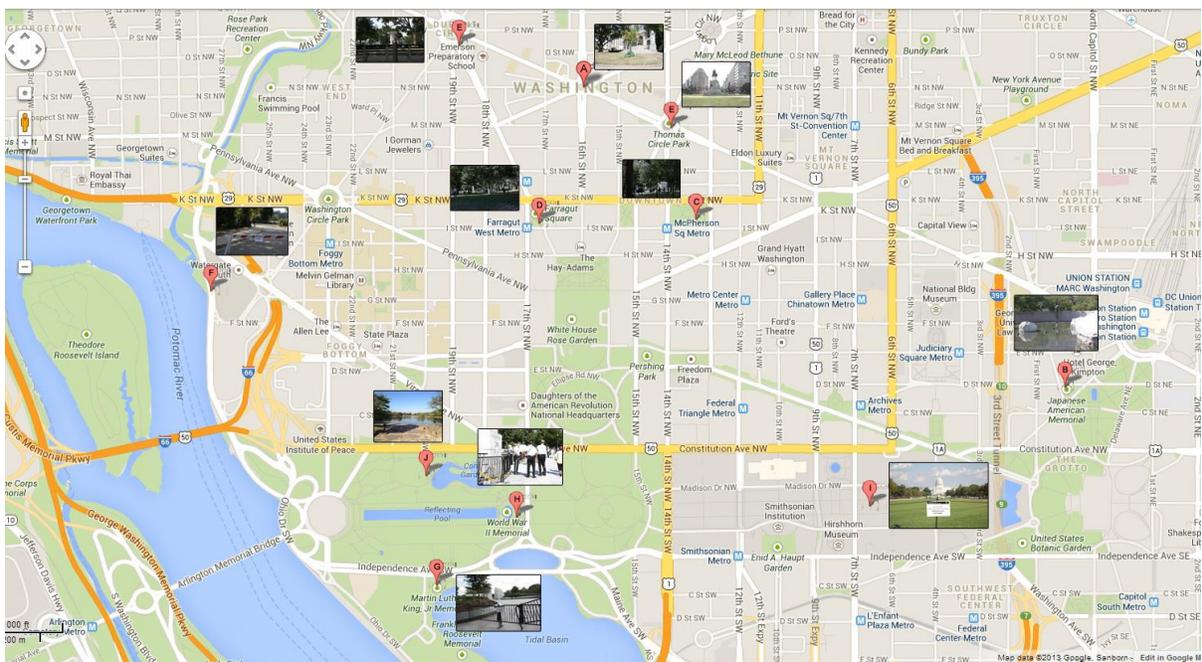
Obama Admin Arbitrarily Choosing Which Monuments and Parks to Close Off to Veterans and Tourists

Barricades Erected at Most Visited Sites

Yesterday, the Obama Administration began selectively erecting barricades to keep visitors, including large groups of World War II veterans, from visiting popular monuments such as the World War II Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, and the National Mall. However, the Obama Administration is applying this policy inconsistently and choosing which memorials to block off and which to keep open. While these popular monuments remain barricaded, other U.S. Park properties such as the Constitutional Gardens and Japanese Americans Memorial remain completely open.

“The Obama Administration is not only taking the unnecessary and egregious step of closing off open spaces and monuments – places without doors and gates that are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – but is selectively choosing where to apply this policy. It appears as though only the highly visible monuments and areas are being closed to the public – further proof that the Obama Administration is only playing politics and purposely choosing to make this shut down as painful as possible. Their actions are shameful and wrong,” said House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings.

[Click on the map](#) below to see some of the open air parks and monuments that are open, and which have been arbitrarily closed to the public.



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