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National Mall & Memorial Parks Launches Radio Station Designed to Provide Latest Information to Make Visitor Experience Better

Washington, D.C. – From the latest traffic information to what hours ice skating is available at Pershing Park to “off the Beaten Path” memorial tidbits to “Living History” special events, the National Park Service’s National Mall & Memorial Parks have begun broadcasting advice and tips on a new radio station located at 1670 AM.

In an attempt to accommodate visitors who might not plan their trip to the National Mall via the Internet, radio station KFB 719 broadcasts a wide range of practical, topical and “need to know” visitor information about current events or programs within the park. Programming on the radio station is pre-recorded and contains no live shows or interviews.

Classified as a “10-watt low power” station, the signal includes a three-mile radius of the National Mall that reaches northward to Dupont Circle and includes the K Street corridor, east toward R.F.K. Stadium, south to include all of Hains Point and National Airport and west toward Glebe Road in Arlington.

Designed not to compete against any commercial or public radio station, listeners will also find information about adjacent visitor attractions including visitor hours at the White House Visitors Center, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the National Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Smithsonian Museums, ticket distribution procedures for the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument and access to the Old Post Office Pavilion tower. The station also provides information on how anyone might become a National Park Service volunteer to help contribute anyone’s time and talent to the National Mall & Memorial Parks.

Featured as the “off the Beaten Path” story for this month, an announcer draws listeners’ attention to the National Law Enforcement Memorial. The “off the Beaten Path” segment will highlight lesser-known memorials the National Park Service maintains in the District of Columbia. For example, the African-American Civil War Memorial, located at 10th and U Streets, at Vermont Ave., N.W. will be featured in February as a part of African American History Month. The Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II, located at the corner of Louisiana and New Jersey Avenues and D Street, N.W., is expected to be featured during Asian-Pacific Island Heritage Month.

The National Park Service also operates similar radio stations at Prince William Forest Park in Prince William County, Virginia and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia.

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