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General Information

The NIH Natcher Center is located approximately five miles from the District of Columbia in Bethesda, Maryland. The Natcher Center and the National Library of Medicine are located at the southeast corner of the campus of the [National Institutes of Health](#). The NIH, like all Federal Government facilities, has instituted safety and security measures. Visitors must enter the campus through the central location for registering and orienting visitors (the NIH Gateway Center) and show one (1) form of identification (a government-issued photo ID--driver's license, passport, green card, etc.); visitors should continue to wear their identification prominently at all times while on campus. The NIH Gateway Center is accessed from NIH Gateway Drive and is near the exit of the Metro system's Medical Center stop. All visitors are encouraged to use Metro or other public transportation if at all possible. Parking for visitors is always in short supply at NIH, especially during conferences, and parking regulations are strictly enforced with tickets and tow trucks.

****Please make sure to bring a photo ID for security check. ****

Additional NIH and NLM information is available from the following pages:

[Map of NIH](#)
[Visitor Information](#)
[Directions to NIH](#)
[Visitor Security](#)

Taking Public Transportation to NIH/Natcher Center

The NIH visitor entrance, the Gateway Center (66) is located on South Drive by the **Medical Center stop** served by the:

- 📍 **Metro rail (Red Line):** [Metro fares and schedules](#)
- 📍 **Buses:** [Metrobus](#) and [Montgomery County Ride On Buses](#).

Upon exiting the Metro or bus, visitors enter the Gateway Center (66) for security inspection, and receive visitor passes, then head to the Natcher Center (Bldg. 45) by walking or taking the "NIH Limited Campus" shuttle bus. See below how to get to Natcher from the Gateway Center via pedestrian path or campus shuttle bus:

Walking to the Natcher Center (Bldg. 45) from the Gateway Center (66) approximately 10-15 minutes:

1. After obtaining a visitor pass, take the stairs (on the left) or the elevator to the second level.
2. Exit through the glass doors, turn left and follow the pedestrian path on the left.
3. The Natcher Center will be on your right.
4. Follow the sidewalk to the entrance of the Natcher Center

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Taking NIH shuttle bus to Natcher:

1. After obtaining a visitor pass, proceed down a ramp on the right and exit the Center.
2. Take the "[NIH Limited Campus](#)" shuttle bus at the bus shelter on the circular drive.
3. Take the bus to the first stop, Natcher/Bldg. 45

Directions from Baltimore:

1. Take I-695 to I-95 (South) to I-495 (West) toward Silver Spring.
2. Take Exit 34, Route 355 to Rockville.
3. Stay in the exit lane and follow the signs to Route 355 South (Bethesda), also known as Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Avenue.
4. Continue south on Rockville Pike about 2 miles.
5. After passing South Drive, turn right at NIH Gateway Drive.
6. Keep right, towards the circle.
7. At the circle the lane splits into 3; keep in the left lane around the circle and into the entrance to MLP-11 parking.
8. Take a parking ticket and proceed to park.
9. After parking, follow the signs to the elevator that leads to the Gateway Center (66).
10. Exiting the elevator, head left into the Gateway Center where security check is conducted and visitor passes are issued.
11. After receiving the visitor pass, exit the Gateway Center.
12. Walk or take the Shuttle Bus to the Natcher Center (Directions above)

Directions from Virginia:

1. Take I-95 north toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway)
2. Head north toward Silver Spring/Bethesda.
3. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34 which is Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike)
4. head south toward Washington/Bethesda.
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