

Local Guide to 3 hours on 14th Street NW

With conference programming, national monuments, and museums on the Mall, we're sure your plate is full. But try and carve out three hours to explore some of DC's neighborhoods and soak up some local flavor. Thanks to the glut of restaurants and shops in the area, on the weekends I hardly stray more than three blocks from my apartment on 14th and R. There are a ton of spots worth exploring, but these are some of my go to's.

—Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co-Chair, National Gallery of Art

1. **Grab a coffee.** I get coffee at [Peregrine](#) every day—they arguably make the best in the city. [BakeHouse](#) has better pastry options, though, and has cold brew with coffee ice cubes. [Cork Market](#) serves Intelligentsia coffee and offers nice sandwiches, salads and snacks to go.

2. **Shop around:** [Treasury](#), [Current Boutique](#), [Buffalo Exchange](#) and [Miss Pixies](#) will satisfy your resale fix. [Good Wood](#) presents a coveted mix of used furniture, handcrafted jewelry, and fancy soap. [Redeem](#) and [Muleh](#) sell clothes that are *Expensive and Interesting*. [Home Rule](#) fits an amazing array of home and kitchen goods into their tiny little shop.

3. **Look at some art:** Hemphill Fine Arts, the Transformer Gallery, Adamson Gallery, and Hamiltonian Gallery all showcase contemporary art from local and national artists.

3. **Grab a beer:** Garden District AKA "the beer garden" has a nice selection of beers, snacks, and if you're hungry, sometimes they have a whole pig's head.

4. **Eat dinner:** I can't even begin to list all the great restaurants along 14th Street. My favs are Etto for really nice cocktails, antipasti, and pizza. Bar Pilar and Cork offer relaxed atmospheres and delicious small plates. If you've saved up your per diem, order some jamon and sherry at Estadio. No conference funding this year? Great Wall serves Szechwan specialties like ma po tofu and dan dan noodle.

5. **Afterparty...** See a rock show at the Black Cat, go dancing in the basement of St. Ex., or grab a digestif at Le Diplomate.

Getting there: Hop on the northbound 54 bus from the corner of F and 12 Sts. NW, or take the green line from Gallery Place/Chinatown to the U Street Metro stop and walk one block west on U—you'll be in the heart of 14th.

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