

VISITOR INFORMATION

Directions to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Visitor Center (Building 38A)

GPS

Use this address –
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814

Helpful websites for visitors –

<http://www.ors.od.nih.gov/maps/Pages/Gateway-Center-Map.aspx>

<http://www.ors.od.nih.gov/maps/Pages/NIH-Visitor-Map.aspx>

IMPORTANT

- **Photo Identification Required** – All visitors must show a photo ID for entry - a U.S. Driver's License, Passport, or Student ID with photo. Visitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **The following items are not allowed on the NIH campus** – firearms, explosives, archery equipment, dangerous weapons, knives with blades over 2 ½ inches, alcoholic beverages and open containers of alcohol. If the visitor brings any of these items to the NIH, they will either dispose of the item (throw it away) or keep the item, but not enter the campus.

METRO

Visitors exit the Metro at the RED Line's Medical Center Metro Station. The NIH Gateway Center is just steps from the Metro Station, directly in front of the escalators. Enter the NIH Gateway Security Center.

Here you will walk through a metal detector, show your ID (US driver's license, passport, or student ID card with photo) and receive your visitor badge. If visitors are under 16 years, an accompanying adult should serve as their chaperone. Please tell the security guards that you are going to the **National Library of Medicine's Visitor Center in Building 38A/Lister Hill Center**.

After receiving your visitor badge, either climb the steps or take the elevator to the second floor to exit the building. Follow the path between the two buildings - Childcare Center (Building #64) to your left and the Natcher Conference Center (Building #45) to your right.

Once you reach the parking lot, you will see two buildings across the street from where you are standing. The smaller building to your left is the National Library of Medicine (Building #38). The tall building to your

right is the Lister Hill Center (Building #38A). ***Please walk towards the tall building on your right, the Lister Hill Center.***

As you enter the Lister Hill Building, restrooms are to your right near the elevators and the Visitor Center is to your left.

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DROP OFF / TAXI / UBER

Follow the appropriate driving directions listed below, but turn in to the NIH at the traffic light at SOUTH DRIVE where the NIH Metro is located and ask the driver to drop you off in the Kiss and Ride parking lot. Walk across the street and enter the Gateway Security Center.

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Take I-95 south toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway),

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NORTH**

head west toward Silver Spring/Bethesda. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34 which is Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike) and head south toward Washington/Bethesda. Pass Pooks Hill Road, Alta Vista Road, and cross W. Cedar Lane. Pass Wilson Drive, then South Drive (where the Metro is located) and just past South Drive, turn right at NIH Gateway Drive. You will make an immediate left turn into the underground garage (MLP-11) where you will park your car.

After parking your car, exit the garage and walk into the NIH Gateway Security Center. Here you will walk through a metal detector, show your ID (US driver's license, passport, or student ID card with photo) and receive your visitor badge. If visitors are under 16 years, an accompanying adult should serve as their chaperone. Please tell the security guards that you are going to the [National Library of Medicine's Visitor Center in Building 38A](#).

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Take I-95 north toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway), head east toward Silver Spring/Bethesda. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34 which is Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike) and head south toward Washington/Bethesda. Pass Pooks Hill Road, Alta Vista Road, and cross W. Cedar Lane. Pass Wilson Drive, then South Drive (where the Metro is located) and just past South Drive, turn right at NIH Gateway Drive. You will make an immediate left turn into the underground garage (MLP-11) where you will park your car.

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**DRIVING NORTH
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AVE.**

Visitors coming to NIH heading north on Wisconsin Avenue, will drive through Bethesda's business district. NIH will be ahead of you on the left. You will pass traffic lights at Woodmont Ave and Jones Bridge Road/Center Drive. Stay in your left lane and at the traffic light for South Drive, where the Medical Center Metro Station is located, MAKE A U-TURN. You are now going south on Rockville Pike. Stay in your right lane. Just ahead of you, turn right on to NIH Gateway Drive. Get in your left lane, so you can turn in to the underground parking garage (MLP-11) where you will park your car.

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PARKING

The cost for parking in the Gateway garage is \$2.00 per hour for the first 3 hours. Parking longer than 3 hours is considered a full day, and the cost is \$12.00.

QUESTIONS

Call Tara at 301-827-6479 or send a text to 301-326-6638.