

Student Housing & Commuting Information

Personal recommendation: Wherever you are renting, consider obtaining rental insurance. Most insurance companies offer rental insurance that can bring you some peace of mind. In the past, several students have had the need for this kind of coverage and they asked to pass this recommendation along to future students.

Regardless of whether you are renting from a company or private citizen, make sure you have some kind of rental agreement in writing. You can find free templates online if need be that can, again, bring you some peace of mind and set good expectations.

NRL DC Address: 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20375

NRL DC sits on the southwest outskirts of Washington DC on the Potomac River, between the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling and the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. It is an easy drive from parts of Maryland and Virginia. Public transportation is only available via bus; there is no Metrorail access. There is ample free parking available at NRL DC.

Housing

Apartment Search

- <http://www.apartments.com/>

Weichert Corporate Housing

- weichertcorporatehousing.com

American University Housing

- <https://www.american.edu/ocl/conferences/Intern-Housing.cfm>

Capitol Technology College Housing

- <http://www.capttechu.edu/campus-life/housing-dining/co-op-summer-housing>

Georgetown University Housing

- <https://residentialiving.georgetown.edu/>

The Catholic University of America Intern Housing

- [Non-CatholicU Student Intern Housing - Conferences - Pryzbyla Center - Catholic University - Washington, DC | CUA](#)

Glebe House Apartments – Alexandria VA. (703) 549-7300

- <http://www.glebehouse.net/>

WISH - Washington Intern Student Housing, (202) 548-2720

- www.internsdc.com

Commuting

DC Living

- <https://washington.org/>
- <https://dcist.com/>

There is a Metro and a Keller bus that stops right out front of the NRL. You can find more information on public transportation at the following links:

- <http://www.kellerbus.com/commuter.php>
- <http://www.wmata.com/bus/>

Commuter Connections

- <http://www.commuterconnections.org/>

Metrorail

If you plan to use the DC Metrorail, make sure that you are aware of any track work or maintenance that is scheduled that may affect your ride.

- <https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/>

Most NRL personnel drive to NRL DC, but if you won't have a car this summer, consider using WMATA's Trip Planner to help plan your commute. WMATA runs the metrorail and buses in DC, and also factors walking into the planner:

- <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/>
- <https://washington.org/navigating-dc-metro>

Those who live and work in DC use a few resources to check traffic:

- 1) Google Maps: turn on the traffic and see where the bottle necks are.
- 2) WTOP News: Gives another traffic map. This can be found at <http://wtop.com/traffic/>

When you're on the road and want to hear what's going on with traffic, here are two stations you can listen to:

- WTOP @ 103.5 FM. Traffic and weather on the 8's
- WNEW @ 99.1 FM. Traffic and weather every 5 minutes during rush hours on the 1's and 6's.

Biking to NRL DC: Bear in mind that some student programs will not have access to Bolling Air Force Base (JBAB) via NRL because you may not be eligible for CAC cards, so unless you have another form of military access of ID that Bolling accepts, you will not be able to access NRL DC through JBAB.

Below is some input from NRL's biking community:

- I can speak to coming from Alexandria. I've always felt relatively safe. Once you get to Wilson bridge there are two on-road sections (the rest being trails), a small stretch of Oxon Hill Farm Rd to Bald Eagle Rd (this can be busy depending on time of day but has sidewalks if your bike can handle gravel), then lightly traveled roads from Oxon Hill Farm to the NRL gate. The commute isn't bad for someone who enjoys biking but it's not what I would call leisurely, there is a steep climb into Oxon Hill Farm.
- From the Ft Hunt/ Mt Vernon area I budget an hour (I'm not a speed demon). I would use google maps bicycling to check out routes.
- I used to bike from Congress Heights metro to the lab – it's a bit hectic with the traffic on Alabama Avenue, but it's doable.
- The preferred method is to ride through JBAB from the Anacostia metro.
- Coming from the north, it's dangerous if you don't have a CAC or an escort through Joint Base Anacostia Bolling (JBAB). Without a CAC, you have to ride on South Capitol Street, and that can be scary from a traffic perspective.
- Coming from the South (Wilson Bridge) there's a challenging hill, particularly going from NRL back across the river.
- NRL is bikeable from any direction, but each direction has some things that add difficulties. I live in Northwest DC, so I know about biking from there. I bike on the slow side, and it takes me about 45 minutes from Chinatown. The roads leading to NRL are situated so that there will be some large hills to deal with no matter what direction you're coming from.

The information included within this document is provided for your convenience as a starting point for locating available housing that suits your needs. It is not exhaustive nor does it constitute an endorsement of any of the housing opportunities listed. Individuals looking for housing should accomplish their own reasonable due diligence with regard to locating housing opportunities, selecting housing, and negotiating rental agreements.