

# Pilot's Guide to DCA

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## Why choose DCA?

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There are five airports within reasonable driving distance from the US Capital. Here are some facts about each:

| Airport    | City              | Longest R/W  | Distance       |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| IAD        | Dulles            | 11,501       | 28 miles       |
| HEF        | Manassas          | 5,701        | 38 miles       |
| BWI        | Baltimore         | 10,502       | 33 miles       |
| GAI        | Gaithersburg      | 4,202        | 33 miles       |
| <b>DCA</b> | <b>Washington</b> | <b>6,869</b> | <b>4 miles</b> |

***DCA is simply the most convenient airport to the city***

# What is the DASSP?

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The DCA Access Standard Security Program is the process by which Part 91 & 135 operators can utilize DCA, subject to:

- Maximum of 48 DASSP operations permitted per day
- Specific and detailed requirements for each of:
  - ✓ Flight department
  - ✓ Departure airport & FBO
  - ✓ Operational compliance

# Flight Department Requirements

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Flight departments and charter operators must be approved DASSP operators in order to fly into DCA

- The application process appears complex, but is relatively simple
  - ✓ Submit 1 page application & non-disclosure agreement to TSA
  - ✓ Submit to inspection of operation by local Federal Security Director
  - ✓ Designate security coordinator and adopt TSA-supplied security plan
  - ✓ Pilots must all be vetted (fingerprint-based background check)
  - ✓ Train or procure services of an Armed Security Officer
  - ✓ Following completion of the above, the FSD approves operation

***TSA then issues a certification number and the operation is ready to begin flights into DCA***

# Armed Security Officers

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There are many myths about the requirement for Armed Security Officers. The facts:

- Do ***not*** have to be Federal Air Marshalls
- Requirements:
  - ✓ Four years experience as Law Enforcement Officer
  - ✓ Military or civilian; in good standing
  - ✓ Completion of two day training (13 locations around country)
  - ✓ Can also utilize contract ASO services

***Most large companies already employ people who are able to become qualified as Armed Security Officers***

# Departure Airport & FBO Requirements

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Flights into DCA under the DASSP program must originate at a designated Gateway airport

- Gateway airports are airports that have a TSA-certified FBO
- Certified FBOs have:
  - ✓ Approved security plans
  - ✓ Areas able to be designated for passenger screening & segregated aircraft parking
  - ✓ A few other details (firearms discharge unit, etc)
  - ✓ There are currently 49 airports which are approved to act as Gateways to DCA; plus many awaiting final approval .

***If your FBO of choice is not currently approved, we will happily work with them to become approved***



# Signature Flight Support Approved DASSP Gateway FBOs

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| State         | Airports  |
|---------------|---|
| California    | Long Beach (LGB), Palm Springs (PSP), Santa Barbara (SBA), San Francisco (SFO), Santa Ana/Orange County (SNA) |
| Connecticut   | Bradley (BDL)   |
| Florida       | Jacksonville (JAX), Orlando (MCO), Palm Beach (PBI)   |
| Georgia       | Savannah/Hilton-Head (SAV)  |
| Illinois      | Midway (MDW), O'Hare (ORD)  |
| Indiana       | Indianapolis (IND)  |
| Louisiana     | Louis Armstrong New Orleans (MSY)   |
| Massachusetts | L.G. Hanscom Field (BED), Logan (BOS)   |
| Minnesota     | Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP), St. Paul Downtown (STP), Rochester (RST)  |



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| State          | Airports  |
|----------------|---|
| Missouri       | Lambert – St. Louis (STL), Spirit of St. Louis (SUS)    |
| New Jersey     | Morristown (MMU), Newark Liberty (EWR), Teterboro (TEB) |
| New York       | Westchester (HPN)                                       |
| South Carolina | Hilton Head Island (HXD)                                |
| Tennessee      | Memphis (MEM), Nashville (BNA)                          |
| Texas          | Dallas Love Field (DAL)                                 |
| Virginia       | Reagan Washington National (DCA), Dulles (IAD)          |
| Wisconsin      | General Mitchell Milwaukee (MKE)                        |

# Directions to DCA

## From Virginia:

**Richmond and Points South**  
I-95 North to I-395 North.  
Take exit 10 (GW Parkway South)  
Take Airport Exit

**Manassas and Points West:**  
I-66 East  
Rte 110 South to Rte 1 South  
Take Airport Exit

**From Washington, DC:**  
I-395 South  
GW Parkway South  
Take Airport Exit

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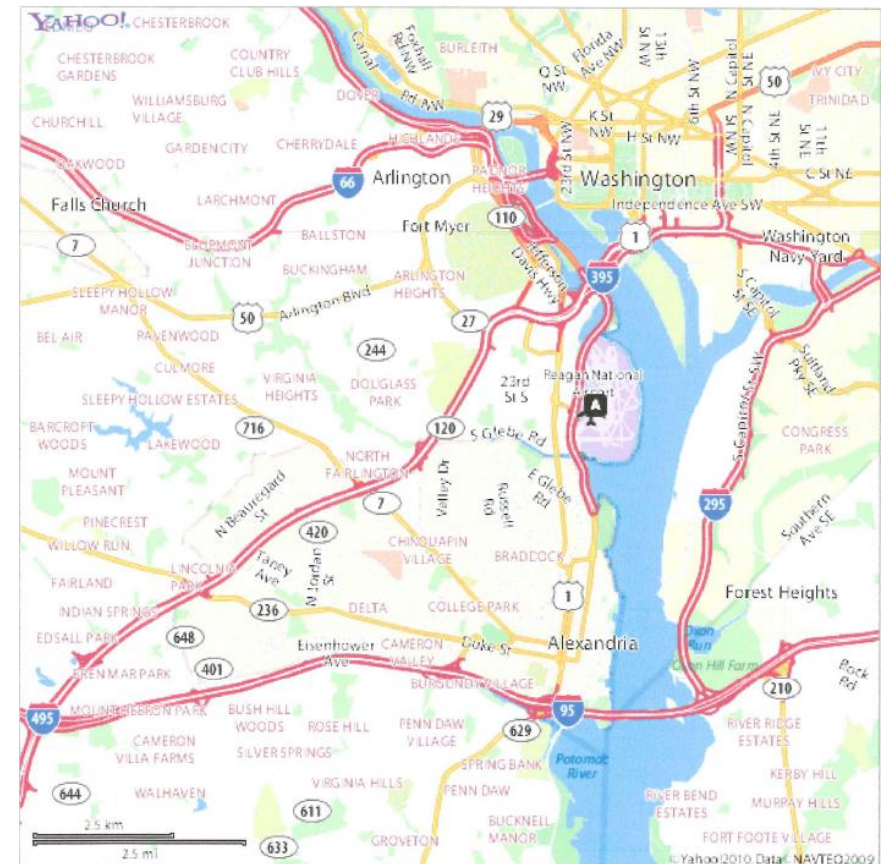
## From Maryland:

### Baltimore and Prince George's County

I-95 South over Woodrow Wilson Bridge  
Route 1 North  
Take Airport Exit

### Frederick & Montgomery Counties:

I-270 South/Washington, DC to  
I-495 South/Northern Virginia  
GW Parkway South  
Take Airport Exit



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