

**Tired of Walking? Try Touring by Bike.**  
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Business name: Bike the Sites  
Business location: The Old Post Office Pavilion, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Industry: Tourism  
Business Specialty: Sites@Nite Tour  
Customers love: Seeing a lot of Washington in a short amount of time  
Owners: Stephen & Janna Marks  
Owner's birthplace: Stephen is a Washington native; Janna was born in Iowa  
Currently resides in: Bethesda, Md.

In the month of February people begin to think of the warmer days of spring, daydreams of green grass, long walks and, perhaps, a bike ride. Stephen Marks, owner of Bike the Sites, hopes that you'll consider pushing the pedals and seeing Washington's more popular landmarks with his company.

Bike the Sites puts a new spin on the old tourist routine. Instead of hitting the asphalt in sneakers, or suffering in Washington traffic on the way to and from the National Mall, you can jump into a seat and roll right up to the capital's most popular monuments. It's the only tour of its kind in the District. Customers can cruise by the Smithsonian museums, the Supreme Court, or even Mount Vernon, all on their own steam.

Marks' wife and business partner, Janna, bought the business from an old friend. "With a bike tour, you can see a lot more in a short amount of time," said Marks.

Bike the Sites is a healthy and environmentally safe way to see Washington's landmarks and museums. Their staff will provide an appropriately-sized mountain bike and helmet, or you could bring your own equipment.

Before going on the excursion, the staff goes over bike usage and safety. And you don't have to worry - you won't be pedaling too fast to ask your tour guide questions or stop and take pictures.

"The Sites @ Nite Tour has been very successful and it's a beautiful way to see all the monuments as they are lit up at night," Marks said.

Bike the Sites welcomes any sufficiently healthy person, aged 9 and older, who can comfortably ride a bike. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Most tour routes incorporate a visit to the National Mall and usually stick to bike paths and trails. Bike the Sites also can arrange customized tours for customers who want to see something different or for participants with special needs.

"Customers love that they can see all the museums and their feet aren't tired at the end of the day," said Marks.

To make reservations online visit [www.bikethesites.com](http://www.bikethesites.com) or call 202-842-BIKE for more information.