

Capitol Hill

ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE FOR VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES



Provided by

**The State ADA Coordinator's Office and
The Georgia Building Authority**

WELCOME

This guide provides information on the accessible features and accommodation protocols on Capitol Hill. We hope the information provided in this guide will help ensure that your visit to our State Capitol is smooth and successful.



While we strive to make our buildings accessible for individuals with disabilities, the nature of historic buildings imposes certain restrictions.

If you have additional questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact the State ADA Coordinator's Office at www.ada.georgia.gov or 404-657-7313. We want to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable experience.

For additional accessibility-related information about Capitol Hill, please go to www.ada.georgia.gov/accessibility-capitol-hill.



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STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Entrances



The north entrance on MLK, Jr., Drive and south entrance located on Capitol Square are accessible. To enter the building from the north entrance, push the security button on the left side of the doorway. This will notify capitol security to open the door electronically. The building is open from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, except for state holidays.

Courtesy Wheelchair and Scooter Availability

Courtesy wheelchairs and scooters are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the south entrance located on Capitol Square. Photo ID is required. Wheelchairs and scooters must remain on Capitol property at all times.

Inside the Capitol

The House and Senate galleries located on the 4th floor each have accessible seating areas. There are committee meeting and conference rooms available throughout the building. For specific information



on accessibility for the Senate gallery and committee rooms, contact the Secretary of the Senate's office at 404-656-5040; for the House gallery and committee rooms, contact the Clerk's Office at 404-656-5015.

Restrooms

A wheelchair accessible women's restroom is located on the second floor, in room 233. This restroom has a power assisted door for entry and exit. A wheelchair accessible men's restroom is located on the fourth floor, adjacent to the House gallery, in room 425.

Additionally, there are men's and women's restrooms on the first, second and third floors with accessibility features.

Sign Language Interpreters

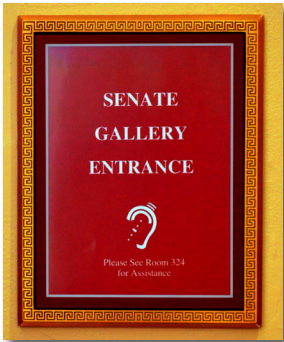
Sign language interpreting services are available for:

- meetings with legislators,
- legislative committee hearings,
- House and Senate floor sessions, and
- guided Capitol tours (*see page 8: Helpful Resources*).

To request a sign language interpreter for one of the above activities, please call the Georgia Office of Legislative Counsel at 404-656-5000 or send an email to legcounsel@legis.ga.gov.

Please make your requests at least 48 hours before the service is needed.

Assistive Listening Systems



Assistive listening devices are available for use in the galleries. The systems, for the exclusive use of people who have hearing loss, are available for the duration of a particular session or meeting and must be returned immediately following the session or meeting. Receivers may be signed out from room 324 (or alternatively room 323). Call 404-656-0445 for further information.

Visitors with Visual Disabilities

Permanent room spaces, including House and Senate galleries, offices, hearing rooms and restrooms are designated using braille numerals with white-on-red signage. House personnel are available to assist individuals who need or desire further guidance. In addition, all elevators are equipped with audio floor notification and braille controls.

PAUL D. COVERDELL LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

Entrance

The public entrance to the Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office Building is accessible via a ramp located in the front of the building, off of Capitol Square, adjacent to the



main entrance. The building is open from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, except for state holidays.

Restrooms

There are two sets of men's and women's restrooms with 38" wide toilet stalls and 32" clear opening out-swinging doors on each floor. There is a fully accessible single user restroom located on the sixth floor inside the cafeteria.



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Assistive Listening Systems

Assistive listening devices are available for use in the CLOB's committee rooms. The systems, for the exclusive use of people who have hearing loss, are available for the duration of a particular session or meeting and must be returned immediately following the session or meeting. For further information, call the Georgia Office of Legislative Counsel at 404-656-5000 or send an email to legcounsel@legis.ga.gov.



Visitors with Visual Disabilities



Permanent room spaces, including House and Senate member offices, hearing rooms, and restrooms are designated using braille numerals with white-on-red signage. Personnel are available to assist individuals who need

or desire further guidance. In addition, all elevators are equipped with audio floor notification and braille controls.

For more detailed information about wayfinding and access for Capitol Hill, or to request alternate document formats, go to www.ada.georgia.gov/accessibility-capitol-hill or contact the State ADA Coordinator's Office by phone at 404-657-7313, TTY 404-657-9993 or via email at gaada@gsfic.ga.gov.



JAMES "SLOPPY" FLOYD VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING



Entrances

All public entrances to the Sloppy Floyd Building are accessible.

Entrance when using MARTA

The Sloppy Floyd Building is located above the Georgia State Marta train station. The Georgia State Marta train station is located on the blue/green line. When at the Georgia State Marta station take the stairs, escalator or elevator

up to the State Building. You will enter into the West Tower. Once in the building take the escalator, immediately on your left or elevator on your right, down one level to the West Tower security guard post. The security guard post will require a valid photo I.D. to access the upper floors above the balcony.

Entrance when parking

Once parked in the Pete Hackney parking deck take the elevator or stairs to the 5th level of the parking deck which has the entrance to the pedestrian bridge. The pedestrian bridge will take you into the Butler parking deck. In the Butler parking deck take the elevator or stairs to the 3rd level (Bridge). Take the bridge into the Floyd building. You will enter the Floyd building via the East Tower. Walk across to the West Tower. The security guard post will require a valid photo I.D. to access the upper floors above the balcony. The Pete Hackney parking deck is located at 162 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30303.



Restrooms

There are wheelchair accessible men's and women's restrooms located on the plaza level (East Tower side). Additionally, there are men's and women's restrooms designated as accessible in the East Tower on floors 3, 12, 16, and 20, and in the West Tower on floors 4, 8, 12, 16, and 20.

Capitol Commons Café

The Café is located on the bottom level of the building. There are elevators in both the East and West Towers that provide access to the cafeteria level.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Georgia State Capitol building is less than one block away from the Georgia State MARTA Station on the blue/green rail line. If you are coming from the red or gold rail line, exit at the Five Points Station and follow the signs to the Eastbound platform. Get on the eastbound train and ride one stop to the Georgia State Station. Take the Piedmont Avenue exit out of the station and turn left on Piedmont Avenue. The Capitol is located less than one block south of the MARTA station.



MARTA has three (3) bus routes that serve Capitol Hill. For more information and route planning, contact MARTA at 404-848-5000 or visit www.martaguide.com/2010/04/18/marta-to-the-georgia-capitol.

PARKING

Parking for visitors to Capitol Hill is available for a daily fee at the following parking facilities:

- Steve Polk on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. 65 MLK, Jr. Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30334
- Pete Hackney at the corner of Decatur Street and Jesse Hill Jr. Drive. 162 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta GA 30303
- Capitol Hill public parking lot across from the State Capitol and next to Liberty Plaza going south. 216 Capitol Avenue, Atlanta GA 30334

These parking facilities have accessible parking. For more information, contact the Georgia Building Authority (GBA) Parking Services at 404-656-3251.

Additional parking is available in privately operated facilities dispersed in the area.

Watch for descriptive/directional signs on the Capitol grounds which indicate accessible routes.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

Assistive Listening Devices at the Capitol Building

The Capitol Post Office, 404-656-0445

Assistive Listening Devices at the Coverdell Legislative Office Building

Georgia Office of Legislative Counsel, 404-656-5000

Email: legcounsel@legis.ga.gov

Dining on Capitol Hill

Eurest Dining, 404-656-2595

www.gba.georgia.gov/cafeterias

Emergency Services

Capitol Police

Communications Room, 404-624-7281

Guided Capitol Tours (10-60 Visitors)

Georgia Capitol Museum, 404-463-4536

www.libs.uga.edu/capitolmuseum/tours/guided.html

House Gallery and Committee Rooms

Office of the Speaker, 404-656-5020

Parking on Capitol Hill

Georgia Building Authority Parking Services, 404-656-3251

Public Transportation to Capitol Hill

MARTA, 404-848-5000

www.martaguide.com/2010/04/18/marta-to-the-georgia-capitol

Senate Gallery and Committee Rooms

Secretary of the Senate, 404-656-5040

Sign Language Interpreters

The Capitol and the Coverdell Legislative Office Building

Georgia Office of Legislative Counsel, 404-656-5000

Email: legcounsel@legis.ga.gov

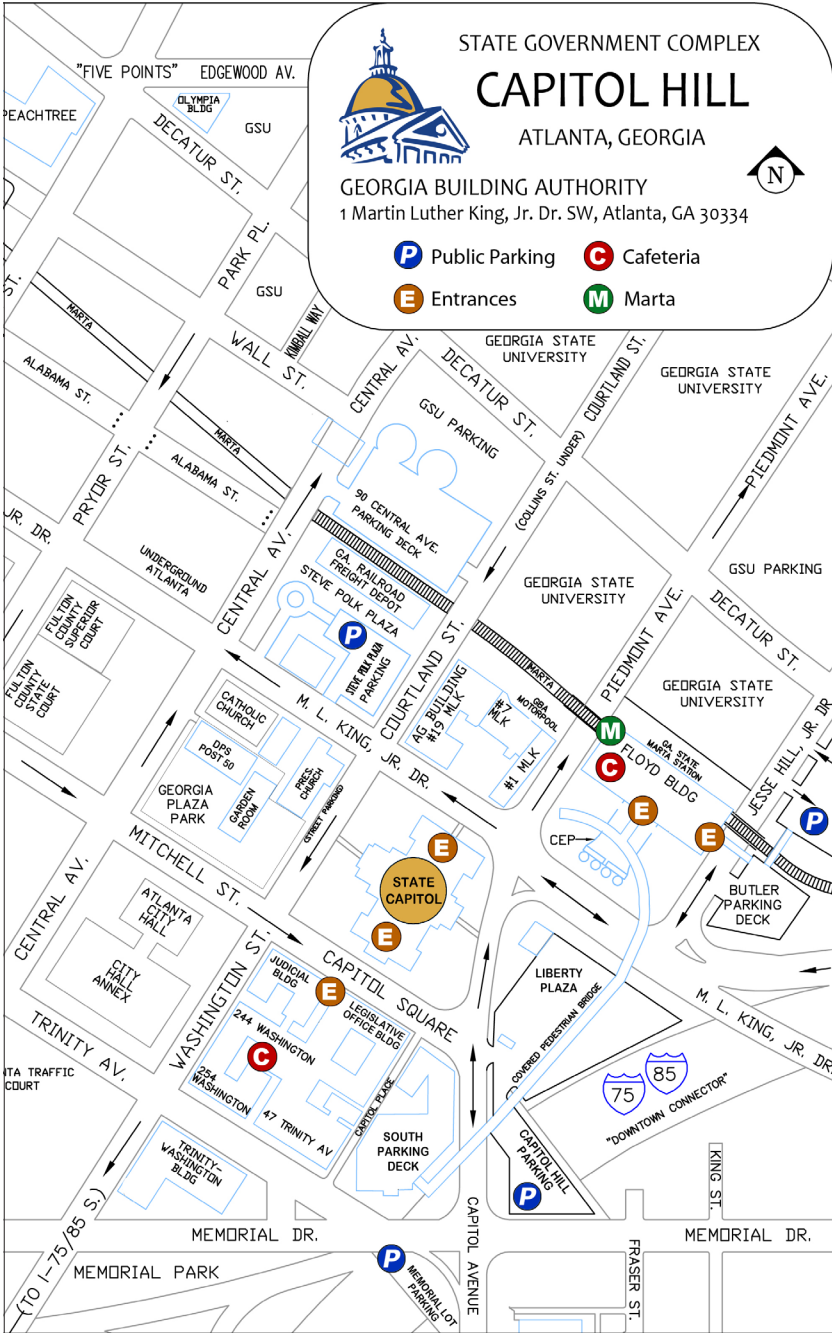
State of Georgia General Information Center

Toll Free: 1.800.georgia (1-800-436-7442)

Metro Atlanta: 678.georgia (678-436-7442)

Website: 1.800.georgia.gov

BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY





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