NIST Visitor Information

The Gaithersburg, Md., and Boulder, Colo., campuses of NIST are closed to the general public at this time. Official visitors must present photo identification upon arrival. Visitors can access the Gaithersburg campus from the main gate at W. Diamond Ave. and Bureau Drive only. Visitors must wear a visitor badge at all times while on the NIST campus.

-All visitors will be registered.

-Please go to the visitor center to pick up your badge.

-You will need a photo ID and car registration (registration is only if you drive your car) -please take with you to the visitor center.

-The visitor center will give you the visitor badge.

**How to get to the NIST facilities in Gaithersburg, Maryland:**

The headquarters site of the National Institute of Standards & Technology is located near Gaithersburg, Maryland, just off Interstate Route 270, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) from the center of Washington, D.C. NIST provides shuttle service from the Shady Grove Metro (subway) station. For further information on transportation, food/dining, hotels/motels and more see the Visitor Information page.

**Directions to Main Campus:**

From northbound I-270 take Exit 10, Route 117 West, Clopper Road. Bear right at the first light onto Clopper Road/West Diamond Avenue. At the next light, turn left onto the NIST grounds.

From southbound I-270 take Exit 11, Route 124, Montgomery Village Avenue/Quince Orchard Road. Bear right at the first light onto Route 124 West, Quince Orchard Road. After you merge onto Rt. 124, Quince Orchard Road, turn left at the second light onto Route 117, West Diamond Avenue. Turn right at the first light onto NIST grounds.

**NIST Metro Shuttle:**

NIST provides shuttle service for official visitors and staff to and from the Shady Grove Metro Station from 6:45 am to 6:15 pm.

Visitors using Metro can meet the NIST shuttle at the east side of the Shady Grove Metro Station at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour.  The shuttle runs daily from 6:45 am to 6:10 pm. The NIST shuttle will stop at "Bus Bay C" on the northeast side. There is a small NIST sign on the shelter. The last NIST shuttle leaves Shady Grove Metro at 6:15 pm.

The shuttle departs from the front of the NIST Administration Building at 5 and 35 minutes past the hour.  The last NIST shuttle leaves NIST at 6:00 p.m.

The ride between NIST and the Shady Grove Metro Station takes approximately 15 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

Ronald Reagan Airport (DCA) is accessible by metro ([www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)). BWI has a bus that travels directly from the airport to NIST (bus 201 at <http://www.mta.maryland.gov/commuter-bus>). Additional NIST travel information is available at <http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/index.cfm>.

**Driving Directions from** [**Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)**](http://www.nist.gov/nist-exit-script.cfm?url=http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/795.htm)

Follow the Dulles Access Road to Bethesda/Baltimore entrance ramp to 495
Take 495 (left lane exit) to 270 North
Take Exit #10 toward Clopper Road (MD 117) and Quince Orchard Rd (MD 124)
At the first light turn right onto West Diamond Ave.

For NIST campus:
At next stop light (Bureau Dr.) turn left

**Driving Directions from** [**Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI)**](http://www.nist.gov/nist-exit-script.cfm?url=http://www.bwiairport.com)

Take 195 West
Take 95 South Exit #4B toward Washington
Take 495 West Exit #27-25 toward College Park/Silver Spring
Take 270 North Exit #35 toward Frederick
Take 270 Local North toward Montrose Road
Take Exit #10 toward Clopper Road (MD 117) and Quince Orchard Rd (MD 124)
At the first light turn right onto West Diamond Ave.

For NIST campus:
At next stop light (Bureau Dr.) turn left

**Driving Directions from** [**Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport**](http://www.nist.gov/nist-exit-script.cfm?url=http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/1181.htm)

Exit National Airport heading north on the George Washington (GW) Parkway toward Maryland
Take the GW Parkway to 495 North toward Maryland
Take 495 (left lane exit) to 270 North
Take Exit #10 toward Clopper Road (MD 117) and Quince Orchard Rd (MD 124)
At the first light turn right onto West Diamond Ave.

For NIST campus:
At next stop light (Bureau Dr.) turn left

**HOTEL SUGGESTIONS IN GAITHERSBURG AREA:**

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**Gaithersburg Hilton -** \*Shuttle Service Available – please schedule ahead of time

620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, Md. 20877
(301) 977-8900 Fax: (301) 869-8597

**Holiday Inn Hotels -** \*Shuttle Service available – please schedule ahead of time

2 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, Md.. 20879
(301) 948-8900 Fax: (301) 258-1940

**Townplace Suites by Marriott -** \*3 minute walk to NIST-no shuttle service

212 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, Md. 20877
(301) 590-2300 Fax: (301) 590-0909

**Wyndham Garden Hotel Gaithersburg -** \*They offer shuttle service – will set up when you check in.

805 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, Md. 20879
(301) 670-0008 Fax: (301) 948-4538

[**Taxis**](http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/transpor.cfm#taxis)**/**[**Shuttle**](http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/transpor.cfm#shuttle)**/**[**Limousines**](http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/transpor.cfm#limo)**/**[**Rental Cars**](http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/transpor.cfm#rental) **-- NIST Gaithersburg, Md.**

**NIST Grounds and Metro Shuttle Service**

A NIST shuttle service runs between the east side of the Shady Grove Metro Station and NIST on the quarter hour and three-quarter hour from 6:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. The shuttle returns to the station from NIST on the hour and half-hour from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Commercial Transportation Services**Disclaimer: These commercial businesses have no official relationship with NIST. We provide this information as a convenience to NIST visitors and conference attendees. NIST does not endorse or guarantee the quality or services provided by these businesses.

**Taxi Services**

Action Taxi: (301) 840-1000
Barwood Cab: (301) 984-1900
Regency Taxi: (301) 990-9000

**Airport Transportation**: (provides transportation to Reagan National, Baltimore-Washington International or Dulles Airports)

Maryland Airport Shuttle: (301) 881-8800
Montgomery Shuttle: (301) 230-0000

**Limousine Service:** (provides transportation to the Baltimore-Washington International Airport)

Crystal Limousine and Sedan Service: (800) 872-2797
Montgomery Sedan Service: (301) 681-8961

Roadmaster Transportation
Executive Sedan and Wagon Limos:
Serving-National, Dulles & BWI Airports
(301) 881-7200 or 1-800-283-5634

**Car Rental**

Budget Rent A Car
905 N. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, Md.
(301) 670-4835

Cenit Rent A Car
711 E. Gude Dr., Rockville, Md.
(301) 309-0808

Enterprise Rent A Car
2 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, Md.
(301) 670-6272

Thrifty Car Rental
620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, Md.
(301) 258-0000

Total Car Rental
8041 Queenair Dr., Gaithersburg, Md.
(301) 948-8687