

## Hiking Merit Badge 10-mile hike

Sunday April 5

### **Cherry Blossom Special—National Mall**

Meet at VMES parking lot **8:45 am**

Depart VMES for Grosvenor/Strathmore Metro station **at 9:00 am**

Depart Metro at Farragut North (Lafayette Park)

Hike route follows Pennsylvania Ave to the Mall; east on Constitution Ave to RFK Stadium; west on Independence Ave to the Lincoln Memorial; east on Constitution back to the ellipse and past the White House back to Lafayette Park for Metro ride home.

Distance: 10.8 miles.

Estimated elapsed time: I really don't know. The terrain is almost flat, but there will be many traffic lights to wait for.

Of course, bring comfortable footwear. This is one time hiking boots might not be necessary, but what you wear must be appropriate for the weather (i.e. something to keep your feet dry if it is raining).

As always, bring plenty of water and a bag lunch and/or trail snacks.

Wear your Class B uniform (the black t-shirt). Bring sun block, and I recommend a wide-brim hat and shades if a sunny day is forecast. You might want to bring a camera too.

Bring \$1 bills or coins (or a SmarTrip card) for Metro. Round trip fare will be \$3.70.

Let me know by 6:00 pm Saturday at the latest if you plan to join us. Email me at [bp@sendemailhere.com](mailto:bp@sendemailhere.com) and please include a cell phone number if possible.

Parents/siblings are welcome to come along for all or part of the hike. However, please be advised we will not be altering our pace or itinerary. *This is an official Merit Badge hike.*

My cell phone = 301-928-0831.

Thanks, and see you Sunday. It *will* be awesome.

Mr P