During your time at Arlington National Cemetery, please be mindful that you are visiting a shrine to the honored dead of the United States Armed Forces that is an active cemetery. Activities that may be appropriate in other places are often not appropriate at a national cemetery.

During your visit, please remember to:
Respect other visitors
Visitors come to Arlington in different moods and mindsets for a variety of reasons. This is an active cemetery with up to thirty funerals each day. Please be respectful of mourners attending funerals and grieving relatives and friends visiting graves.
Speak in quiet voices
The cemetery is a place of grieving, contemplation and reflection. Speak quietly and use headphones if you are listening to something, so that your experience does not distract or disturb other visitors.
Visitors explore the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery during a walking tour. (Arlington National Cemetery/Rachel Larue, 2015)

**Enjoy the space appropriately**

Visitors are encouraged to explore the cemetery, observe public ceremonies, walk on the grass to explore the graves and learn more about Arlington. However, activities such as running, climbing, playing sports, picnicking or cheering are not appropriate.
Respect the property
Do not damage or sit on monuments, gravestones, plants, or other property. They are historic features of this sacred site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Drink water
The cemetery grounds are vast, and the weather is often hot during the summer, so it is important to hydrate properly. Do not drink from spigots as they do not contain potable water; please only drink from water fountains. Please also do not pour water or other liquids down outdoor drains. Alcoholic beverages and food are not allowed in the cemetery.
Leave pets at home
Only approved service animals or military working dogs are permitted at the cemetery.
Show respect during military ceremonies
When a flag is used in a ceremony or service, or a bugler plays Taps, civilians should place their right hand over their heart. Military service members and veterans may salute.
Respect funeral services by staying at a distance
Funeral services are held six days a week. If you encounter a funeral procession, please step aside and wait for the procession to pass. If your exploration of the cemetery brings you near a funeral service, please move along to an area that is not the site of active mourning.
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