

Top 10 Tips

for a successful Discovery Day
at the University of Mary Washington

1. Study the agenda before you arrive.

Discovery Days are structured so that you can choose the sessions that most appeal to you. Some sessions are offered multiple times, while others are only offered once. It pays to review the agenda before you arrive so that you don't miss out on a session that matters to you.

2. Want to see the residence halls? Plan to stay until the end of the afternoon.

Our students have graciously volunteered to open up their residence halls to visitors. Residence halls are open for a specific time period in the afternoon. With the safety and comfort of our current students in mind, we are unable to open the residence halls at multiple times during the day.

3. Print out a copy of the campus map, and bring it with you.

Sometimes parking can be tight on and around campus. It helps to have a map with you to see where you've parked and which route you need to take to Woodard Campus Center, where Discovery Days registration is held in the morning.

4. Hungry for lunch? Here are the hours for our dining halls.

Seacobeck Dining Hall is open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At registration you will receive a coupon good for 25 percent off lunch in Seacobeck. Other dining options include The Eagle's Nest on the ground floor of Woodard Campus Center and The Underground on the ground floor of Lee Hall.

5. Wear comfortable shoes—you will be walking around campus!

Sessions are offered throughout campus, and you will need to walk between buildings. Additionally, campus tours and visiting residence halls in the afternoon will require some walking.

6. Enjoy all that Fredericksburg has to offer.

Before or after Discovery Day we encourage you to explore Fredericksburg. A city rich in history, Fredericksburg was the site of Civil War battles and the home of many colonial leaders, including George Washington and James Monroe. Downtown Fredericksburg has a wonderful collection of charming shops, restaurants, and landmarks worth checking out.

7. If you have someone specific that you'd like to speak with while at UMW, contact him or her well ahead of time.

Not all professors and coaches are on campus during Discovery Days. If you'd like to meet with someone from a specific sport, academic major, or other campus group please contact him or her before visiting to make arrangements. The directory located in the upper right corner of the UMW Website provides contact information for faculty and staff.

8. Tours are offered at multiple times throughout the day, not just at 11 a.m.

Tours are also offered Monday through Friday during the academic year. If you can't work a tour into your schedule today or you'd prefer a smaller tour, then plan to come back to campus for a weekday tour.

9. Bring a camera and take pictures to remember your day at UMW.

Often students tell us that taking pictures allows them to better remember UMW, especially if they are visiting a large number of schools in a single trip.

10. Sit back and relax.

This might seem like strange advice during a college visit, but UMW students make regular use of the ample park benches scattered throughout campus. Grab a seat and feel free to people-watch or talk with students, faculty, and staff to get an authentic view of life at UMW.