

DISTANCE FREQUENCIES

Chapter 1 -- October

WELCOME TO DISTANCE FREQUENCIES! WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE YOU.
NOW STOP.

IT IS OUR STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU GO NO FURTHER THAN THIS PAGE RIGHT NOW. THE TEMPTATION TO BREAK THE SEAL—TO TEAR INTO THE PAGE AND SEE WHAT'S THERE—IS STRONG. BUT TRUST US. IT'S BETTER IF YOU WAIT. READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BOTH NOW AND AGAIN BEFORE YOU GO. PLAN YOUR JOURNEY AND DON'T OPEN THE SEAL UNTIL YOU ARRIVE.

➔ YOUR DESTINATION: ST. PAUL'S ROCK CREEK CEMETERY

Entrance on Rock Creek Church Road & Webster Street NW, Washington, DC

(There are other entrances to the cemetery but they are usually closed to the public. Look for the large black gates to enter.)

GETTING THERE: There is free parking available at the cemetery, immediately to your right upon entering. A bit of a hike from Fort Totten Metro - about a 20 minute walk to the cemetery entrance. H8 bus drops off at the cemetery entrance and can be transferred to from the Columbia Heights, Petworth, Brookland, and Rhode Island Ave Metro stations.

HOURS: The Cemetery grounds are open to visitors daily from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. - including holidays. *[Note: The Cemetery is not directly affiliated with Distance Frequencies and cannot answer questions about this experience beyond general visiting hours and history of the cemetery.]*

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: Your box (obviously), Comfortable walking shoes, a mobile phone with access to google maps (not required, but may be helpful.)

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE: Open the seal inside the box. Breathe in its scent. Follow the map you've just revealed to the location marked #1. When you arrive at this first location, explore the rest of the contents of the box. As your narrator moves, so should you, traveling to locations marked #2 and #3. When you finish, we encourage you to stay and explore this historic location. Read on for more ideas to extend your experience.

★ **WHAT DO YOU SEE?:** We encourage you to document the experience for yourself -- who knows what might be important later? -- and to share with us. You can send images directly to info@rorschachtheatre.com or tag us on social media (Instagram: @rorschachdc, facebook/rorschachtheatre, #distancefrequencies)

CHAPTER 1 CHALLENGE: Photograph something in the cemetery that reminds you of someone you miss. Share the photo with us.

IF YOU'VE BROUGHT A YOUNG (OR YOUNG AT HEART) RORSCHACHER ALONG: Challenge them to find the oldest grave they can see. Wonder what the world might have been like back then. Contemplate that many years in the future from now. What will the world be like then?

ACCESSIBILITY: After arriving at the cemetery, the experience requires approximately one mile of walking total, between three locations. There are paved roadways that can accommodate a stroller or wheelchair user. The road does not provide full accessibility to the monuments but the first two locations can be seen from the paved paths through the cemetery. If the monuments are inaccessible for anyone in your party, we encourage you to view the video in our “at home” section as well.

ASSISTANCE: Having a tricky time finding the locations within the cemetery? Check out the video linked in the “at home” section. Still having a hard time? Don’t sweat it. Explore the cemetery and enjoy your day. You can take in the contents of the box anywhere you wish and still have an excellent experience.

OTHER THINGS YOU MAY WISH TO EXPLORE:

These diversions (probably) don’t pertain to our story, but you may enjoy them nonetheless.

- One man’s quest to know the Adams Memorial a little better: <http://bit.ly/adamsodd>
- This especially unique grave for an equally unique woman: <http://bit.ly/evelynatlas>
- Other intriguing graves to see: Gore Vidal, Upton Sinclair, Edgar Allan Poe’s sister Rosalie Poe (Did you know that, quite mysteriously, the birth year on her grave marker is one year *after* her mother’s death date? Spooky!), Paul Raymond Tully has an especially interesting marker as well.
- Pro Tip: Search any of the above names + “find a grave”. Findagrave.com will give some insight into the deceased and if you click “show map” on their profile it will open Google Maps to the exact coordinates to find it. Google Maps has good walking maps of the cemetery. Apple maps less so.
- Hungry? Check out Slash Run for great burgers on the patio or to-go (4 min drive, open after 5PM), or Brookland Busboys & Poets, delicious, sustainably sourced food, from a social justice minded, local restaurant team (7 min drive, 10AM-10PM)



AT HOME EXPERIENCE: If you choose not to leave home right now, or you live far away, we recommend preparing your environment in some of the following ways: Find a quiet place where you might go to reflect. Twilight is an excellent time for this. Find an artifact in your home that reminds you of someone you miss. Keep it nearby. Bring along a device you can access the internet with. Seek the sounds of the natural world if you are able. Break the seal inside the box. Breathe in the scent it contains. Feel your breath and then begin by going to this case-sensitive web address: <http://bit.ly/dfchapter1>. Follow along with the map enclosed in the box. When the video arrives at the first named location, pause and explore the rest of the box contents. Follow along with the video and the letter’s narrator as your experience unfolds.

DON’T MOVE THE REFRIGERATOR* NOTES: Wear your mask. Leave six feet of distance between yourself and others you may encounter. Rock Creek Cemetery is not in fact a stage set. It’s a real place of mourning, peace and contemplation. Please respect the space and other visitors you encounter. Yield any of your activities to those there to pay their respects.

* “Don’t move the refrigerator” is a shorthand phrase invented in the early days of Rorschach to mean-- “This should be so obvious we don’t think we have to say it...but we’re saying it anyway.”