

# The Landscape Architect's Guide to **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

## National World War II Memorial

### History

In 1993 President Clinton authorized the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The memorial honors the 16 million who served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II and the more than 400,000 who died.

The site for the memorial dedicated in 1995, on the site of the 1924 Rainbow Pool at the east end of the Reflecting Pool.

After a national competition, a design by architect Friedrich St. Florian and landscape architect Oehme van Sweden & Associates was chosen. Details for the plan were finalized in 2003.

The memorial was dedicated on May 29, 2004.

Following concern that the National Mall was becoming overcrowded with monuments, the National Capital Planning Commission developed the 2001 Memorials and Museums Master Plan. The Commemorative Works Act (2003 update) prohibited future not-previously-approved memorials and visitor centers on the National Mall.