



WALKArington Walkabouts: Crystal City

Length:

Just under 1 mile

Terrain:

Mostly level

Ambience:

Inside: A bustling underground mall

Outside: Good doses of urban open space



Named for a chandelier in the lobby of an early development, Crystal City is an urban village developed largely by the Charles E. Smith Co. Though traces of its industrial past remain, Crystal City continues to evolve as a unique place to live and work.

Built to conform to a 1960's "superblock" concept, the original design for Crystal City also included a complex network of underground commercial passageways. Currently, the area is being "reinvented" to give it a new urban feel, with restaurants at street level, and roads restructured to better accommodate the needs of pedestrians.

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Getting there:

Both the Metrorail Yellow and Blue Lines provide easy access to this walkabout, as does the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Commuter Train.

