

TLP CLEAR – IN OBSCURA CAVEATS APPLY



UPDATE 23 MAR 2026, 1624 LOCAL TIME

TLP-C ///FLASH MESSAGE///

MULTIPLE IED DISCOVERY FT WASHINGTON PARK MDREPORT DATE 23 MAR 2026

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COLLECTION DATE 23 MAR 2026

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IN OBSCURA FIELD REPORTER: V. M. NASTI

REPORT SOURCES: MULTIPLE. CITED, BELOW

CAVEAT: OPEN, OPERATIONAL, CONTAINMENT UNKNOWN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Five suspicious devices were discovered on the afternoon of 24 Mar 2026, on the grounds of Fort Washington National Park, 13551 Fort Washington Rd, Fort Washington, MD 207445, (38.71425865456978, -77.02341318663844). This is federal property of the National Park Service. Local media reports that two items called pipe bombs and suspicious packages were initially discovered. After police and fire rescue responded, a thorough search produced three more of them, a total of five which were "...safely disabled..."ⁱⁱⁱ Although media reports their sources are the county fire department and US National Park Police their websites do not contain press releases currently. Park was evacuated and remains closed as of this flash message (Crime Scene).

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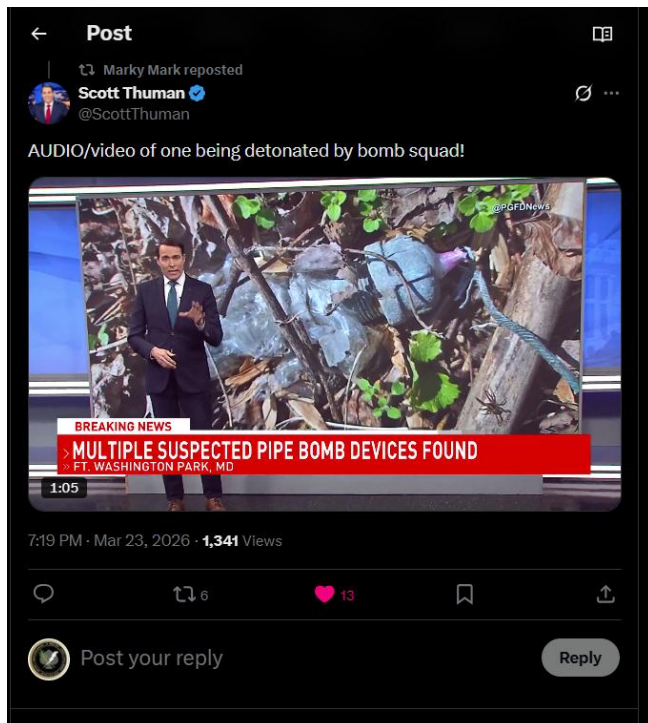
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More explosive devices were found at a Prince George's County, Maryland, park roughly a day after crews found five other similar devices. Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department crews returned to Fort Washington Park after finding several more suspected pipe bombs in a remote section of the park. Officials did not provide an exact number. PREVIOUS | 5 pipe bomb-like devices found, disabled at Fort Washington Park in Maryland The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) said the devices will be taken to its laboratory in the Beltsville, Md., area. This source contains photos.iii

LOCAL NEWS MEDIA COVERING CONTROLLED DETONATION

<https://x.com/i/status/2036221261274091701>



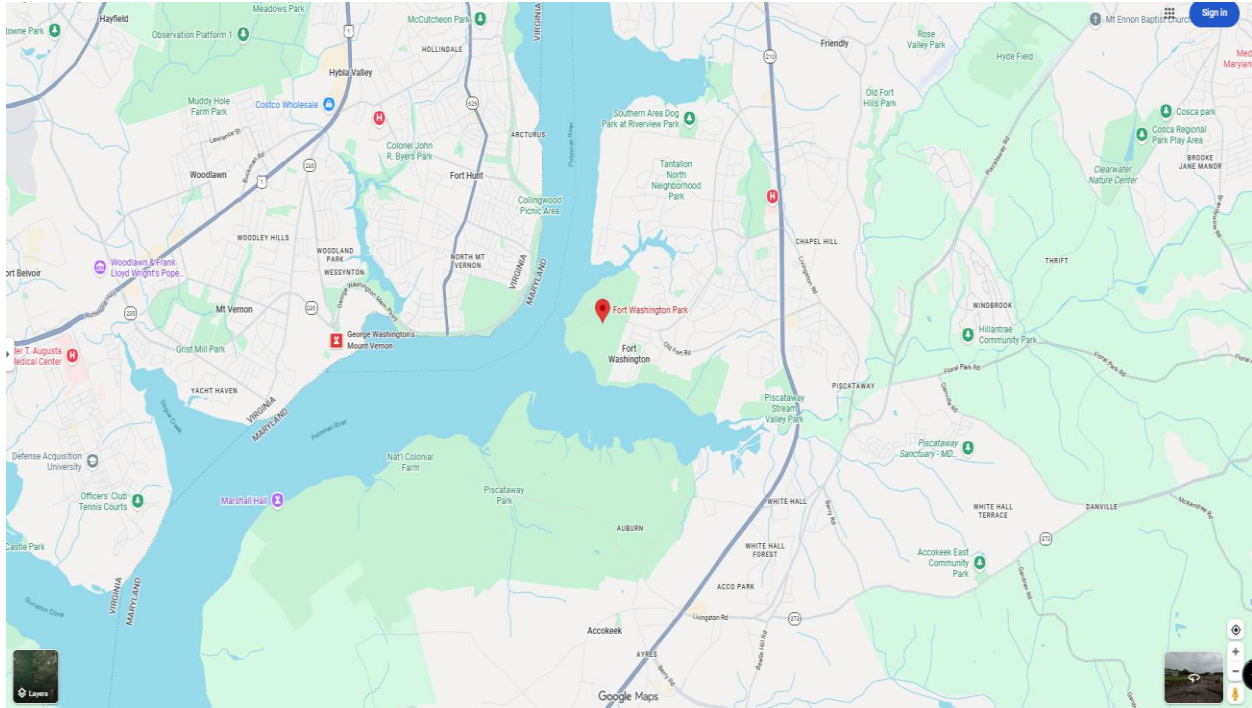
LOCATION

OTHER MAPS ARE HERE <https://www.nps.gov/fowa/planyourvisit/maps.htm>

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ANALYST COMMENT

The park is a historic site in the era of the 1700s War of Independence, a Continental Army for among others around DC to protect the Capitol waterway access points. At about four hundred acres, it has about 500,000 visitors each year. The weather yesterday was in the mid-80s (F), clear skies and sunny. It is assuredly occupancy matched the weather. Security posture and access controls are unknown.

That the devices were discovered raises and “safely disabled” could indicate they were active, assembled devices ready for detonation. Several questions concerning the full circumstances remain and their intelligence value. For example the potential for more devices at other locations, staged, active and part of a now partially compromised attack operation, planned or imminent. Incomplete suspicious activities and intelligence information currently collected which will become related to these devices.

The remoteness of the location in a residential neighborhood with one access and exit point for vehicles and no immediate access to major trafficways open the possibilities. These devices could have been stored at this location for use elsewhere, placed covertly by vehicle or by waterborne access.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Church Security forces MUST maintain exceptional vigilance and situational awareness of threat vectors, an understanding of historic attacks and a wholesome and prayerful sight of the increasing risk to churches, clergy, and congregations. Remain conscious of the coming Easter and Passover Holidays, the symbolic and pragmatic targets historically attacked and the reports of target surveillance, repeatedly emphasized by In Obscura.

Few if any even consider the possibility if not the certainty of explosive devices as primary or distraction attack TTP. This, despite increasing historic attacks. Few if any security teams check for the presence of actual or suspected IED or unattended items. This crime scene at Fort Washington Park is a silent reminder of what could have happened had these devices not been discovered, and in professional wisdom, there is much more to this discovery.

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SOURCES

ⁱ 5 suspicious devices found, disabled at Fort Washington Park in Maryland

Story by Isabel Soisson • 8h, <https://www.msn.com/en-us/public-safety-and-emergencies/health-and-safety-alerts/5-suspicious-devices-found-disabled-at-fort-washington-park-in-maryland/ar-AA1Zc5pW?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

ⁱⁱ 5 suspected pipe bombs found in Fort Washington Park, US Park Police say by: Kaitlyn Dillon DC NEWS NOW, Posted: Mar 22, 2026 / 10:22 PM EDT Updated: Mar 22, 2026 / 10:26 PM EDT

<https://www.dcnnewsnow.com/news/local-news/maryland/prince-georges-county/5-suspected-pipe-bombs-found-in-fort-washington-park-us-park-police-say/>

ⁱⁱⁱ More suspected pipe bombs found in Fort Washington Park, park remains closed, by Winston RogersMon, WJLA-7 March 23, 2026 at 3:31 PM, Updated Mon, March 23, 2026 at 3:38 PM

<https://wjla.com/news/local/maryland-fort-washington-pipe-bombs-prince-georges-county-atf-beltsville-ammemdale-suspected-prince-georges-county>

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