# METRO RAIL INSTRUCTIONS: Reagan National Airport (DCA) to Silver Spring, MD



Above is the Metro rail route map.  Each color designates a different route.  You will use the Yellow and Red lines to get from Reagan airport to Silver Spring, MD.  Your starting point is the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport metro station near the bottom of the map, and your ending point is either the Silver Spring metro station at the top of the map.

## Step-by-Step Directions:

- Once you have arrived at the airport, go down to the ground level to claim your bags. After you claim your bags, go back up one floor (to the same level you arrived on) and look for the sign directing you to the Metro station. You will take a skywalk across the road to the Metro Station.
- In the metro station, you will need to purchase a SmarTrip® card to cover your metro fares.  The card looks like this:

SmarTrip® is a plastic farecard that can be reloaded with value and reused to pay Metrorail and Metrobus fares and parking fees at Metro-operated lots.  Paper fare cards are no longer accepted, so everyone must have SmarTrip® card.  The cards are sold from dispensing machines at Metrorail stations, or online at wmata.com. You can add value to your SmarTrip® card at SmartTrip® machines in Metrorail stations and on the WMATA website.  You can also check your registered card's value, see where and when you used it last or report it lost or stolen on the WMATA website.

To purchase your card, locate the dispensing machine, usually located at the bottom of the escalator.  Follow the directions on the machine.  If reloading value on to your SmarTrip® card, touch the card to the SmarTrip® scanner on the front of the machine and then follow the directions given on the screen.

Fares are based on when and how far you ride. Station-to-station fares are located on station manager kiosks and SmarTrip® machines. The machines accept credit and debit cards. If you use cash, bring small bills; the machines only provide up to $10 in change (in coins).

Once you have purchased your SmarTrip® card, proceed to the gates and make sure to enter through a gate with a green arrow.  This is what the gates look like:

Touch your card to the SmarTrip® scanner located on the top panel of an entrance gate, wait for the gate to open, and walk through.  Once through the gate and at the metro platform, take the **Yellow Line** train heading in the direction of **Fort Totten** or **Greenbelt.**

You will take the Yellow Line to the **Fort Totten station**.  At Fort Totten, get off the train, and transfer to the Red Line.  You will take the Red Line train in the direction of **Glenmont**.

Once you reach the **Silver Spring** station, get off the train.  You will exit the station by again touching your SmarTrip® card on the scanner on top of the gate, waiting for it to open, and then exiting the gate and station.  All hotels are just a few minutes' walk from the Silver Spring station.

**Miscellaneous Metro Details:**
- All stations have elevators as well as escalators.  All elevators have video cameras and emergency intercoms.
- Flashing lights at the platform's edge let you know a train is coming.  Electronic boards suspended above train platforms let you know how many minutes before the next train.
- Please don't eat, drink, smoke or litter on Metro or in the stations. Metro Transit Police issue citations or make arrests to enforce the law.
- Audio or video devices are allowed as long as you use headphones.
- Let passengers get off the train before you board.
- Seats next to the doors are reserved for senior citizens and riders with disability.
- When riding the escalators, stand to the right, walk on the left.
- Hours: Mon-Fri opens at 5am; Sat-Sun opens at 7am; Sun-Thurs closes at midnight; Fri-Sat closes 3am