

New EarthCam Shows View From Top of Washington Monument

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LANHAM, Md. (WNEW) — The Washington Monument reopened to visitors in May after being closed for nearly three years due to a 2011 earthquake. Even so, tours of the landmark only happen between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

But if you've ever wanted to see a sunrise, sunset, or evening thunderstorm from the vantage point of D.C.'s tallest building, now you can.

Starting Wednesday, anyone with an internet connection can enjoy the view from the top of the Monument thanks to a new EarthCam attached to the building's pyramidion.

"It took over a year, but EarthCam engineers came up with the solution of designing a small, yet powerful, HD camera enclosed in a cylindrically formed aerospace polymer material that has zero impact on the 130-year-old stone structure," according to a news release.

"The all-weather system was engineered specifically to fit within a pre-existing hole in the Monument and utilizes 4G cellular bandwidth to stream the 24/7 video broadcast."



EarthCam has installed cameras at other National Parks as well, including the Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, Flight 93 National Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield, Sandy Hook Lighthouse, Paterson Great Falls, Steamtown National Historic Site and, most recently, Fort McHenry for the 250th anniversary.

Check out the Washington Monument cam and other Earth cams on EarthCam.com.