

Washington Monument Scheduled to Re-Open; Time-Lapse Restoration Video

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The iconic U.S. Washington Monument will be reopening to the public on Monday after years of repairs from damages due to the 2011 earthquake that caused cracks.

The Washington Monument is scheduled to re-open Monday, May 12, 2014 after repairs of earthquake damage that created cracks at the top of the Washington Monument.

The Washington Monument has been closed since the 2011 Virginia Earthquake on August 23, 2011, at 1:51 pm EDT. The epicenter, in Louisa County, was 38 miles northwest of Richmond and 5 miles south-southwest of the town of Mineral with a magnitude of 5.8 and a maximum perceived intensity of VII (very strong) on the Mercalli intensity scale. Several aftershocks occurred after the main tremor.

EarthCam: "On August 23, 2011, a 5.8-magnitude earthquake forced the Washington Monument to close and EarthCam was on hand to document and [time-lapse](#) the process where crews worked tirelessly to restore this national treasure. Thousands of images were captured from March 2013 to April 2014 and were expertly edited into this 80-second movie."

A security camera placed at the 500-foot level inside the Washington Monument caught video of violent shaking and falling debris caused by an earthquake occurring 84 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. (NO AUDIO/EARTHQUAKE STRIKES AT ABOUT 1:40 ELAPSED TIME).

