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[Tidal Basin, Washington D.C.]

**The Tidal Basin** is a man-made reservoir located between the Potomac River and the Washington Channel in Washington, D.C. It is part of West Potomac Park, is near the National Mall and is a focal point of **the National Cherry Blossom Festival** held each spring. The Jefferson Memorial, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the George Mason Memorial are situated adjacent to the Tidal Basin.

[**The National Cherry Blossom Festival**] ... It is a spring celebration commemorating the March 27, 1912, gift of **Japanese cherry trees** from Mayor of Tokyo City Yukio Ozaki to the city of Washington, D.C. Mayor Ozaki gifted the trees to enhance the growing friendship between the United States and Japan. ... Of the initial gift of 12 varieties of 3,020 trees, **the Yoshino Cherry** (70% of total) and Kwanzan Cherry (13% of total) now dominate. ...