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## Independence National Historical Park

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### **Free Public Screening on Independence Mall: *The National Parks: America's Best Idea***

Philadelphia, PA – The Philadelphia area’s National Park Service members and WHYY invite all Philadelphia area residents and visitors to join renowned filmmaker Ken Burns to celebrate one of the many things that make America great: our National Parks.

On **Friday, September 11, at 7:00 pm**, Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Independence National Historical Park, and Valley Forge National Historical Park, along with WHYY, will host a special outdoor public preview of Ken Burns’ latest work, “The National Parks: America’s Best Idea,” on Independence Mall.

**WHAT:** Free public preview of Ken Burns’ *The National Parks: America’s Best Idea*  
**WHEN:** Friday, September 11, 2009, 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Independence Mall, between Chestnut and Market Streets

This special event is free and open to the public. In honor of the evening, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Center will remain open to the public until 6:45 pm, no tickets required.

Get a sneak peek at the images and stories of the wonders of our nation’s natural parks, introduced by the filmmaker himself in person. Participants will enjoy a unique opportunity to see special videos featuring nearby units of the National Park System. The videos were created by students right here in the Philadelphia area. Thanks to the generous support of the National Park Foundation and WHYY, local students created their own video stories about *their* national parks: Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Independence National Historical Park and Valley Forge National Historical Park. Together, we will celebrate the awesome beauty and history of America’s National Parks.

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