



April 2016

## Building Hours and Program Times

Independence Visitor Center.....	8:30am-6:00pm
Liberty Bell Center.....	9:00am-5:00pm

Please note - Security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening.

### Independence Square (Access to the Square is through security located at 5th and Chestnuts Streets)

Please note - Security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the Square close for the evening

Independence Hall.....9:00am-5:00pm

**Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required. Free tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.**

Congress Hall.....9:00am-5:00pm

Old City Hall.....9:00am-5:00pm

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall.....9:00am-5:00pm

### Carpenters' Court

Carpenters' Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday.....10:00am-4:00pm

### Franklin Court

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....(fee charged)...(fee free April 16-24).....9:00am-5:00pm

Printing Office.....10:00am-5:00pm

B. Free Franklin Post Office.....open Monday-Saturday.....9:00am-5:00pm

### Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30am

National Constitution Center...(fee charged)...open Monday-Saturday.....9:30am-5:00pm

open Sunday.....Noon-5:00pm

The President's House Site Memorial.....7:00am-10:00pm

Free Quaker Meeting House.....open Saturday-Sunday.....11:00am-4:00pm

### Other NPS Sites

Edgar Allan Poe NHS.....open Friday-Sunday.....9:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-5:00pm

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday-Sunday.....12N-4:00pm

## Special Events and Program Descriptions

### April 16-24, 2016

#### - National Park Week

Join Independence National Historical Park as we celebrate the NPS centennial during National Park Week. We invite you and your family to enjoy special ranger programs, events, and fee free days at the Benjamin Franklin Museum. There's plenty for people of all ages to see and do all week long. For more details talk with a park ranger at the Independence Visitor Center.

### April 16, 2016

#### - Junior Ranger Day

National Park Week kicks off with our annual Jr. Ranger Day. Play games, meet our rangers and staff, collect NPS centennial trading cards, take a selfie with Buddy Bison, and win prizes. It's all FREE!

-Independence Mall next to the Liberty Bell Center , 10:00am-4:00pm

### April 17, 2016

#### - An Afternoon of Music with The Pennsylvania Flute Choir

Independence NHP and the Friends of Independence invite you to enjoy a special musical performance by The Pennsylvania Flute Choir as they present *The Fords of the Brandywine*. This original composition evokes George Washington's ill-fated Battle of Brandywine. Written and narrated by Dr. Debra Torok.

Visit [www.friendsofindependence.org](http://www.friendsofindependence.org) for more information.

-Independence Visitor Center, 2:00pm

### April 23, 2016

#### - An Evening with Sarah Vowell

Independence NHP and the Friends of Independence present a very special afternoon with noted author Sarah Vowell, as she discusses her new book, *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States*. Vowell's book chronicles General Lafayette's years in Washington's Army and reflects on the era of the American Revolution, all the while commenting on American history and culture in her original and irreverent way. A book signing will follow. Reservations are required to attend, limited to two tickets per

person. To reserve your seats visit [www.friendsofindependence.org/our-events/an-evening-with-sarah-vowell](http://www.friendsofindependence.org/our-events/an-evening-with-sarah-vowell).

-Congress Hall on Independence Square, 3:00pm - 5:00pm.