



February 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
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 Wednesday-Sunday.....	10:00am-4:00pm
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Franklin Court

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....	(fee charged)...(fee free on February 15).....	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

Other NPS Sites

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

February 6 and 27, 2016 - "Strike Up the Band: The Life and Music of Francis Johnson"

Be inspired by the extraordinary music and career of Francis Johnson, Philadelphia's premier African-American bandmaster, in this ranger-led slide show. Despite social barriers, Johnson became one of the most celebrated bandleaders of the early 1800's.

-Independence Visitor Center, 2:00-3:00pm

February 13, 2016 - Lecture: "Washington and his Enslaved Man, Billy Lee"

Join James Thompson, author of *George Washington's Mulatto Man: Who Was Billy Lee?*, for a talk about the bond connecting Washington and his enslaved man, William Lee. A book signing will follow.

-Independence Visitor Center, 2:00-3:00pm

February 20, 2016 - Living History: "Views on the American Colonization Society"

Join three leading 19th-century African-Americans for a powerful discussion about race in early America. It's 1817...would you stay in Philadelphia or move to Africa?

-Independence Visitor Center, 2:00-3:00pm

Holiday Hours

Presidents' Day - February 15, 2016

Independence Visitor Center - 8:30am-6:00pm

Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, and Benjamin Franklin Museum - 9:00am-5:00pm

(All other park buildings are closed)