

Independence



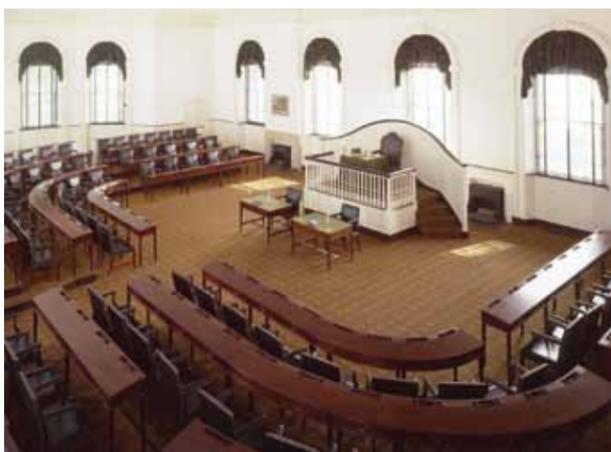
A Presidential Park

THIS NOVEMBER, AMERICANS are going to the polls for the 57th time and will be choosing the 45th President of the United States. Independence National Historical Park is the perfect place to discover the history of this nation's highest office. Here you can stand in the place where the founders created the presidency under the U.S. Constitution and see where our first two presidents lived when Philadelphia served as the capital in the 1790s.

Visit Independence Hall, the birthplace of the executive office as conceived by the Constitutional Convention. Ask a ranger about the origins of such ideas as the Electoral College or find out what the framers thought about presidential powers as Commander in Chief and chief executive officer.

Tour Congress Hall and stand in the place where George Washington delivered his second inaugural address, the shortest one in American history. Then ponder the importance of the inauguration of John Adams, the first peaceful transfer of power between two executives in the modern world.

Explore the President's House Site and see how our first two presidents, George Washington and John Adams, set even more precedents for future executives. See what kinds of challenges they faced, both foreign and domestic.



The floor of the House of Representatives was the scene of the first Presidential transfer of power in March of 1797.

If you have more time, check out the Second Bank Portrait Gallery and come face to face with five of our first seven presidents—and several more who served as cabinet members.

Want to learn more? Explore the day-to-day proceedings of the Constitutional Convention in the History and Culture section of the park website, or take the *Founding a Republic* tour available in our mobile app.

100 Years of Preserving

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL is winding down. This year has been a grand celebration of 100 years serving the American people and the mission of preserving unimpaired, “the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.”

Independence National Historical Park is proud to serve the mission by preserving cultural resources such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and countless historical buildings, documents, and objects. Besides these physical objects, park staff also preserve stories of America's past—stories that our park rangers are prepared to share this fall and that we hope will inform and inspire.

In September you can join a walking tour through the park and hear a ranger tell of the struggles Philadelphians faced during the British occupation of the city during the winter of 1777/78. Witness a debate on Constitution Day, between Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.

You can also discover the diverse history of this nation's founding with special ranger-led programs. In September the park offers a special walking tour that



explores Spain's contribution to the American Revolution. In October another walking tour will take a peek at the Italian influences on 18th-century Philadelphia. Then, in November, the park will commemorate Native American History Month with a variety of ranger programs that examine the contributions made by the “First Americans” to the founding of the United States, and the tragic outcome that followed.

More information on all of these programs, and a whole lot more, can be found within these pages AND on our website. Visit www.nps.gov/inde and check out our Calendar of events.

Welcome to Independence National Historical Park!

You have come to a special place with amazing stories! Independence Hall, Congress Hall, the Liberty Bell Center, the Portrait Gallery of the Second Bank, the Benjamin Franklin Museum, the National Constitution Center, and many other wonderful areas of the park are open for you to explore. Our National Park Service rangers are friendly and knowledgeable and are here to assist you so that you have a great experience.

Fall is a wonderful time to visit Independence National Historical Park. Please take some time to learn about what our brave founders were doing in Philadelphia in the 18th century. When they gathered at Independence Hall in September 1787 to sign the United States Constitution, they created a document that we revere today for our framework of government.

This park is just one of many special places administered by the National Park Service, which continues to celebrate its 100th anniversary this year. The Centennial is an opportunity for the National Park Service to inspire YOU to be involved in the next 100 years of protecting and sharing the nation's most treasured places. We are inviting a new generation to discover these special places that belong to all of us. So please, help us spread the word. #FindYourPark

You will find a wealth of information about our many programs, tours and exhibits in this newspaper and at the Independence Visitor Center. I know you'll have a great time as you learn about the discussions that took place so many years ago and echo today in the historic buildings, the sites important in the founding of the USA.

Cynthia MacLeod
Superintendent

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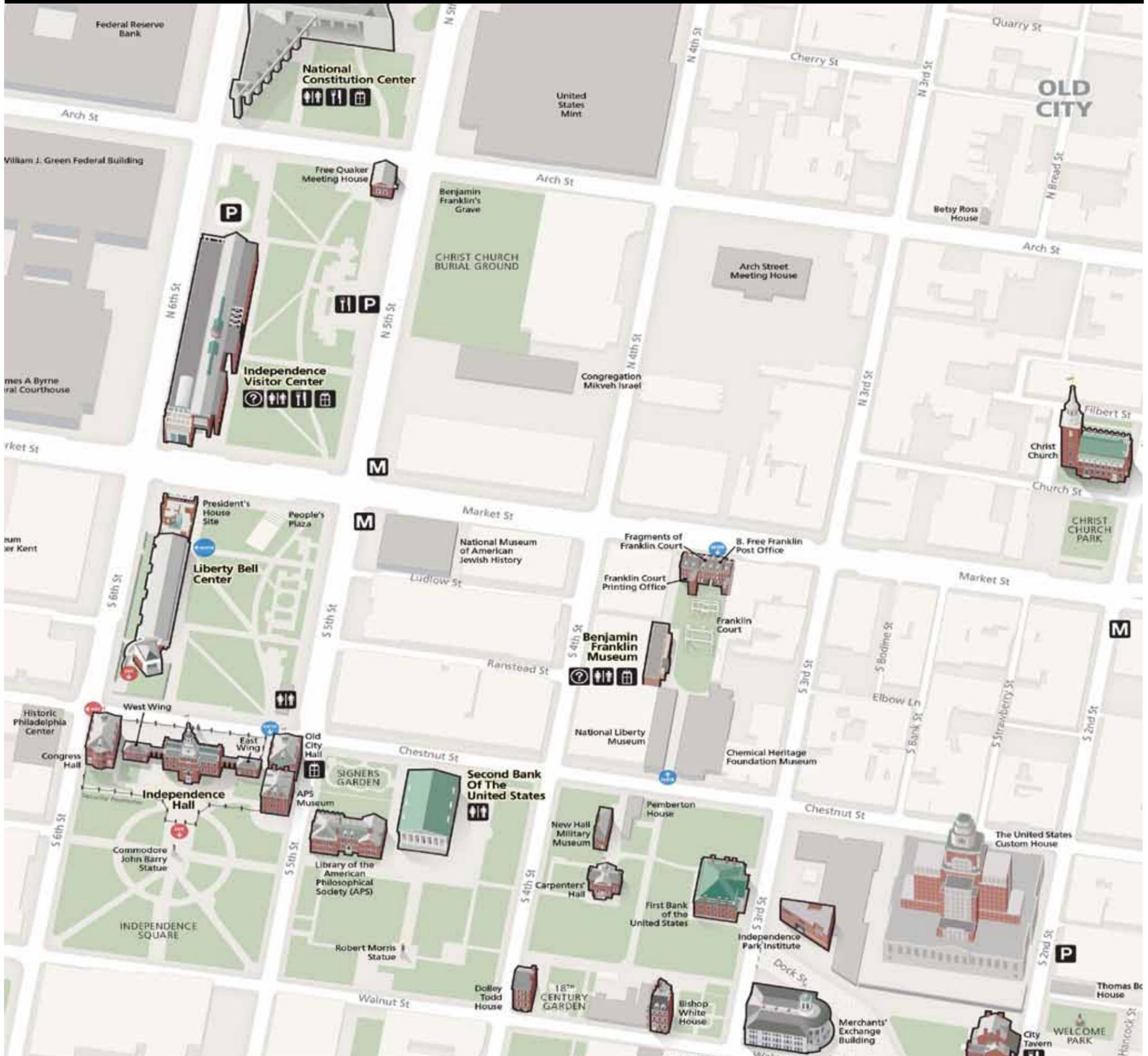
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Park map also available in park brochure, or download the NPS Independence mobile app



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Park Dispatch
215-597-7077

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Other Sites of Interest

Carpenters' Hall
Chestnut St. between 3rd and 4th Streets
open 10:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday-Sunday

Museum of the American Philosophical Society
Gathering Voices: Thomas Jefferson and Native America exhibit
Enter from inside Independence Square or 5th St. entrance
(no fee; donation requested)
open 10:00am - 4:00pm Thursday-Sunday

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial
3rd and Pine Streets
open 12noon-4:00pm Saturday and Sunday
thru October 30, 2016

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes' Church) National Historic Site
916 Swanson Street
open 9:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday-Sunday

Deshler-Morris House (Germantown White House)
5442 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
Open Saturday 9/10, 10/1, and 10/8 only, 10:00am-5:00pm

Safety

To help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone, please follow park rules and posted regulations.

- Pets are not allowed inside public buildings, unless a designated assistive animal. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and under control at all times. Please remember to pick up after your pet and dispose of waste in a trash bin.
- Please dispose of your garbage in trash containers or take it with you when you leave.
- Bicycles are not allowed on park sidewalks and pathways.
- Security checkpoint screening is required for entrance to Independence Square buildings and the Liberty Bell Center.

Accessibility

The park strives to provide access to all our facilities and programs for the broadest possible range of visitors. Due to the historic nature of many sites, access for wheelchairs or other physical challenges cannot always be accommodated. Please ask a park ranger before entering a building to learn what resources are available. Look for signage that indicates assistive listening and audio description services. All park films are open captioned.



Independence Visitor Center

Open daily 8:30am - 6:00pm

Closed on Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) and Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

The Independence Visitor Center, located in Independence National Historical Park, is the official Visitor Center of the Greater Philadelphia region. It is the perfect place to start your time in Philadelphia, offering visitor amenities including:

- free, timed tickets to tour Independence Hall
- multilingual visitor services representatives
- on-site ticketing to more than 60 area tours and attractions
- free brochures and regional maps
- free, informative historical and orientation films
- free Wi-Fi and cell-phone charging station
- public restrooms
- on-site café



Follow @PHLVisitorCntr, the Visitor Center's virtual concierge service on Twitter. For more information, call 800-537-7676 or visit PHLvisitorcenter.com.

Independence Hall

Open daily 9:00am - 5:00pm (tickets required)

Stand inside the birthplace of our nation. See the room where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were debated, drafted, and signed.

Ranger-guided tours begin every 15-20 minutes. Free tickets are available on the day of your visit at the ranger desk at the Independence Visitor Center. Tickets may also be reserved in advance online at recreation.gov, or by calling 877-444-6777.

Note: Must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to tour time to pass through on-site security screening. Security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings close for the evening.

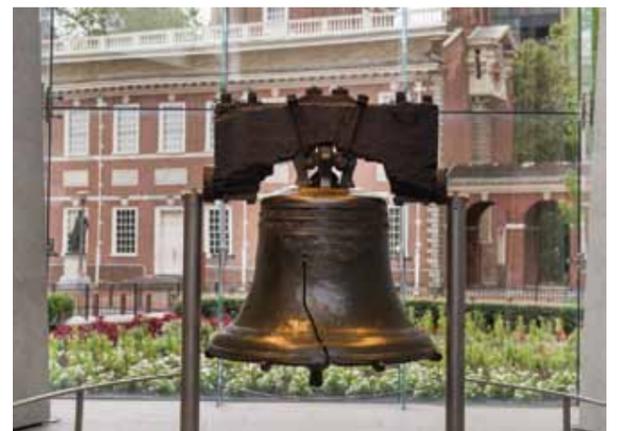


Liberty Bell Center

Open daily 9:00am - 5:00pm

Come see the international symbol of freedom in all its glory. Learn about the Liberty Bell's legacy as a symbol of protest and celebration, from its humble beginnings as the State House bell to its use as a rallying cry to end slavery and an inspiration to the modern civil rights movement.

Note: On-site security screening before entry. Screening closes 5 minutes before the building closes for the evening.



National Constitution Center

Open 9:30am - 5:00pm Monday thru Saturday;
12N - 5:00pm Sundays

www.constitutioncenter.org, 215-409-6600

The museum of *We, the People*, America's Town Hall and a headquarters for civic education brings the U.S. Constitution to life for visitors of all ages. With interactive exhibits, theatrical performances, and historical documents of freedom, stop by and learn about the rights and freedoms guaranteed to all Americans.





Congress Hall

Open 9-5 daily

Walk the halls of Congress and see the chambers where the first House of Representatives and Senate of the United States met and debated during those formative years. Hear the stories of conflict and compromise as elected officials struggled to interpret the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.



West Wing

Open 9-5 daily

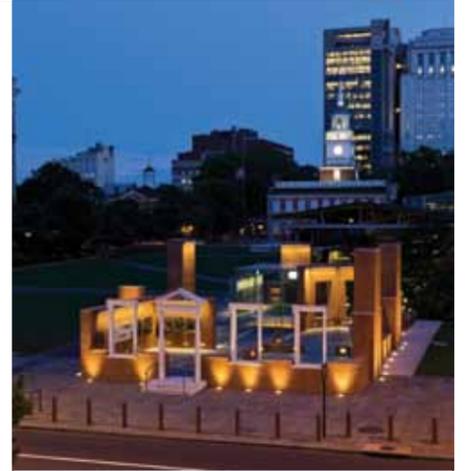
This gallery contains some of our nation's most celebrated documents - original printed copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States. Also on display is the silver Syng inkstand, believed to be the one used by the signers in the cause of independence.



Old City Hall

Open 9-5 daily

This building, completed in 1791, once served as City Hall for the city of Philadelphia. During the early years, the courtroom was used by the U.S. Supreme Court to hear cases that tested the interpretation of our Constitution. City Council met on the second floor while court convened below.



The President's House: Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation

Open 7am-10pm daily

George Washington and John Adams both lived at this site while serving as President of the United States. Washington's household included numerous indentured and enslaved servants. Adams never owned slaves and employed a small staff. These outdoor exhibits examine the paradox between slavery and freedom in the founding of our nation, in a place right next door to the Liberty Bell itself.

For park information, visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/inde

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Second Bank of the United States (Portrait Gallery)

Open 11-5
Wednesday-Sunday thru
October 30
Saturday and Sunday
thru December 31

Chartered by Congress in 1816, the Second Bank played a pivotal role in the "bank wars" which pitted President Andrew Jackson against bank president Nicholas Biddle. Designed by William Strickland, this marvel of Greek Revival architecture houses a permanent collection of over 150 portraits of famous men and women by such noted artists as Charles Willson Peale and Thomas Sully.



Benjamin Franklin Museum

Open 9-5 daily
(Last entrance is 15 minutes
before building closes.)

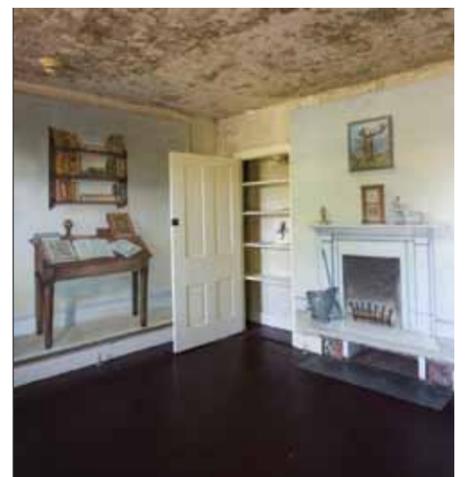
Explore the life and legacy of one of Philadelphia's most famous sons. This underground museum displays historical objects, animated videos, and computer interactives that allow visitors to learn about Benjamin Franklin through his life-long interests in science, philanthropy, business, and politics. The exhibits reveal interesting aspects of Franklin's character and try to explain his continued popularity and relevancy today.



Franklin Court Printing Office

Open 10-5 daily

As a printer himself, Benjamin Franklin understood the power of the press. Visitors can see first-hand how an 18th century printing office operated and discover the pivotal role that the printed word played in the American Revolution and the founding of the nation. Adjacent to the printing office is the newspaper office of Franklin's grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache.



Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site

Open 9-5 (closed 12-1pm)
Friday-Sunday

Celebrate Edgar Allan Poe's astonishing creativity in the home where he published such tales as *The Gold-Bug* and *The Spectacles*. Descend to the basement to see Poe's inspiration for *The Black Cat*, and explore the exhibits to learn of his life as well as his continued literary influence.

Located at 532 N. 7th Street
On-street parking is available, or
take the #47 bus.
www.nps.gov/edal



“The British Occupation of Philadelphia” walking tour

Hear the stories of the officers, soldiers, and civilians during the British occupation of Philadelphia from September 1777 to June 1778. Which side would you choose?

3pm, September 10 & 11, 17 & 18, and 24 & 25

Meet at the arbor in the Franklin Court courtyard (1 hour)

“American Revolutions: How Spain and Her Colonies Saved the United States” walking tour

Explore Old City Philadelphia and learn about the Hispanic diplomats who lived there and discover their vital contributions to the American Revolution.

2pm, September 17 & 18, 24 & 25, October 1 & 2, and 8 & 9

Meet at the Signers Garden at 5th and Chestnut Streets (1 hour)

“Ciao 18th Century Philadelphia” walking tour

Meet a park ranger for a stroll through Independence National Historical Park with glimpses of 18th Century Italy and Philadelphia.

1pm, October 8, 15, & 22

Meet at the arbor in the Franklin Court courtyard (1 hour)

“The Election of 1796” ranger program

Join a ranger and hear about the first contested American presidential election and the only one in which a president and vice president were elected from opposing parties.

2pm, November 5 & 6

Second Bank Portrait Gallery, Chestnut Street, between 4th and 5th Sts. (30 minutes)

“Small but Feisty: The Birth of the U.S. Marine Corps” ranger program

Hear the stories of the people and events that led to the formation of this legendary fighting force during the American Revolution, right here in Philadelphia.

3pm, November 12 & 13

Second Bank Portrait Gallery, Chestnut Street, between 4th and 5th Sts. (30 minutes)

“The First Americans” ranger program

Meet a park ranger and discover the different roles Native Americans played in the founding of the United States before, during and after the American Revolution.

3pm, November 5 & 6, 19 & 20, and 26 & 27

Second Bank Portrait Gallery, Chestnut Street, between 4th and 5th Sts. (30 minutes)

“Washington Crossing the Delaware” ranger program

Revisit the events surrounding the famous Christmas night journey as Washington and his troops crossed the icy river into New Jersey to confront the British forces.

3pm, December 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 17 & 18, and 31

Second Bank Portrait Gallery, Chestnut Street, between 4th and 5th Sts. (30 minutes)

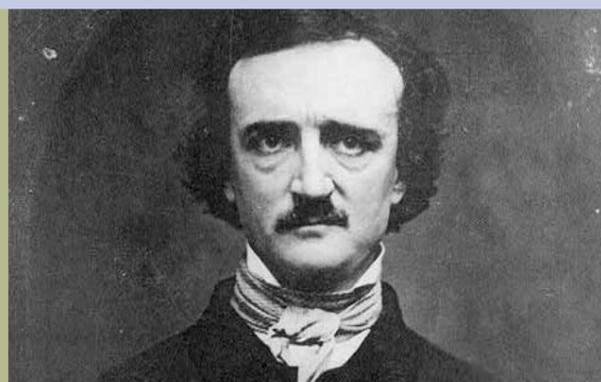


Located at 5442 Germantown Road, Philadelphia, PA, The Germantown White House will be open for the Germantown Festival.

“Revolutionary Germantown Festival” Saturday, October 1, 2016, 10am - 5pm

History is on full display during the Revolutionary Germantown Festival, a day-long festival that celebrates the rich history of the historic neighborhood. Enjoy costumed characters, live music, food and drink culminating with a reenactment of the Battle of Germantown.

Visit www.revolutionarygermantown.org for more details



“Edgar Allan Poe Arts Festival”

German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street
Friday, October 28, 2016
5pm-10pm

Join the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site and the German Society of Pennsylvania as we celebrate Poe’s genius visually, musically, and theatrically at our first Poe Arts Festival. Award-winning illustrator David Plunkert will sign copies of his illustrated works of Poe. Walk through Poe’s home at night, play quizzo, come in costume and compete for prizes, watch Edgar recite *The Raven*, and enjoy Poe-themed music as you eat German sausage and drink German beer. \$10 - a portion of fees support the Friends of Independence. Call 215-627-2332 to purchase tickets or visit www.germansociety.org.

National Park Service Fun

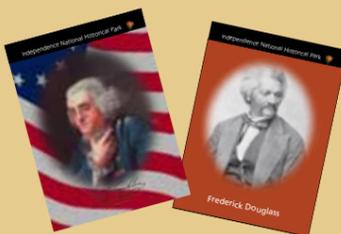
Independence Junior Ranger



Earn your badge and become an Independence Jr. Ranger. Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at the Visitor Center desk or when you visit the Edgar Allan Poe NHS.

Trading Cards

Answer questions from park rangers and earn cards from three different series.



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



Special Exhibition: *Headed to the White House*

The next president of the United States will be... You. Experience *Headed to the White House*, the only exhibit designed to engage visitors of all ages with the election season. Join the race, earn the nomination and win the election as artifacts, interactives, and hands-on activities take you from the campaign trail and into the Oval Office, all in one visit. Now through December 2016.



Macy’s Family Days, \$5 Admission
Veterans Day, November 11, 2016
Bill of Rights Day, December 16, 2016

Help honor our nation’s servicemen and women on November 11 and enjoy \$5 admission courtesy of Macy’s. Veterans Day activities include a wreath-laying ceremony, veteran interviews, and flag workshops. On Bill of Rights Day celebrate the 225th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights and view an original copy of the Bill of Rights.

Celebrate Constitution Day (Observed)
September 16, 2016

Celebrate the 229th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with FREE admission to the National Constitution Center. The day begins with a festive live reading of the preamble on the Center’s front lawn, followed by a full day of activities including photo opportunities with presidential reenactors, arts and crafts and yes, even birthday cake.

Support Your Park with Eastern National



Pick up a passport book or keepsake pin at the Independence Square store.

Come browse through the park's museum stores. Operated by Eastern National, each store carries one of a kind items to commemorate your visit to the park. Learn about the history of the park and the Founding Fathers through a special selection of books, postcards, apparel, and household goods. See the beautiful selection of Jamestown colonial glass or visit the special section for children's gifts in each store. Stores are located in the Benjamin Franklin Museum and Old City Hall. *A portion of sale proceeds goes to support the park.*

Now You Can Adopt A Piece of Independence

Did you enjoy your visit today to Independence and seeing the collections? If so, how about helping us preserve them for our future park visitors. When you adopt one of our artifacts, you help to restore it and make sure it is available for the next generation. To learn more about this program and the artifacts available for adoption, visit FriendsOfIndependence.org and look under the Supporting INHP tab.



This and other programs are sponsored by the Friends of Independence. Interested in joining us and helping to support the "greatest park in history?" For information please visit our website or call our office at 215-861-4971.

Independence After Hours Tour



A one of a kind chance to "sneak" into Independence Hall after hours. Join your colonial guide for a delicious three course meal at historic City Tavern before heading out on an evening of adventure in the park. Eavesdrop on conversations of the Founding Fathers as they debate the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776.

Departs from the Independence Visitor Center at 5:30pm, Friday and Saturday thru October 22

Admission: \$85 Adults; \$80 Seniors, Students and Military; \$55 Kids 12 & under.
For reservations, call 215-629-4026

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Day:
Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall open 11am-4pm.

Christmas Eve:
Park buildings close at 3:00pm.

Christmas Day:
All park buildings are closed.

New Year's Day:
Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall open 11am-4pm;
Visitor Center open 8:30am-6pm.

CITY TAVERN RESTAURANT
Est. 1773

Open Daily at 11:30 a.m. Lunch, drinks & dinner
The corner of 2nd & Walnut Streets, 138 South 2nd St., Philadelphia
www.CityTavern.com 215-413-1443

December 1773: City Tavern opens boasting the second largest ballroom in the British North America.	January 1789: City Tavern becomes the headquarters of the Merchant's Coffee House & Place of Exchange.
May 1774: Paul Revere arrives at City Tavern to announce the closing of the port of Boston.	1976: The newly rebuilt City Tavern opens in time for the bicentennial.
September 1774 City Tavern is the unofficial meeting place of the first continental congress. Participants include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson & John Adams.	1994: Chef Walter Staib wins congressional approval to operate City Tavern & feature 18th century gourmet cuisine.
July 1777: America's first Fourth of July celebration is held at City Tavern.	Today: Chef Walter Staib's <i>A Taste of History</i> premieres on PBS & wins Emmy Awards, a James Beard nomination, is filming new seasons!
August 1777: General Washington uses City Tavern as the official headquarters of the Continental Army.	



You can catch a PHLASH bus outside the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets.

See Philly in a PHLASH!

Sightseeing in Philadelphia couldn't be easier aboard the Philly PHLASH Downtown loop. Making stops at Independence National Historical Park, the PHLASH bus connects visitors to 22 key destinations, including the Benjamin Franklin Museum and National Constitution Center. For just \$2 per ride or \$5 per day, it's an affordable and convenient way to see the sights. Stay tuned to phillyplash.com for updates on when you can catch the PHLASH!

Constitution Day Programs September 17, 2016

How to Build a Nation, Instructions Included
Liberty Bell Center - 10:00am to 2:00pm

Help us lay out the foundation for the U.S. Constitution, put together in a family friendly manner so even the youngest children can understand.

Jefferson & Hamilton: The Great Debate
Congress Hall - 11:00am to 12:00noon



Are you looking to discover the original intent of the founders? Were they all of one mind? Witness founding fathers Thomas Jefferson (Steve Edenbo) and Alexander Hamilton (Eben Kuhns) as they debate their opposing interpretations of the U.S. Constitution. *Staged in partnership with American Historical Theatre.*

Our Constitution
Second Bank Portrait Gallery - 1:00pm

Find out why George Washington called the Constitutional Convention the "Miracle at Philadelphia" in this ranger-led slide program.

Free Quaker Meeting House

Like today, at the time of the Revolution, Quakers objected to going to war for any reason. "Free" Quakers split from the main body in support of the Revolution. Visit the site where Free Quakers worshipped and learn more about the fascinating history of this little-known group.

Corner of 5th and Arch Streets
Open Saturday and Sunday, 11am-4pm
September 10 thru November 27, 2016

These programs are presented in cooperation with Historic Philadelphia, Inc. Visit www.historicphiladelphia.org for information on these and other programs.

**TWO
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FOR THE
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Valid Sunday through Friday lunch or dinner. Only valid with the use of a major credit card. Not valid on Saturdays, restaurant holidays or with special menus. Discount will be applied to the total expense unless children's meals are ordered outside. Not Valid September 2-4, October 7-9, November 23-29. Expires December 25, 2016.