



Let Justice Ring

PROCLAIM LIBERTY... Inspired by the stirring words emblazoned on the Liberty Bell, Katharine Wentworth Ruschenberger commissioned a one-ton replica bell for the woman's suffrage movement. Calling the replica the "Justice Bell," Ruschenberger chained the bell's clapper as a reminder that the "blessings of liberty" had not yet been realized. She took it on a road trip in 1915 to all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties to encourage support for a state-wide referendum to bring about full voting rights for women in Pennsylvania.

Though the state referendum failed to pass, the bell became an enduring symbol for the women's rights movement. Five years later, the City of Philadelphia allowed Ruschenberger to bring the Justice Bell to Independence Square. It was there that thousands watched as the bell was unchained and rung in celebration of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Join Independence National Historical Park as we commemorate Women's History Month this March with a variety of ranger-led talks and programs that tell the stories of women like Katharine Wentworth Ruschenberger — women from the founding generation to the 20th century whose actions helped to fulfill this nation's ideals of liberty, justice, and equality.



After city officials refused Katharine Wentworth Ruschenberger's request to make Independence Square the permanent home of the Justice Bell, she bequeathed it in her will to the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. It still resides there today. Image courtesy Kenneth Florey



The Justice Bell was prominently featured in a number of women's suffrage parades, including this one in Washington D.C. Image courtesy Kenneth Florey

National Park Week

INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK invites you to celebrate National Park Week with us. From April 18 to 26, 2015, we will be celebrating along with America's more than 400 national parks as we gear up for our centennial celebration next year.

Enjoy special programs and offers all week, including free admission to the Benjamin Franklin Museum on April 18 and 19. Our Junior Ranger Day celebration on Saturday, April 25 will feature all kinds of fun for budding Junior Rangers.

During National Park Week, the National Park Service and its charitable partner, the National Park Foundation, will kick off a new campaign in preparation for the 100th birthday of the National Park Service next year. It's designed to get people to explore their national parks, get involved, and help the National Park Service fulfill its mission of preserving our nation's natural and cultural heritage for another century.

For more information on our centennial celebration visit www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial.

Welcome to the "Best Park in History"

Another spring, but not just any other! This year, 2015, is a special year marking many anniversaries: the 800th of the signing of the Magna Carta, the 250th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's efforts to repeal the Stamp Act, the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's body lying in state in Independence Hall, the 150th of General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, the 100th of the Women's Justice Bell, and the 99th anniversary of the founding of the National Park Service. Each of these anniversaries is directly relevant to Independence National Historical Park, and we invite you to explore their meaning with us.

We take care of acres of gardens, numerous historic structures, a phenomenal museum collection, and work with partner institutions in the historic district to keep history alive, interesting, and fun. We are grateful to volunteers who work side by side with park rangers to answer your questions and provide valuable insights into the historic revolutionary times in Philadelphia, when men and women were creating and testing our republic.

Take some time to sit on a bench and think about what we owe to our daring and innovative founders. Take a moment and ask a question about the buildings you see in the park, or about the Magna Carta and its influence on our country. Take some time to breathe and enjoy the moment!

Details about our park programs are available on our website or in our mobile app. Start your visit at the Independence Visitor Center and immerse yourself in history.

Cynthia MacLeod
Superintendent



Check out the new Junior Ranger app for iPhone or iPad available just in time for National Junior Ranger Day. Search for "Independence Jr Ranger" in the App Store. It's FREE.

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



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Other Sites of Interest

Carpenters' Hall

Chestnut St. between 3rd and 4th Sts.
open 10:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday-Sunday

Museum of the American Philosophical Society

new exhibit, *Jefferson, Science, and Exploration* begins April 10
enter from inside Independence Square or 5th St. entrance
(no fee; donation requested)
open 10:00am - 4:00pm Thursday-Sunday

Edgar Allan Poe National Historical Site

532 N. 7th Street
open 9:00am - 5:00pm Friday-Sunday
(closed 12Noon-1pm for lunch)

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes' Church) National Historic Site

916 Swanson Street
open 9:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday-Sunday

Free Quaker Meeting House

corner of 5th and Arch Streets
open 11:00am - 4:00pm Saturday & Sunday

Note: Portrait Gallery in Second Bank is closed

The site will remain closed to visitors while curators and conservators clean the paintings and work to preserve the building.

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

The Independence Visitor Center is Independence National Historical Park's and the region's welcome center for people all over the nation and the world offering visitor amenities including:

- trip planning services
- easy onsite ticketing for area attractions
- multilingual concierge staff
- dinner or hotel reservations
- comprehensive daily listing of area events
- attraction displays and regional maps
- free, informative historical and orientation films
- free wireless Internet access

Follow @PHLVisitorCntr, the Visitor Center's virtual concierge service on Twitter. For more information, call 215-965-7676 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. Note: Visitors must arrive on Independence Square 30 minutes prior to tour time to pass through on-site security screening.



Note: Security screening for Independence Hall and the buildings on Independence Square closes fifteen minutes before the buildings close.

Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell Center, and the Independence Visitor Center will be open 'til 7pm, beginning May 23.

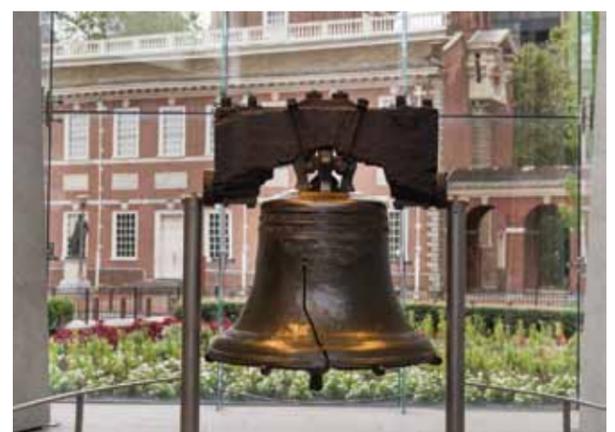


Liberty Bell Center

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.



National Constitution Center

Open 9:30am - 5:00pm Monday thru Friday;
'til 6pm on Saturdays; 12N - 5:00pm Sundays
constitutioncenter.org

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

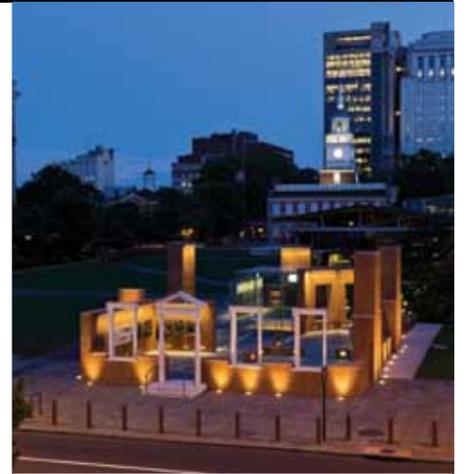
This gallery contains some of our nation's most celebrated documents - original printed copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States. Also on display is the silver Syng inkstand, believed to be the one used by the signers in the cause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

Open 10-5
Saturday and Sunday

Home to the War Department in the 1790s, the museum highlights the history of the Continental Army, Navy, and Marines. Constructed by the Carpenters' Company, the building houses a memorial to members of the U.S. Marine Corps who lost their lives during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.



Benjamin Franklin Museum

Open 9-5 daily

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.

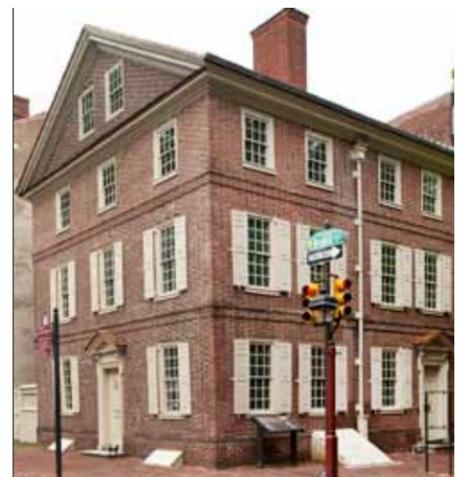
**Free admission on 4/18 and 4/19*



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.



Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial

Open 12N-4
Saturday and Sunday
Beginning April 4, 2015

The house and its exhibits tell the story of an international champion of freedom and civil rights. Kosciuszko was a Polish military engineer and volunteer during the American Revolution. He played a significant role in the design of fortifications at Saratoga and West Point. In his rented rooms, he entertained many leading figures of the day, including Thomas Jefferson and Chief Little Turtle of the Miami Nation



Women's History Month Programs

"Forging Justice: the Women's Liberty Bell"

Find out how women in Pennsylvania forged a new symbol for the women's suffrage movement using their own "Liberty Bell" in this 10-minute ranger talk.

10:30am Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in March

Liberty Bell Center

"Gentlewomen of the Press"

Hear about such women as Deborah Franklin, who assisted in her husband's shop, Mary Katherine Goddard who printed an early copy of the Declaration of Independence, and other women printers of the 18th century in this short ranger-led program.

11:30am Saturdays and Sundays in March

Franklin Court Printing Office

"Wives of the Generals"

Discover the personal sacrifices women like Martha Washington, Catherine Green, and Lucy Knox made to help win the American War for Independence in this ranger-led program.

2:00pm Saturdays and Sundays in March

New Hall Military Museum

"Ladies of Liberty, Justice, and Equality"

Join a park ranger for a 30-minute slide program and hear about some of the many women whose contributions helped to further the cause of liberty, justice, and equality for all Americans.

3:00pm Saturdays and Sundays in March

Independence Visitor Center

"Seeds to Suffrage" Walking Tour

Follow in the footsteps of the women who used Independence Square to fight their own revolution. March on to victory with a park ranger and discover the women's suffrage campaigns that took place in the shadow of Independence Hall.

1:00pm Saturday, March 28, 2015

Signer's Garden, at the corner of 5th and Chestnut Streets



Enjoy **FREE** admission to the Benjamin Franklin Museum, April 18 and 19!

National Park Week

April 18 to 26, 2015

Join Independence National Historical Park as we celebrate National Park Week. We invite you and your family to enjoy special ranger programs, events, and fee free days at the Benjamin Franklin Museum. For more details, or to find out about Jr. Ranger activities, talk with a park ranger at the Independence Visitor Center, or visit our website:

www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/parkevents



Try your hand at rolling a hoop and other colonial games.

Junior Ranger Day

April 25, 2015

Kids (of all ages) will enjoy colonial games, crafts, hoop races, and other fun. It's all for Junior Rangers and it's all a part of National Park Week. **FREE!**

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



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



Special Exhibition: *Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights* now through 2017

The National Constitution Center is proud to be the first institution in Pennsylvania to exhibit one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights. Part of the New York Public Library's renowned collection, the Bill of Rights will be displayed alongside a first edition of the Stone Engraving of the Declaration of Independence, and a rare copy of the first public printing of the U.S. Constitution. Also on display are illustrations of the 10 Amendments especially commissioned for the exhibit in the brand new George H.W. Bush Gallery.



The Ninth Amendment, Illustrated by Allen Crawford/Plankton Art Co.

Creating Camelot: The Kennedy Photography of Jacque Lowe now through September 7

This new exhibition showcases more than 70 intimate photographs and iconic images of President John F. Kennedy and his family. *Creating Camelot* was created by the News-Week in collaboration with the Jacque Lowe Estate.

Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend at the National Constitution Center, May 23-25

During Memorial Day Weekend, the National Constitution Center will pay tribute to all members of the military who have given their lives in defense of the Constitution by exploring how Americans today honor our military heroes.

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, located on Independence Square and at the Benjamin Franklin Museum. Operated in association with Eastern National, each store carries one of 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. *A portion of sale proceeds goes to supporting the park.*

Become a "Friend" to Independence!



For over 42 years, the Friends of Independence National Historical Park has supported the park in their endeavors to preserve our national treasures and provide educational interpretation to the millions of visitors who visit Philadelphia each year. During this time we have helped purchase over 1,000 artifacts for the park's collections, raised funds to rehab park spaces, and provided over 35 years of free educational walking tours, and so much more.

Our members are making a difference. Please join us in supporting the "Best Park in History." For more information, please visit our website: www.friendsofindependence.org or call our office at 215-861-4971.

This Day in History... on the "NPS Independence" mobile app

Use the park's FREE mobile app "NPS Independence" to explore This Day in History. You may be surprised by what you learn:

March 31, 1776: Abigail Adams writes to her husband John, urging him to "Remember the Ladies"

April 23, 1865: The body of President Lincoln lies in state inside Independence Hall

May 9, 1754: Benjamin Franklin publishes his 'Join or Die' cartoon in *The Pennsylvania Gazette*

What happened today in American history? *Find the answer in the mobile app.* Search for "NPS Independence" in the App Store and on Google Play.



Sign up as a Park Volunteer!

Call 215-597-1039 for more information and help keep us the "Best Park in History."

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 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.
 May 1774: Paul Revere arrives at City Tavern to announce the closing of the port of Boston.
 September 1774: City Tavern is the unofficial meeting place of the first continental congress. Participants include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson & John Adams.
 July 1777: America's first Fourth of July celebration is held at City Tavern.
 August 1777: General Washington uses City Tavern as the official headquarters of the Continental Army.

January 1789: City Tavern becomes the headquarters of the Merchant's Coffee House & Place of Exchange.
 1976: The newly rebuilt City Tavern opens in time for the bicentennial.
 1994: Chef Walter Staib wins congressional approval to operate City Tavern & feature 18th century gourmet cuisine.
 Today: Chef Walter Staib's *A Taste of History* premieres on PBS & wins Emmy Awards, a James Beard nomination, is filming new seasons!

TWO ENTRÉES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

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. Not Valid April 5-6, May 10, May 24; Expires May 31, 2015
 Walk-ins Welcome



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

PHLASH Bus

PHLASH is the quick, easy and inexpensive connection to key Philadelphia historic attractions and cultural institutions. Hop on and off every 15 minutes for easy and convenient access to the city's most popular sites, including the Philadelphia Zoo, Please Touch Museum, Penn's Landing, Franklin Square, and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Stay tuned to phillyphlash.com for updates on when you can catch the PHLASH!

150th Anniversary of President Lincoln's Death



"Lincoln in Philadelphia"
 April 22 at 1pm & April 23 at 10am in Congress Hall

Join accomplished Lincoln actor, Fritz Klein, for a special presentation on the 150th anniversary of the arrival of President Abraham Lincoln's funeral train to Philadelphia. Hear about the events surrounding Lincoln's assassination, his funeral, his vision for America as he expressed it during his life, and his hopes of moving the nation from civil war to civil rights.

Throughout the week, discover the role Independence Hall played during the Civil War and learn all about the dramatic events surrounding the arrival of Lincoln's funeral train to Philadelphia in a special exhibit featuring selected photographs from the period, and in other ranger-led activities.