



Let Freedom Ring

AN OLD BROKEN BELL, imperfect, but one of the most powerful symbols of liberty in the world, the Liberty Bell bears a timeless message: “Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof.”

Ring out from the tower of Independence Hall, the bell gathered people together, sometimes in celebration and sometimes in mourning. But, freedom did not ring for enslaved Africans in America after the Revolutionary War. The contradiction of slavery with this bell’s message spoke volumes to abolitionists. They adopted it as their symbol, naming it the Liberty Bell in 1835.

Take a moment this winter to view the exhibits in the Liberty Bell Center and consider the co-existence of liberty and enslavement in America’s history. Or, look for the footprints at the President’s House Site, representing enslaved maid Oney Judge’s flight to freedom. Explore the stories of people working individually and collectively for the ideal of liberty and think about the question: what does liberty mean to you?



Civil Rights leaders rallied around this bell and its message. In 1959, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Liberty Bell on National Freedom Day, the day commemorating the resolution outlawing slavery in the United States.

Welcome to the “Best Park in History”

Welcome to Independence National Historical Park. You’re visiting at one of the best times of the year, so be sure to take advantage of special events and offers only available in January and February.

Celebrate the winter birthdays of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Edgar Allan Poe. Seek refuge from the cold in the beautiful Second Bank of the United States, where park rangers will be offering special programs on Washington, Franklin and Poe (see page 5 for details). Or stop in the Benjamin Franklin Museum, free throughout Franklin’s birthday weekend, for an exploration of the life and achievements of this founding father.

Don’t just see the Liberty Bell, experience its meaning. Witness the historical tapping of the Liberty Bell in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 19, an event organized by the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Nonviolence. February 1 is National Freedom Day, the day in 1865 that President Lincoln signed a joint resolution from congress proposing the 13th amendment to the United States Constitution. The National Freedom Day Association will mark the day on January 31 this year with a wreath-laying at the Liberty Bell.

More details about these programs and more are available at the Independence Visitor Center, in this newspaper, on our website, or in our mobile app. Start your visit at the Independence Visitor Center and have fun!

Cynthia MacLeod
Superintendent

The Power of Words

THREE MAY KEEP a Secret if Two of them are Dead; Join, or Die; Quoth the Raven “Nevermore.” What images come to mind when you read these quotes?

Words conjure pictures in our minds; they make us laugh and cry. But they also inspire people to support a cause or take action. For two centuries, they have shaped the landscape of popular culture in America.

Born a century apart, Benjamin Franklin and Edgar Allan Poe both harnessed the power of the written word. Celebrate the January birthdays of these men and learn more about their roles in making Philadelphia a printing and publishing powerhouse in the 18th and 19th centuries. For a listing of programs, see page 5.

Visit the Franklin Court Printing Office to see a working reproduction of an 18th century printing press. Listen for the creak of the press as each sheet is printed. Interested in the 19th century literary giant, Edgar Allan Poe? Plan a trip to the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site (see page 4 for hours and location) and see the home where Poe lived when he published such tales as *The Gold-Bug* and *The Spectacles*.

Just imagine what Franklin and Poe could have done with the internet!



Edgar Allan Poe, 1848 daguerreotype, Library of Congress
Benjamin Franklin, by David Rent Etter after C.W. Peale, 1835
Independence National Historical Park



Franklin arrived in Philadelphia in 1723, eventually opening a printing office much like this one. Franklin built a reputation for his newspaper and almanacs, which were entertaining and sometimes provoking.

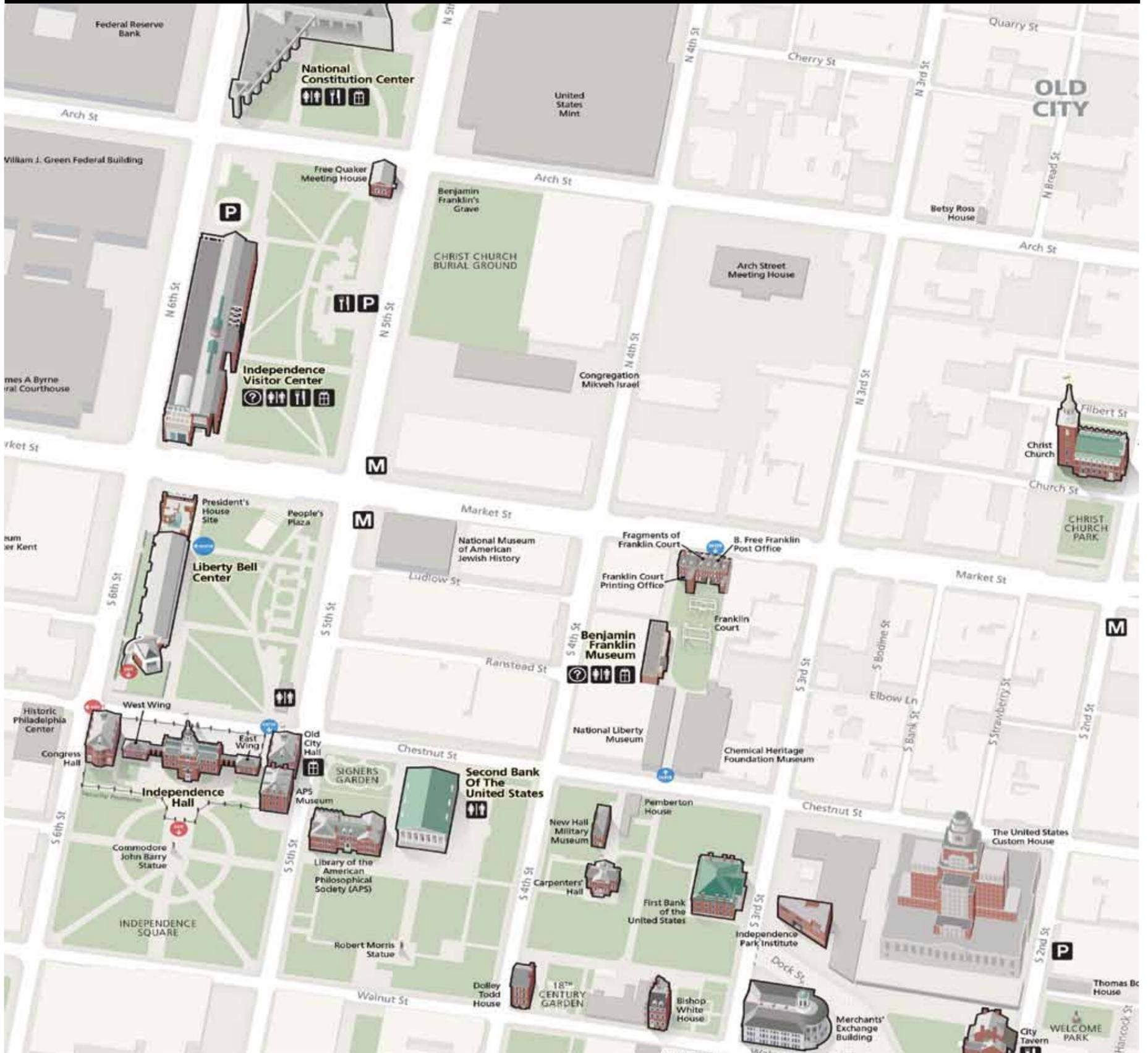
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Park map also available in park brochure, or download the NPS Independence mobile app



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Other Sites of Interest

Carpenters' Hall
Chestnut St. between 3rd and 4th Sts.
open 10:00am - 4:00pm Wednesday-Sunday
www.ushistory.org/carpentershall

Library of the American Philosophical Society
5th and Library St., enter from Library St. door
lobby exhibit open 9:00am - 4:45pm Monday-Friday
www.amphilsoc.org/library

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

Valley Forge National Historical Park
20 miles northwest of city; get directions at the Visitor Center
open daily 9:00am - 5:00pm
www.nps.gov/vafo

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
- 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

No tickets required in January and February

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 run every 30 minutes from 9:15am to 4:15pm. Entrance is on a first come, first served basis; the line forms outside the building. Note: Security screening for Independence Hall and the buildings on Independence Square closes at 4:45pm.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Martin Luther King, Jr., and President's Day:

Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall and Benjamin Franklin Museum open 9am-5pm;
Independence Visitor Center open 8:30am-6pm



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.



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

House: Open 9-5 daily
Senate: Open 10-4 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

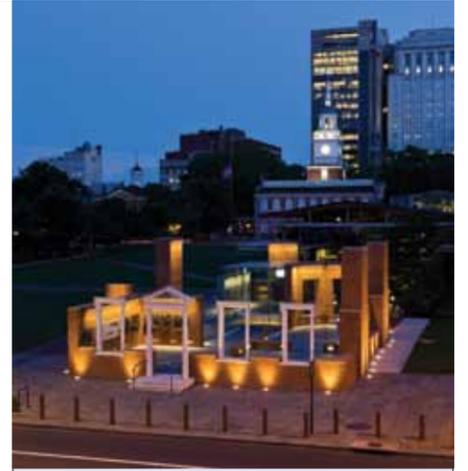
This gallery contains some of our nation's most celebrated documents - original printed copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution of the United States. Also on display is the silver Syng inkstand, believed to be the one used by the signers in the cause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

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

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.

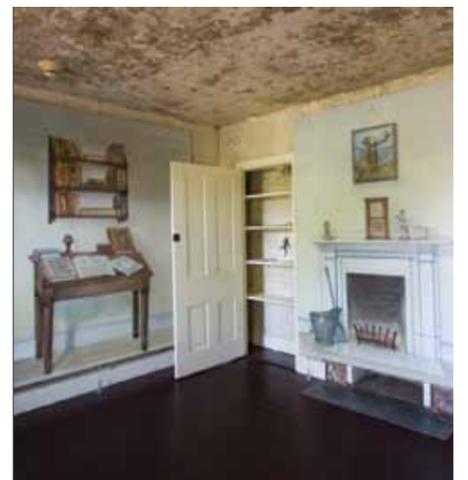
**Free admission on 1/17-19, and 2/16*



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 *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

Guided Tours and Programs



Winter 2015

“Orientation Tour to the Portrait Collection”

Join a park ranger for a quick tour around the Portrait Gallery. See the park’s collection of artworks by renowned artists such as Charles Willson Peale and Thomas Sully. Learn about the people in the portraits and their contributions to American life.

11:00am, 12Noon, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, and 4:00pm Saturdays and Sundays
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

“Underground Railroad in Philadelphia”

During the 18th and 19th centuries Philadelphia was an important stop on the Underground Railroad. Join a park ranger to learn more about the people and places connected to this important era in black history in this engaging slide program.

3:00pm February 1, 7 and 8
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

“George Washington Invents the Presidency”

Hear about the precedents set by the nation’s first president in this ranger-led gallery tour in honor of President’s Day. The U.S. Constitution provides little more than the basics about the role of the chief executive. President Washington summed up the challenges: “I walk on untrodden ground.”

3:00pm February 14 and 15
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

“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 black bandmaster. Despite social and political barriers, Johnson became one of the most celebrated bandleaders of the early 1800’s. Enjoy a slide show followed by a live performance of Johnson’s music.

2:00pm February 21
Independence Visitor Center Theater

“Crisis in the Capital City: The Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793”

Learn about the human side of the epidemic, including the heroic contributions of the African American community in this gallery tour. Though faced with fear and death, Philadelphians grew stronger and more capable of caring for their fellow citizens as result of this ordeal.

3:00pm February 22 and 28
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.



Enjoy FREE admission to the Benjamin Franklin Museum, January 17-19!

“Happy Birthday, Benjamin Franklin”

January 17 and 18

Born on January 17, 1706, Franklin’s ideas and inventions still touch our lives today. Join us for an exploration of the life and achievements of this multifaceted founding father.

“Armonica Demonstrations”

Hear the haunting sounds of the instrument Franklin invented. His wife Deborah called it “the voices of angels.”

Offered throughout the day, Benjamin Franklin Museum

“Franklin as Diplomat and Statesman”

See his likeness in portraits and sculpture in this ranger-led gallery tour.

12Noon, Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

“Sights, Sounds & Symbols Family Activities”

Enjoy hands-on fun while you design your own seal, create your own portrait and more.

1pm - 3pm, Benjamin Franklin Museum

“Franklin and Poe: Philadelphia’s Adopted Literary Sons”

Join a park ranger for a slide program that examines Franklin’s and Poe’s contributions to printing and publishing in Philadelphia.

3pm, Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



Celebrate President’s Day Weekend at the National Constitution Center, February 14-16

Learn about the role of the president and what it takes to be commander-in-chief! Guests can take a presidential-themed tour of the museum, show their smarts in our *Hail to the Chief Trivia Game*, create fun arts-and-crafts projects, and hang out with our nation’s favorite historic presidents! Enjoy free admission on Monday, February 16, courtesy of TD Bank.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service January 19

Join us to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The museum is hosting volunteer opportunities, moving readings of the “I Have a Dream” speech, concerts, and more. In partnership with the Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service. Enjoy \$5 admission to the museum, courtesy of Macy’s Inc.

Creating Camelot: The Kennedy Photography of Jacque Lowe February 13 through September 7

Our newest exhibition showcases more than 70 intimate photographs and iconic images of President John F. Kennedy and his family. Join us February 13 at 9:45am for a special ribbon cutting event. *Creating Camelot* was created by the Newseum in collaboration with the Jacque Lowe Estate.

Support Your Park with Eastern National



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

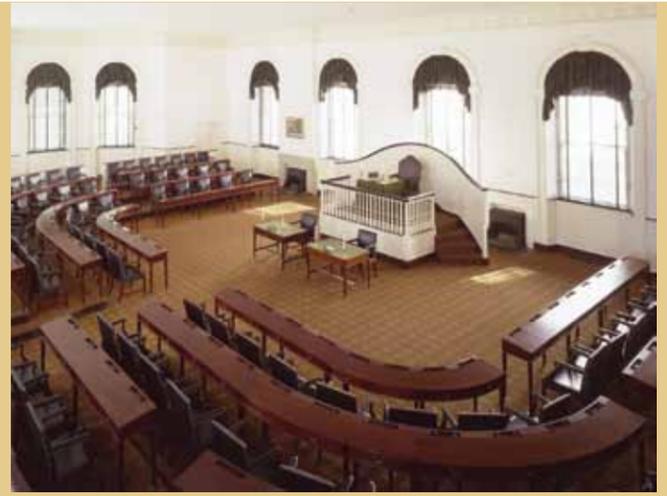
Come browse through the park's museum stores. Operated in association with Eastern National, each store carries one of kind items to commemorate your visit to the park. Learn about the history of the park and the Founding Fathers through a special selection of books, postcards, apparel and household 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 support 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.



Spotlight On...

Congress Hall

Conflict, compromise, debate, personal jealousies, political animosity...discover the stories of Congress Hall. Home to the U.S. Congress from 1790 to 1800, Congress Hall served as the temporary capitol building during the nation's formative years.

You can *represent your state* in the House of Representatives while you consider the issues of national consequence - the economy, defense, taxation, slavery, foreign relations - debated here.

Or, stand in the front of the room and *take the oath of office* as John Adams did in 1797. That ceremony marked the first peaceful transfer of presidential power under the U.S. Constitution.

Climb the stairs to the second floor and *find the portraits* of French royalty near the Senate Chamber.

Visiting on February 15? *Imagine the chaos* on the floor of the House in 1798 when Congressmen Lyon and Griswold fought each other with cane and fireplace tools (but best not to re-enact that one!)

The House is open 9-5; the Senate is open 10-4.

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:

- January 10, 1776: Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* is published in Philadelphia
- February 12, 1793: President Washington signs the Fugitive Slave Act into law
- February 22, 1861: Abraham Lincoln raises the American flag over Independence Hall

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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 A Triumph of Tradition
 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.
 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 Dec. 24-31, 2014; Jan. 1, Feb. 13-16, 2015; Closed Mondays in Jan. & Feb. 1-5; Expires March 31, 2015
 Walk-ins Welcome