

# Independence

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Independence National Historical Park  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



## Building Hours and Program Times

October, 2014

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

### Programs:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00 p.m.

Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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 Chestnut Streets)

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**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.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Carpenters’ Court

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

## Franklin Court

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....(fee charged)..... 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Other Park Sites

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

Free Quaker Meeting House..... open Saturday-Sunday..... 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday..... 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

open Saturday.....9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

open Sunday.....Noon-5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Programs:

“Bank Orientation Tour” Wed-Sun at 11:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 4:00

Meet at the Washington Statue for a tour of some of the notable people in the gallery. (15 min)

“Stories of Struggle” slide show; Sat-Sun at 12:00 p.m. (30 min)

Join a park ranger for a slide program highlighting the stories of the people, places and events surrounding the founding and early years of the United States of America.

The President’s House Site Memorial.....9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

## Other NPS Sites

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... open Friday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon – 4:00 p.m.

## Special Events and Program Descriptions

Saturdays and Sundays in October at 3:00

**A Global Fight for Independence** - The American Revolution was not simply a war between Great Britain and the American colonies. With help from new allies like the Marquis de Lafayette and Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the struggle becomes an international fight for freedom. Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. (30 min)

October 4 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The **Germantown White House** will be open for one day, as part of the Revolutionary Germantown Festival. This is a special opportunity to tour this historic residence. Used as headquarters by Lt. General William Howe after the Battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777, the house was later used by President George Washington as a refuge from the Yellow Fever Epidemic in 1793, and as a summer retreat for himself and his family the following year.

October 17 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**In the Mind of Poe** -Encounter characters from the imagination of Edgar Allan Poe, author and former resident of Philadelphia, in this special evening program at the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site. Join park staff and volunteers on this "haunting" literary tour through Poe's house. Meet memorable narrators and Poe himself as they recite passages from popular poems and tales such as "Annabel Lee," "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Black Cat," and "Murders in the Rue Morgue." Tours begin every 30 minutes.