

Independence

National Historical Park
Philadelphia
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The place to start your tour is the park visitor center at 3rd and Chestnut Streets. There you can find out about current programs and activities and view the 28-minute film "Independence," which introduces the park's story. The visitor

center is only one block from the parking garage on 2d Street, between Walnut and Chestnut, where we suggest you park your car.



Reconstructed City Tavern at the corner of Walnut and 2d Streets, is one of the park's prime historical attractions. Feel free to stop by for a brief look or for lunch or dinner served in a relaxed 18th-century atmosphere.

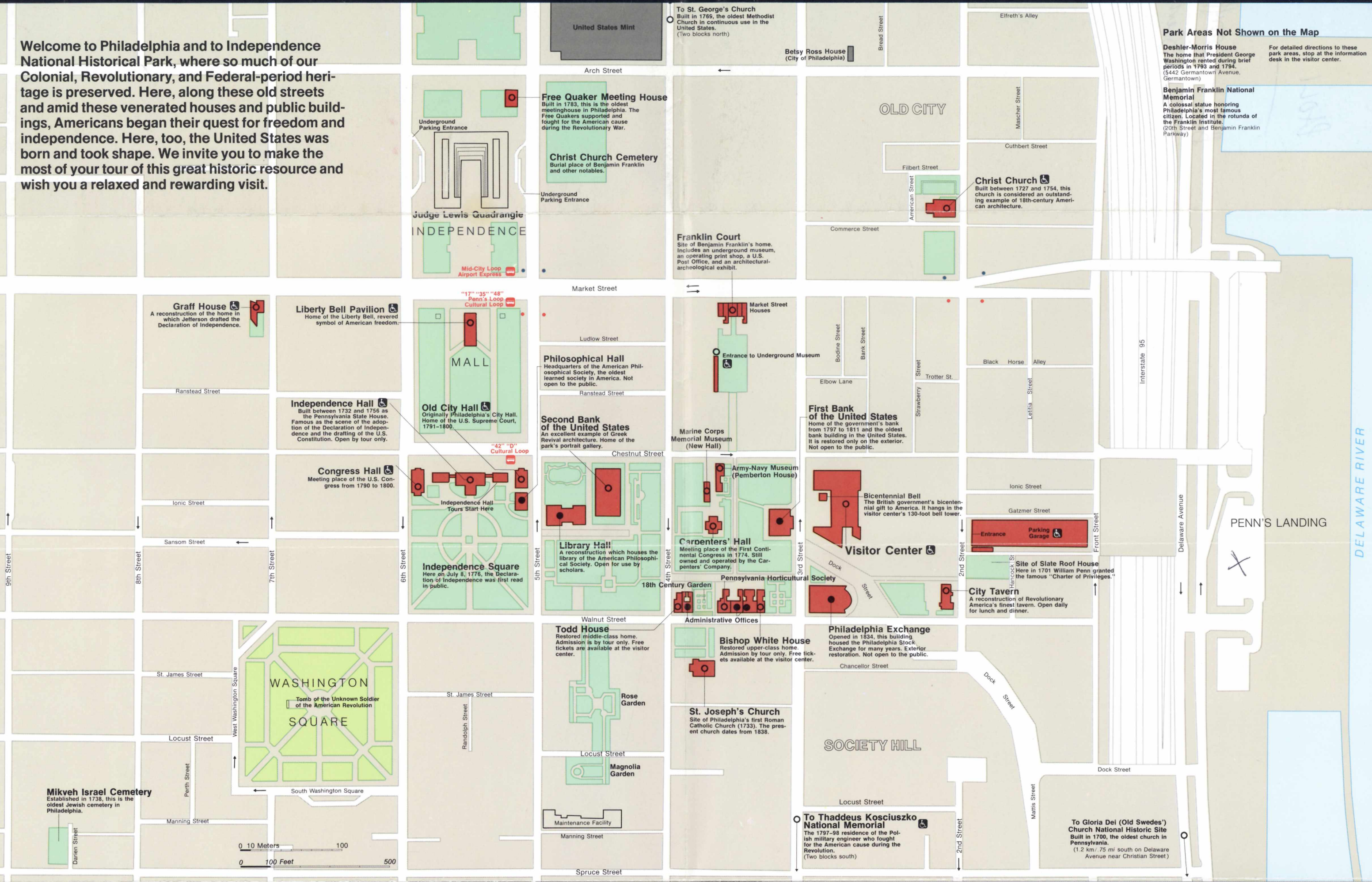
Welcome to Philadelphia and to Independence National Historical Park, where so much of our Colonial, Revolutionary, and Federal-period heritage is preserved. Here, along these old streets and amid these venerated houses and public buildings, Americans began their quest for freedom and independence. Here, too, the United States was born and took shape. We invite you to make the most of your tour of this great historic resource and wish you a relaxed and rewarding visit.

Park Areas Not Shown on the Map

Deshler-Morris House
The home that President George Washington rented during brief periods in 1793 and 1794. (5442 Germantown Avenue, Germantown)

For detailed directions to these park areas, stop at the information desk in the visitor center.

Benjamin Franklin National Memorial
A colossal statue honoring Philadelphia's most famous citizen. Located in the rotunda of the Franklin Institute. (20th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway)



Visiting the Park

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Park building open to public

Park building closed to public

At least partial wheelchair access

Bus stop (not all stops shown)

East bound subway entrance

West bound subway entrance

How to Reach the Park Each of the following sets of directions will lead you to the parking garage on 2d Street between Walnut and Chestnut Streets. **Eastbound** via I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway): Exit at Vine Street (I-676 and U.S. 30) and follow to 6th Street. Turn right on 6th and follow to Chestnut Street (3 blocks). Turn left on Chestnut and follow to 2d Street. Turn right on 2d Street. **Westbound** via Benjamin Franklin Bridge (U.S. 30): As you come off the bridge, follow the signs to 6th Street (south). From there, follow the same directions as outlined for Eastbound to reach 2d Street. **Southbound** via I-95: Take the Center City exit to 2d Street. **Northbound** via I-95: Exit at Tasker Street. Continue straight ahead on Reed and follow to Delaware Avenue. Turn left on Delaware Avenue and follow to the exit for Market Street (on right). When you reach Market, make an immediate left onto 2d Street.

Planning Your Tour Although it is small in total area, the park contains a variety of sites that cannot easily be seen in one day. If you have only a short time to spend, we urge you to visit Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Pavilion first. If you have more time, here are some additional suggestions on what to see:

Half-Day Tour
Carpenters' Hall (exterior)
Independence Hall
Liberty Bell Pavilion
Franklin Court

Full-Day Tour
Carpenters' Hall
Independence Hall
Congress Hall
Old City Hall
Graft House
Liberty Bell Pavilion
Franklin Court
Second Bank of the United States

Where to Start Begin your tour at the visitor center by seeing the 28-minute film "Independence." Here, too, park rangers can answer your questions and help you to plan your visit. They can also provide information concerning special services for non-English-speaking visitors and for those with disabilities. To help you enjoy the park more fully, books and maps are available at bookstores in the visitor center and the west wing of Independence Hall.

Hours and Admission Most park buildings are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The hours of some buildings are extended in summer. There are no admission charges, except at the Deshler-Morris House in Germantown. The hours are subject to change without notice.

Admission to Independence Hall, the Bishop White House, and the Todd House is by tour

only. Free tickets for the Bishop White House and the Todd House should be obtained at the visitor center on the day of your visit. No tickets are required for tours of Independence Hall or for entry to other park buildings. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

For Your Safety Don't let your visit be spoiled by an accident. Please be careful crossing Philadelphia's busy streets and watch your step on brick walkways and cobblestone surfaces.

Administration Independence National Historical Park is administered by a superintendent, whose address is 313 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. For more information, either write the superintendent or call the park visitor center at (215) 597-8974.

