



## Welcome to Independence National Historical Park

## Welcome to Historic Philadelphia!

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You're visiting at one of the most exciting times of the year, so be sure to take advantage of our many special events and programs available only in the summer.

Summer means celebration!

We remember the great events of 1776 and 1787 and the people whose wisdom and foresight established the principles of government for this great nation before the federal government moved to Washington D.C. We remember people whose stories are lesser known but still vital to understanding the United States of America. We tell stories of revolution, stories of individuals who struggled and fought for human rights, and stories of many people uniting behind their common values and beliefs. Of course, we also mark the 243rd anniversary of Independence Day with pomp and dignity. July 8th is also a unique day on Independence Square when we re-enact the first public reading

of the Declaration of Independence. Come participate!

Some stories may be well known to you and some may be new. I hope your visit to the park will enlighten you with new stories of the people and places of our revolutionary era. A visit to any national park brings opportunities for adventure with family and friends. We're gearing up for our nation's 250th birthday in 2026 and that means a bigger than ever celebration of Independence.

Details about programs, events and tours are available at the Independence Visitor Center, on our website at [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde) or in our mobile app – just search for NPS Independence in your mobile app store. I encourage you to start your visit at our Independence Visitor Center.

Cynthia MacLeod  
Superintendent

You are in the heart of history and we have so many stories to tell you! You'll meet **History Makers** in person, hear from storytellers at **Once Upon A Nation** Storytelling Benches, drill with the **Continental Army** and more.

Whether you have a couple of hours or a couple of days to spend, check out the helpful information in the *Gazette* to help you make the most of your visit. Begin your day at the **Independence Visitor Center**, where you can pick up your free, timed Independence Hall tickets. Seeing the room where our Declaration of Independence was debated and adopted is a must... especially during the month where we celebrate our freedom!

Speaking of celebrating Independence, there are plenty of ways to do it all over the Historic District in July. Check out the **National Constitution Center's** All-American Celebration (see p. 2) and the special events at the **Museum of the American Revolution**, which tell the story of American fight for independence in an interactive and dynamic way.

There's no bigger celebration of America's Birthday than **Wawa Welcome America!** With special events throughout Historic Philadelphia (and beyond), there's something for everyone. See the details on p. 5.

Inside, find everything else you need to know to have a great visit. There's information about **Once Upon A Nation's** amazing **Independence After Hours**, a one-of-a-kind experience that gives you the inside story of the writing of the Declaration (and sneaks you into Independence Hall at night!) and free programs that bring the past to life for the whole family (p. 4), a map (on the back) and lots more valuable information to help make your visit a memorable one.

Some of the most unique and rewarding experiences you'll have in Historic Philadelphia will be meeting **Once Upon A Nation's** History Makers – people from the past who will share their uniquely interesting stories – and at the **Once Upon A Nation** Storytelling Benches, where you'll hear little known tales from our nation's early years. See the map for locations, and plan to visit some or all of the 13 benches during the day to hear stories that history class missed.

From meeting Betsy Ross in her upholstery shop, to marching with the Continental Army in a military muster, to hearing the stirring words of the Declaration read in the shadow of Independence Hall, you're sure to make memories that last a lifetime and become part of your story!

### Historic Highlights

Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House



Liberty Bell

### Museum Highlights

Museum of the American Revolution, National Constitution Center



Museum of the American Revolution

### Attraction Highlights

Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches, History Maker Meet & Greets



Independence Visitor Center

### Tours Highlights

Independence After Hours, Twilight Tour



Independence After Hours

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# Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches... Telling the Stories You Haven't Heard

As you wander the streets of Historic Philadelphia, you may be wondering, what's the story with the benches? Well, stop and listen and you will discover that visits to the Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches will be among the most unique and memorable experiences you will have during your trip.

Scattered at 13 locations throughout Historic Philadelphia (see the map on the back for locations), the benches are home to specially-trained storytellers who will delight you with FREE, short stories, sharing the secrets of Philadelphia's and America's history.

You will find the past and present intertwined in tales like *Dinner Table Diplomacy: Martha Washington Throws a Party*, the story of dinner parties thrown by the Washingtons to encourage connections among political foes and *Speaking Up: The Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society*, a tale of ardent female abolitionists, both white and of color,



who join to create a revolutionary organization devoted to ending the practice of slavery. All the tales are family-friendly, and many are interactive. Children can pick up a Story Flag at any storytelling bench, then collect a star from every storyteller on their journey. Flags with all the stars can be

redeemed for a History Hero Certificate and a free carousel ride on the Parx Liberty Carousel in Franklin Square, 6th and Race streets. There are nearly 90 stories being told in all. You'll hear of slavery and suffrage, doctors and disease, patriots and pirates and everything in between. You

will be amazed at what you didn't know about American history and we hope you'll take our stories back home with you and make them part of your story.

For more information about Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s Once Upon A Nation Storytelling program, visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org).

## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

### FEATURED EVENTS

#### All-American Celebration 2019

July 1-4

Celebrate with historic character meet and greets, where visitors can interact with famous figures from history such as Founding Father John Adams. Join the staff each morning for a spirited flag raising ceremony, and then again in the evenings as they lower the flag.  
Free with admission.

#### Finding the Founders Scholarly Talks and Walking Tours

July 2, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The National Constitution Center is partnering with sites throughout Historic Philadelphia for this annual event. Scholars will share their insights on equality and

freedom through the lens of the American Revolution. The program will provide an expanded understanding of Independence Day—one that sees the holiday as both a celebration and an acknowledgment of America's ongoing struggle to achieve the ideals expressed in the nation's founding documents.

Visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org) for the schedule of programs, topics, and meeting points. Free.

#### Revolutionary War Encampment

July 2-4

At the recreated military encampment at the National Constitution Center, visitors can step back in time to watch a blacksmith forge iron, practice being a Revolutionary-era soldier with a wooden musket, stop by the medical tent to visit the surgeon, and observe Continental Army soldiers march and drill on the grounds. Presented in partnership with the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment. Free. Museum admission not included.

#### Independence Week Concert

July 3, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a festive, free, outdoor concert performed by the USAF Heritage of America Concert Band, a group of over 40 professional Airman-musicians who captivate audiences on regular tours throughout the East Coast with a variety of renditions of great orchestral classics, marches, Broadway hits, jazz standards, movie music, and patriotic favorites.

Presented in partnership with the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band. Free.

#### \$5 After 5 p.m. Trivia Night

July 3, 5-8 p.m.

Participate in an evening of trivia, based on iCivic's popular online, educational games, like "Do I Have the Right?"

Free with admission, which is \$5 after 5 p.m.

525 Arch Street (One block past the Independence Visitor Center and one block before Franklin Square) See p. 3 for hours of operation. For more information, please visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

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at the National Constitution Center  
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RESTAURANT

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Open seven days a week.  
Daily from 11:30am  
Located at the corner of 2nd & Walnut Streets.  
(215) 413-1443

## IT TAKES TWO

Two entrées for the price of one!\*

Valid Sun.-Fri. with the use of a major credit card.

Children's entrées will be considered entrées at the time of discount.

Not valid Saturdays or holiday weekends and July 1-8, 2019; Expires July 31, 2019.

Coupon must be presented at time of order.

\*Discount will be determined as the least expensive entrée.

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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



## HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

The Historic Philadelphia Gazette, is a joint venture of Historic Philadelphia, Inc., the National Park Service, the Independence Visitor Center Corporation and the National Constitution Center.

If you have questions, comments or need more information about National Park Service sites or other historical sites in Philadelphia and its countryside, call (800) 537-7676 or visit [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde).

Historic Philadelphia, Inc. is dedicated to making our nation's history relevant and real through interpretation, interaction and education, strengthening Greater Philadelphia's role as the destination to experience American history. Historic Philadelphia, Inc. oversees the Once Upon A Nation initiative, Betsy Ross House, and Franklin Square.

For more information about HPI, or to make a tax-deductible donation, call (215) 629-4026 or visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org).

# HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

## Ride the Philly PHLASH®

The Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop is a visitor-friendly public transit service that provides access to 20 stops located near must-see attractions, museums, and historic sites throughout Philadelphia.

The PHLASH is now running daily for the summer season, through September 2, with service to each stop every 15 minutes from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

At just \$2 per ride or \$5 per day, PHLASH is the most affordable way to get around. Children four and under, senior citizens, and SEPTA Key, TrailPass, and TransPass holders always ride free. Passes are available for purchase onboard with exact cash only; online, or at any Visitor Center location.

On July 4, the PHLASH will operate a detoured route and schedule.

For more information, visit [RidePhillyPhlash.com](http://RidePhillyPhlash.com) or call (800) 537-7676. Text PHLASH to 333-111 to receive text alerts about service updates.



## JULY

### JULY 1-7

**Museum of the American Revolution, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.:**

**Independence Day Celebration** – How will you #BeTheRevolution? Add a personalized ribbon to a flag-shaped “Declarations Wall” on the outdoor plaza from Saturday, June 29 – Sunday, July 7. Other events include a flag making workshop, Independence Day crafts and more. In the Museum’s discovery center, Revolution Place, the whole family can explore 18th-century Philadelphia through immersive environments, interactive touchscreens, reproduction objects, and special programs from 12-4 p.m. *Free with admission.*

(215) 253-6731, [amrevmuseum.org/events](http://amrevmuseum.org/events)

### JULY 4

**Independence Visitor Center, 9:45 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.:**

**Declaration Readings** – A fife & drum procession leads Thomas Jefferson, himself, to proclaim his newly penned Declaration of Independence from Great Britain.

*Free. (800) 537-7676, [PHLvisitorcenter.com](http://PHLvisitorcenter.com)*

**National Museum of American Jewish History,**

**10 a.m.-5 p.m.:** **Independence Day Celebration**

See an original letter written by George Washington to the Jewish Community of Newport, Rhode Island, and enjoy interactive gallery talks, story time, and Independence Day arts and crafts projects.

*Free with admission. (215) 923-3811, [nmajh.org](http://nmajh.org)*

**Independence Visitor Center, 1 p.m.:** **America’s Birthday Party with Betsy Ross & Termini Brothers Bakery**

– Celebrate America’s birthday where it all began! Watch as the iconic Termini Brothers Bakery staff decorate a spectacular five-tier cake live onsite beginning at 9 a.m., while arranging 2,500 red, white, and blue cupcakes into the shape of an American flag. At 1 p.m., Betsy Ross arrives with a fife-and-drum procession to lead the crowd in singing “Happy Birthday” to America, before distributing the cake and cupcakes for FREE!

*Free. [PHLvisitorcenter.com](http://PHLvisitorcenter.com), (800) 537-7676*

**Betsy Ross House, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.:** **Betsy’s Independence Day Bash** – A daylong celebration highlighted by a naturalization ceremony for 13 children who will take the oath of citizenship at 1:30 p.m.

*Free. (215) 629-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)*

### JULY 5

**Betsy Ross House, 5-9 p.m.:** **Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes** – Celebrate First Friday with after-hours tours of the House followed by an alfresco showing of *War of the Colossal Beast*. Guests are invited to BYOB and snacks and make an evening of it.

*\$5. (215) 629-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)*

### JULY 7-13

**Museum of the American Revolution, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.:**

**Meet the Revolution** – This summer, explore the voices, viewpoints, and experiences of the diverse people of the Revolutionary era. Inside the Museum and on the outdoor plaza, costumed historical interpreters will make history come alive through theatrical performances, dynamic storytelling, and hands-on demonstrations.

This week focuses on African American culture in early America. *Free with admission.*

(215) 253-6731, [amrevmuseum.org/events](http://amrevmuseum.org/events)

### JULY 8

**Independence Square, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.:**

**Re-enactment of the First Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence** – On July 8, 1776 Colonel John Nixon strode to a platform in the State House yard (now Independence Square) and shared the stunning news of the Declaration of Independence with the crowd. Help celebrate this historic occasion and join the crowd to hear a commemorative reading of the document by a park ranger portraying Colonel Nixon. Free copies will be given out so that you can follow along and cheer or jeer.

*Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)*

### JULY 13

**American Philosophical Society Museum, 12-3 p.m.:**

**Second Saturday** – Free, hands-on activities for families.

*Free. (215) 440-3440, [amphilsoc.org](http://amphilsoc.org)*

### JULY 19-21

**Signers’ Garden, 3-4 p.m.:** **From Philadelphia to Seneca Falls: Lucretia Mott’s Fight for Equality**

– Join a park ranger for a walking tour through Historic Philadelphia and hear about what led Lucretia Mott and other local Quakers to propose and attend the Women’s Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848.

*Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)*

### JULY 23

**Museum of the American Revolution, 5-8 p.m.:** **History After Hours: Bros & Foes**

– Where did Hamilton and Burr go wrong in love and war? Learn how to be offensive but avoid a duel in ten easy steps. Select your second, bolster your spirits, and see if you can survive a competitive gallery game night that puts your friendship to the test. Enjoy happy hour food and drink specials and full access to the exhibits.

*\$10. (215) 253-6731, [amrevmuseum.org/events](http://amrevmuseum.org/events)*

## ONGOING

**Betsy Ross House, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thurs.:** **Meet Betsy Ross**

– Meet America’s most famous flagmaker as she practices her trade in the country’s only working 18th-century upholstery shop. This is the only site in Historic Philadelphia to meet an historical interpreter daily! *Free with admission.*

(215) 629-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Betsy Ross House, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays:** **Rebel Thursdays**

Meet Betsy in the House’s basement where she will tell you about the risks she took by agreeing to take on flag and cartridge-making commissions during the Revolution, and violating her Quaker faith by eloping with a man of a different religion and joining the “Fighting Quakers.” *Free with admission.*

(215) 529-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Betsy Ross House, 12-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun.:** **Meet Phillis**

Learn the fascinating story of this free African American woman who was born into slavery in colonial Philadelphia. *Free with admission.*

(215) 529-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**Franklin Square, 6-11 p.m. daily thru 7/14:**

**Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival** – Final days to visit this one-of-a-kind celebration of light and culture!

Nearly 30 larger-than-life illuminated displays are on display. Plus, enjoy traditional Chinese performances, handicrafts, food and more. *Weekday tickets Ad. \$18; Sr./Stud./Mil. \$16; Child. 3-12 \$12. Weekends, Ad. \$20; Sr./Stud./Mil. \$18; Child. 3-12 \$12.*

*Timed tickets required Fri.-Sat. Tickets (215) 629-4026, [historicphiladelphia.org/chineselanternfestival](http://historicphiladelphia.org/chineselanternfestival)*

**Independence Visitor Center, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily:**

**Meet the History Makers** – Don’t forget your camera and questions for Philadelphia’s colonial townsfolk!

The History Makers inside the Visitor Center offer tales, anecdotes and good cheer about living in 18th-century Philadelphia. Learn about and watch them in their crafts, including quill pen calligraphy, “sawdust dolls,” watercolor art, and much more.

*Free. (800) 537-7676, [PHLVisitorCenter.com](http://PHLVisitorCenter.com)*

**Independence Visitor Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Thurs.-Sun.:** **Dulcimer Player Performance**

– Enjoy music played by award-winning hammered dulcimer player, John Lionarons. This music was popular in colonial Philadelphia. *Free. (800) 537-7676,*

*[PHLVisitorCenter.com](http://PHLVisitorCenter.com)*

**Museum of the American Revolution, regular site hours through 7/14:** **A New Constellation: A Collection of Historic 13-Star Flags**

– See 40 rare historic flags which feature 32 different arrangements of 13 stars, representing the 13 original colonies. Plus, try on Revolutionary-inspired clothing, handle replica objects, and participate in activities like designing your own flag.

*Free with admission.*

(215) 253-6731, [amrevmuseum.org/events](http://amrevmuseum.org/events)

**Signers’ Garden, 10-11 a.m. daily (no tour 7/1-7/4):**

**In the Paths of the Founders** – Ranger-led orientation tour of Independence National Historical Park. Explore the world-changing events that happened right here, from the Declaration of Independence to the creation of a new government. *Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)*

**Benjamin Franklin Museum, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. daily:**

**Dr. Franklin’s Philadelphia walking tour** – Printer, politician, diplomat, inventor - get to know the real Ben Franklin as you explore the streets and sites of his beloved city. *Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)*

**Second Bank of the U.S., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. daily (no tour 7/1-4):** **Bank Orientation Tour**

Learn about the notable people in the gallery. *Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)*

**Second Bank of the U.S., 2:30 p.m. daily:** **Alexander Hamilton Gallery Tour**

– While not from Philadelphia, Alexander Hamilton spent time here, and made his mark in American history here. Learn more during this gallery tour. *Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)*

**Independence Visitor Center, 4-4:10 p.m. daily:** **Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony**

– After completing the Junior Ranger Booklet, children can meet a park ranger at the information desk to receive their badge and be “sworn in” as National Park Service junior rangers.

*Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)*

**Independence Seaport Museum, 3 p.m. – dusk**

**Mon.-Fri.; 12 p.m. to dusk Sat. -Sun.:** **Paddle Penn’s Landing**

– Paddle your way around the Penn’s Landing basin in a kayak, rowboat, swan or dragon for the perfect outdoor recreational activity. *\$8 per person for a half-hour rental. (215) 413-8655, [phillyseaport.org/paddle](http://phillyseaport.org/paddle)*

**Independence Visitor Center, 6-7:15 p.m. daily**

**(no tour 7/3):** **Twilight Tour** – Enjoy an introduction to Independence National Historical Park so you are ready to explore it the next day. *Presented by the Independence Historical Trust Volunteer Guides.*

*Free. (800) 537-7676, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)*

# Hear The Story of Independence Where It Happened, as It Happened

## Independence After Hours

Prepare to get goosebumps! The one-of-a-kind **Independence After Hours** tour sneaks you into Independence Hall at night to eavesdrop on the Founding Fathers as they debate the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776.

Start your adventure with a delicious, three-course meal at historic City Tavern and then follow your colonial guide on an evening of adventure. He'll talk his way past the vigilant night watchman and lead you into the Pennsylvania State House, now Independence Hall, where Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin and others are deep in discussion over the Declaration. There is nothing quite like Indepen-

dence After Hours. Make the experience part of your story.

Call (215) 629-4026 or visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org) to make your reservation today.

*Independence After Hours is presented in partnership with Independence National Historical Park. Tour runs Tues.-Sat. in July (no tour 7/3) and lasts approximately 2 ½ hours.*

*Departs from the Museum of the American Revolution, 101 S. 3rd Street. **Reservations are highly recommended.** Tickets are \$85 for adults; \$55 children 12 and under; \$80 senior/student/military; dining gratuity included. Recommended for ages 10 and up.*



## PROGRAMS & TOURS • JULY 2019

Historic Philadelphia is proud to bring visitors FREE, interactive programming all summer long. Check out the following pages for daily programming and make sure your itinerary includes time to experience Once Upon A Nation.

Location	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.	
Betsy Ross House 239 Arch Street		Meet Betsy Ross 10 a.m.-6 p.m.							10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursdays	
		← Flag Raising Daily								
			Meet Phillis the Laundress Thurs.-Sun.							
Independence Hall (behind the Hall) 500 Chestnut Street				Reading of the Declaration of Independence Tues.-Sat.						
Independence Visitor Center 6th & Market Streets			Meet the History Makers Daily							
					Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony Daily			Twilight Tour Daily 6 p.m.		
13 Locations in the Historic District			Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches Tues.-Sat. - 1-5p.m. 7/4							
Signers' Garden 5th Street				Military Muster 2-2:30 p.m.; 3-3:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat.						
Valley Forge National Historical Park		Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches Daily								
		Secrets & Spies Sat.								





# Celebrate America's Birthday with Free Events in Historic Philadelphia and Beyond

Paint the town red, white & blue with fun, free events July 1-4

Celebrate independence in Philadelphia with the **Wawa Welcome America!** festival, which features a full schedule of FREE special events and activities that the whole family will love. Historic Philadelphia plays host to some of the festival's best events.

Some highlights...

- Visit Historic Philadelphia's favorite museums at no charge during **Free Museum Days** at the Museum of the American Revolution, the National Constitution Center, African American Museum in Philadelphia and others.
- Celebrate the 27th annual **Wawa Hoagie Day** honoring our troops at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2.
- Enjoy the crowd favorite, **POPS on Independence** concert in the shadow of Independence Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3.



- Independence Day, Thursday, July 4 kicks off with the **Celebration of Freedom** ceremony on Independence Hall at 10 a.m., followed by the **Salute to America Independence Day Parade** presented by **Philadelphia International Airport** at 11 a.m.

- Also on July 4, inside **Independence Visitor Center** at 1 p.m., join Betsy Ross and Termini Brothers Bakery to sing Happy Birthday to America and enjoy free patriotic cake and cupcakes, with the presentation of an American flag made entirely of cupcakes!

- The **Betsy Ross House** hosts **Betsy's Independence Day Bash**, a daylong celebration highlighted by a naturalization ceremony for 13 children who will take the oath of citizenship at 1:30 p.m.

This is just a sampling of the great, free events Wawa Welcome America! is bringing to the Historic District and throughout the city during Independence Week. For a complete list of programs and events, visit [welcomeamerica.com](http://welcomeamerica.com)



## Independence National Historical Park Celebrates Freedom Week July 1-4 With Free Activities

Celebrate Independence with a variety of free events throughout Independence National Historical Park.

### WALKING TOURS:

- *Signers' Garden, 10-11 a.m. July 2 & 4:* **Thomas Jefferson Walking Tour** - Follow the main author of the Declaration of Independence through the places where he worked on the creation of the new nation.
- *Signers' Garden, 10-11 a.m. July 1 & 3:* **John Adams Walking Tour** - Follow one of the key figures in the Continental Congress through the early war up to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

### SLIDE PROGRAMS:

*12 p.m., Second Bank of the U.S.:*

- **July 1: The Articles of Confederation: America's Forgotten Constitution** - Learn the story of this important step in our history.
- **July 2: King George III; America's Royal Enemy** - Hear the English side of the Revolution.
- **July 3: The History of the Continental Navy** - Many members of the Continental Congress did not want a Navy. Discover why and learn its unusual origins and early triumphs and set-backs.
- **July 4: How we Celebrate** - See the evolution of Fourth of July through the years.



### TOURS & TALKS:

*1 p.m., Second Bank of the U.S.*

- **July 1: George Washington's Band of Brothers** - Tour introduces George Washington and his Generals.
- **July 2: Writing the Declaration of Independence** - Understand the purpose and language of an 18th-century piece of writing.
- **July 3: Charles Thomson: the most important founding father you never heard of** - Learn more about this fascinating man who was involved in every major event in Congress from Philadelphia to New York.
- **July 4: Young Patriots of the American Revolution** - Meet some of the "twenty somethings" who sought glory, some of whom gave their lives for the cause.



### SLIDE PROGRAMS:

*3 p.m., Second Bank of the U.S.*

- **July 1: Why the Declaration of Independence Matters** - Why is this document held in such high esteem throughout history?
- **July 2: Loyalists and the 4th of July** - How did the Declaration of Independence affect people living in Philadelphia in 1776 who were loyal to King George III?
- **July 3: Arsenal of Liberty** - Learn how Pennsylvanians produced the goods and weapons needed to fight for freedom.
- **July 4: How we Celebrate** - Fourth of July through the years.

End each day **on the front steps of the Second Bank of the U.S.** at 4 p.m. with **This Day in History**, a Park Ranger-led discussion about the events of "this day" in 1776, from the writing of the Declaration to fighting a war for a new nation.

For more information and details about Independence National Historical Park's Freedom Week programming, visit the Independence Visitor Center, 6th & Market streets, call (800) 537-7676 or go to [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde).



# National Park Service

ALL PROGRAMS AND TOURS ARE FREE

## JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS



**Independence National Historical Park** - Junior Ranger programs offer a fun way for kids to learn about American History. Through Junior Ranger activities, games and puzzles, participants from 6-14 years of age learn all about the park and can earn Junior Ranger

badges. Pick up a **Junior Ranger Activity Booklet** and then return it to the **Independence Visitor Center** to receive your award when you've completed the activities. *The Independence Visitor Center, 6th & Market Streets, opens daily at 8:30 a.m.*



### Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site

Pick up your Junior Ranger Activity Booklet at 532 North 7th Street.

*The site is open Friday through Sunday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m.*

### Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial

Pick up your Junior Ranger Activity Booklet at 301 Pine Street.

*The site is open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.*

### Germantown White House (Deshler-Morris House)

Pick up your Junior Ranger Activity Booklet at 5442 Germantown Avenue.

*The site is open Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*



**Trading Cards: Come Face to Face with History!** - Ask a Park Ranger how you can earn free trading cards during your visit. Collecting trading cards is a fun way to learn more about the people, places and things that tell the story of Philadelphia and the early years of our nation.



### Independence Mobile App

Explore Independence National Historical Park - home of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the Benjamin Franklin Museum - with this official National Park Service app. Use it to discover the sites and people

of the American Revolution, and the founding of the nation. Tap the **Sites** button to learn more about points of interest with professional photographs and engaging text.

Discover the **Road to Revolution** or follow in **Benjamin Franklin's footsteps** on guided audio tours throughout the park. The **Postcard** feature allows you to share a digital postcard with friends and family from Independence National Historical Park. The app is available for iOS and Android devices. Search for "NPS Independence" in your app store.

*The app is FREE.*



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## INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BOOKSTORES AND MUSEUM SHOPS



The **Old City Hall** shop has books, toys, puzzles, souvenirs and postcards. Get a key to Independence Hall, miniature Liberty Bells and more. Located on the SW corner of Fifth and Chestnut Streets. The **Franklin Court** shop features all things Benjamin Franklin. Browse through dozens of biographies and other writings about Philadelphia's favorite founding father, or pick up one of the many items featuring an image of Franklin. Located between Third and Fourth Streets and Market and Chestnut Streets.

*These stores are operated by Eastern National, a not-for-profit partner of the National Park Service. Proceeds from your purchase help support Independence NHP.*



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## HISTORIC SITES

- ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** E3  
320 Arch Street - (215) 627-2667  
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA** C7  
219 South 6th Street - (215) 925-2688  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- BETSY ROSS HOUSE** F3  
239 Arch Street - (215) 629-4026  
Daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Ad. \$5; Ch./Sr./Stud./Mil. \$4; Audio Guide  
(incl. admission): Ad. \$8; Ch./Sr./Stud./Mil. \$7



Betsy Ross House

- CARPENTERS' HALL** E5  
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Sun.
- CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA** F4  
2nd Street above Market Street  
(215) 922-1695  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12:30-5 p.m.;  
Ad. \$5; Stud. \$2  
Info available in 20 languages. ♿
- CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND** D3  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695  
Sun. 12:30-4 p.m.; Ad. \$3; Stud. \$1
- CITY TAVERN** F6  
138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443  
Lunch from 11:30 a.m. Tues.-Sun.; Dinner  
from 4 p.m. Tues.-Sat. & 3 p.m. Sun.; open  
holiday Mondays ☒
- CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL** D4  
44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446  
mikvehisrael.org for worship schedule  
FREE ♿
- CONGRESS HALL** C5  
6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Entrance at 5th and  
Chestnut, through security FREE ♿
- DECLARATION HOUSE** B4  
599 S 7th Street - (215) 965-7676  
Closed
- DESHLER-MORRIS HOUSE  
(GERMANTOWN WHITE HOUSE) (OFF MAP)**  
5442 Germantown Avenue - (215) 965-2305  
Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- EDGAR ALLAN POE  
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** C4  
532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780  
Fri.-Sun. 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-5 p.m.

- ELFRETH'S ALLEY** F2  
124-126 Elfreth's Alley - (215) 574-0560  
Fri.-Sun. 12-5 p.m.
- FRANKLIN COURT** E4  
314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676  
Fragments of Franklin Court  
Closed  
U.S. Post Office: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Printing Office: Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Benjamin Franklin Museum:  
(fee); 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; last entrance is at 4:45 p.m.
- FRANKLIN SQUARE** C1  
6th & Race Streets  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily thru 7/13; 10 am - 9 pm  
daily; 10 am - 10 pm Fri. & Sat. from 7/14;  
Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival 6-11 p.m.  
daily thru 7/13
- FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE** C3  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-4026  
Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH**  
916 South Swanson Street (215) 389-1513  
Tues.-Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; FREE ♿
- GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT** C5  
West Wing of Independence Hall  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Entrance at 5th and  
Chestnut, through security FREE ♿
- INDEPENDENCE HALL** C5  
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 7/1, 7/2  
& 7/4; Tours offered every 20 minutes, **tickets  
are required**; pick up free tickets at the  
Independence Visitor Center. Please note:  
security screening closes 15 minutes before the  
building closes for the evening. **No tickets  
needed after 5 p.m.** FREE ♿
- MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY** A7  
823 Spruce Street - (215) 922-5446  
By appt. only
- MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH** C9  
419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616  
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open for services.  
Donation suggested. Tours by appt.
- OLD CITY HALL** D5  
5th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
FREE
- OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH** E1  
4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566  
Tours by appt. FREE ♿
- OLD PINE STREET CHURCH &  
HISTORIC GRAVEYARD** D8  
412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open for  
Services; Closed daily 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Tours by reservation; Open to walk through  
FREE ♿
- OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH** D1  
4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge  
(215) 627-1838  
Tours by appt. FREE ♿
- OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH &  
NATIONAL SHRINE** E6  
321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733  
Call for hours & tours. FREE
- OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH** D7  
252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open for Services or  
by appt. FREE

- PHYSICK HOUSE** E8  
321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866  
Thurs.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m.;  
Ad. \$8; Stud/Sr. \$6; Family \$20
- PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK** D5  
420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- POWEL HOUSE** E7  
244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364  
Thurs.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m.;  
Ad. \$8; Sr./Stud. \$6; Family \$20 ♿
- ST. GEORGE'S UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH** E1  
235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
Groups by appt. only FREE
- ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** E8  
3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925-5968  
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;  
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open until 3 p.m.  
after services FREE ♿
- THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE SITE** E8  
555 Market Street  
Daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m. FREE

## MUSEUMS

- AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL  
SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM** D6  
104 South 5th Street - (215)-440-3442  
Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (1-5 p.m. 7/6)
- AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM  
IN PHILADELPHIA** B3  
7th & Arch Streets - (215) 574-0380  
Thur.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.;  
Ad. \$14; Ch. 4-12 \$10; Stud. (w/I.D.) \$10;  
Sr. \$10; Members FREE ♿
- FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF PHILADELPHIA** C2  
6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727  
Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿
- FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM** F2  
147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438  
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿
- INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM** H6  
211 Columbus Blvd. - (215) 413-8655  
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; National Landmark  
Historic ships cruiser *Olympia* and submarine  
*Becuna*: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (last boarding at  
6:15 p.m.) Ad. \$16; Ch./Sr./Stud. \$12;  
Child. 2 and under & members FREE ♿
- LIBERTY BELL CENTER** C4  
526 Market Street - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; **Please note**: security  
screening closes 5 minutes before the building  
closes for the evening. FREE ♿
- MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** E5  
101 S. 3rd Street - (215) 253-6731  
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. 6/29-7/7; Ad. \$21; Youth  
(6-17) \$13; Sr./Stud./Act. Mil/Teach. \$18;  
Ch. 6-18 \$12; under 5 free; Members free ♿
- NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER** D3  
525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700  
Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.;  
9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. 7/2-7/3; Ad. \$14.50; Sr.  
(65+)/Col. Stud. (w/ID) \$13;  
Youth (6-18) \$11; Child. (under 6) FREE ♿ ☒
- NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM** E5  
321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 12-6 p.m. Sun.  
Ad. \$14.50; Sr. (65+) & Coll. Stud. (w/I.D.)  
\$13; Youth (6-18) \$11; Ch. (under 6)  
FREE ♿ ☒

- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF  
AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY** D4  
101 South Independence Mall East  
(215) 923-3811  
Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Ad. \$12; Sr./Stud. \$11;  
Active Mil. with ID/Ch. under 12 FREE
- NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM** E5  
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 965-2305  
Closed
- POLISH AMERICAN  
CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM** E6  
308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE
- SCIENCE HISTORY INSTITUTE** E5  
315 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2222  
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO  
NATIONAL MEMORIAL** E8  
305 Pine St, Philadelphia - (800) 537-7676  
Sat. & Sun. 12-4 p.m.

## OTHER SITES

- INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER** C4  
Corner of 6th and Market Streets across  
from the Liberty Bell - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.;  
8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. 7/1-7/3 FREE ♿ ☒
- SQUAREBURGER** C1  
6th & Race Streets  
Opens daily at 11:30 a.m.
- U.S. MINT** D2  
151 N. Independence Mall East  
(215) 408-0114,  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



## SERVICES

Language Services Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. The Visitor Center concierge staff is fluent in nine languages including Spanish, French, German and Italian. Information about the Liberty Bell and other park sites is available in multiple languages. See a NPS Ranger or the Visitor Center staff if you have a specific request.

Accessibility for the hearing impaired, a portable loop system is available inside the Visitor Center, compatible with all telecoil equipped hearing aids, cochlear implants, and induction loop receivers.

A receiver with headphones is also available if a hearing aid is not compatible. Curb cuts are at corners on perimeter sidewalks. All major sites have ramps. Photo albums with pictures of 2nd floor exhibits are available. Audio description of exhibits & AV are at Poe and Kosciuszko Houses, NPS Rangers describe exhibits elsewhere. All films are open captioned, with audio description and assisted listening. To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-654-5984-TTY) to call (215-597-7130).



**KEY**

- Independence National Historical Park (INHP)
- Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Bench
- Places to visit
- Franklin Square Parking
- Walkways
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Currency exchange
- ATM
- PHLASH Stop