

# Independence

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National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Independence NHP  
143 S. Third Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106



## Building Hours and Programs

Independence Hall.....tour tickets required.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Free Tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center

Access to the building is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before Independence Hall closes for the evening

Liberty Bell Center.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Program:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00

America’s National Park Museum Shop.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30 a.m.  
Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Declaration House.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m. - noon  
Deshler Morris House.....CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS  
Edgar Allan Poe NHS.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Franklin Court  
B. Free Franklin Post Office.....open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Fragments of Franklin Court.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Printing Office.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Underground Museum.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Programs:

“Franklin Film Festival” Wednesday-Sunday 11:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

“Franklin’s Glass Music” armonica demonstrations; weekends at 12:00, 2:30 (15 min)

Free Quaker Meeting House.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Independence Living History Museum.....open Monday-Friday.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 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.  
New Hall Military Museum.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Program:

“Barnacles and Bullets” children’s program; weekends at 1:30

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....2:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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“Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles Demonstration” Wed-Sun at 2:15 (20 min)

“Slavery and the Underground Railroad” illustrated program; Saturdays at 3:30 (30 min)

“Untold Stories of Independence Hall” illustrated program; Sundays at 3:30 (30 min)

Old City Hall.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

## Special Events

### April 3

Edgar Allan Poe NHS 2:00 PM: **Karen Halttunen**, author of *Confidence Men and Painted Women*, and a professor at UCLA, will discuss her book *Murder Most Foul*, a fascinating investigation into how Poe’s Gothic horror was shaped by shifts in philosophy and reading tastes. Free, call 215-597-8780 for reservations.

### April 11&12

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank- 2:30-3:15 pm **Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday**- celebrate by joining a park ranger for a special program about Jefferson, his friends and fellow revolutionaries.

### April 17-19

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank- - 2:30-3:15 PM - The **Legacy of Benjamin Franklin**- on the 219<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, join a park ranger on a tour to consider the contributions of Franklin to his city, his country and the world. Many of his friends and some foes have their portraits here too.

### April 18 to April 26

Independence Visitor Center **National Park Week Celebration** Stop at the NPS information desk to pick up a special NPS week Junior Ranger activity sheet to earn the special NPS week badge.