

History

Stretching from City Hall to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia's grand, tree-lined Benjamin Franklin Parkway is flanked by some of the city's most acclaimed institutions. Visitors to the Parkway Museums District™ will discover a cultural mecca with world-class museums and educational institutions, the magnificent Swann Memorial Fountain, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul on Logan Square and the world famous "Rocky" steps. The Parkway also gives off an international flavor by being lined with flags of countries from around the world.

The Benjamin Franklin Parkway represents one of the earliest examples of urban renewal in the United States. The grand boulevard was constructed to ease heavy industrial congestion, connect Center City to Fairmount Park and restore Philadelphia's natural and artistic beauty.

Beginning in 1892, City Council received the first proposal and petition to develop the Fairmount Parkway, passed a bill to begin plans for building it, adopted a plan developed by Horace Trumbauer, Clarence Zantinger and Paul P. Cret and finally in 1917, ten years after groundbreaking, adopted French urban planner Jacques Gréber's design to emulate the Champs-Élysées in Paris. In 1937, the name of the Fairmount Parkway was officially changed to honor the city's most celebrated citizen, Benjamin Franklin.

Public Art

The Parkway Museums District™ is home to over 30 works of public art, featuring masterpieces by three generations of Calder's, including the Swann Memorial Fountain, William Penn on top of City Hall and the Shakespeare Memorial, as well as Auguste Rodin's Thinker, Robert Indiana's iconic LOVE, Emmanuel Frémiet's Joan of Arc, and Mark di Suvero's Iroquois. Discover Philadelphia's public art on an interactive map at the Fairmount Park Art Association's website, www.fpa.org.

Dining Options

Academy Café

Academy of Natural Sciences

Café Cret

16th & Ben Franklin Parkway

Lloyd Hall

Boathouse Row, Fairmount Park

Swann Lounge, Swann Café and Fountain Restaurant

Four Seasons

Ben's Bistro and Atrium Café

The Franklin Institute

H.O.M.E Page Café

Parkway Central Library

Diamond Café (Open Mid April – Mid October)

Moore College of Art & Design

Academy Café

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

Museum Restaurant, Museum Café, Balcony Café and Gallery Café (Perelman Building)

Philadelphia Museum of Art

PARKWAY MUSEUMS DISTRICT™



Map Locations

1. The Academy of Natural Sciences
2. The Barnes Foundation (future site)
3. Café Cret
4. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
5. Eastern State Penitentiary
6. Fairmount Park
7. Four Seasons Philadelphia
8. The Franklin Institute
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Directions

From 95 North take Exit 22 for 676 West / Vine Street Expressway, Exit at Ben Franklin Parkway

From 95 South take Exit 22 for 676 West / Vine Street Expressway, Exit at Ben Franklin Parkway

From 76 West take Exit 344 for 676 East, Exit at Ben Franklin Parkway / 23rd Street.

From 76 East take Exit 344 for 676 East Central Philadelphia, Exit at Ben Franklin Parkway / 23rd Street.

Also accessible by public transportation via **SEPTA** bus routes 2, 7, 32, 33, 48, regional rail at Suburban Station, City Hall stop on **Market-Frankford** and **Broad Street** subway lines and **PHLASH** (May – October).



Academy of Natural Sciences

www.ansp.org

215-299-1000

The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research museum in the Americas. See live tropical butterflies (\$2 fee), a towering T-rex in Dinosaur Hall, wildlife dioramas from around the world, a naturalist show and live animals you can touch.

Open Monday – Friday 10am-4:30pm, Weekends & Holidays 10am-5pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

Admission:	Adult (13+)	Senior (65+)	Child (3-13)	Military/Student (w/ID)
	\$10	\$8	\$8	\$8

Barnes on the Parkway

www.barnesfoundation.org

610-667-0290

The Parkway will soon be home to a new Barnes Foundation art and education campus that will house its world-renowned art collection featuring Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and early Modern paintings with extensive holdings by Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse, Picasso Rosseau and more.

The galleries will replicate the scale, configuration and presentation of the original Merion galleries. The state-of-the-art facility will also include a substantial increase in dedicated space for art education programs, a special exhibitions gallery, art conservation, classrooms, an auditorium, as well as a retail gift shop and café. In the meantime, you can visit the art collection in Merion, Pennsylvania.

Café Cret

www.capricciocafe.com

215-735-9797

Capriccio at Café Cret offers an ample menu of breakfast and lunch items including local Philadelphia products, like La Colombe coffee, LeBus breads, Gilda’s Biscotti, Lore’s Chocolates and Bassetts Ice Cream.

Open Monday – Friday 6:30am-7pm, Weekends 8am-8pm.

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

www.sspeterpaulcathedral.catholicweb.com

215-561-1313

With its majestic façade, vaulted dome, ornate main altar and impressive side chapels, the Cathedral is one of the most architecturally-eminant structures in Philadelphia and the principal church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Open everyday for visits, times may vary.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:15pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm and 5pm. (No 12:30pm Mass Memorial Day – Labor Day).

The 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month October – June ordinarily feature a sung Latin Mass at 11am.

Hours and admission prices correct at printing, are subject to change.

Eastern State Penitentiary

www.easternstate.org

215-236-3300

With grand architecture and strict discipline, Eastern State was the world’s first true “penitentiary,” designed to inspire penitence, or true regret. Its vaulted, sky-lit cells once held many notorious criminals. Tours include the cellblocks, solitary punishment cells, Al Capone’s Cell and Death Row. Eastern State is home to AOL City Guide’s #1 ranked haunted Halloween attraction—*Terror Behind the Walls*.

Open everyday 10am-5pm – last entry 4pm.

Summer Twilight Hours June – August

Winter Adventure Tours December – March

Closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

Admission:	Adult	Senior	Student (w/ID)	Child (7-12)
	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$8

Children under the age of 7 cannot be admitted to the site.

Fairmount Park

www.fairmountpark.org

215-683-0200

With over 9,200 acres, Fairmount Park is one of the largest urban parks in the country with over 215 miles of recreational trails, 139 picnic sites, 34 miles of waterways, six golf courses, 368 athletic fields and outdoor courts and one disc golf course.

The mile-long Benjamin Franklin Parkway, part of Fairmount Park, connects Philadelphia to the greenery of Fairmount Park, stretching from JFK Plaza (LOVE Park) to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Visit Boathouse Row’s Lloyd Hall, Fairmount Park’s recreation center featuring a café and restrooms.

Four Seasons

www.fourseasons.com/philadelphia

215-963-1500

With 364 rooms, including 96 suites, Four Seasons is the city’s first choice for business or pleasure - close to the financial and commercial districts yet surrounded by museums, shopping and history. Four Seasons offers dining options including the award-winning Fountain Restaurant, Swann Lounge and Swann Café all with views of Logan Square and the fantastic Swann Fountain. The Spa provides everything from invigoration to pampering in its array of body treatments and European skin therapies, all by appointment.

Friends Select School

www.friends-select.org

215-561-5900

Friends Select School, a college preparatory Quaker school which traces its roots back to 1689, has been producing thoughtful young people – eager to engage with the world around them – for more than 300 years. Flanked by City Hall and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Friends Select is situated squarely at the center of Philadelphia’s cultural, business and government districts. Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students learn to regard Parkway Museums and other city resources as extensions of the classroom.

The Franklin Institute

www.fi.edu

215-448-1200

Founded in honor of America’s first scientist, Benjamin Franklin, The Franklin Institute is a renowned and innovative leader in the field of science and technology learning, as well as a dynamic center of activity. Continuing Exhibits include the Giant Heart, Space Command, Sports Challenge and The Franklin Airshow, an IMAX® theater, Planetarium and the 3D Franklin Theater.

Open everyday 9:30am-5pm.

Closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Admission:	Adult	Senior	Child (4-11)	Military/Student (w/ID)	Member
Sci-Pass	\$14.25	\$13.25	\$11.50	\$13.25	FREE
Sci Pass plus IMAX®	\$19.75	\$18.75	\$17	\$18.75	\$5
IMAX® Only	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$5
Franklin Theater	\$4	\$4	\$3.50	\$4	\$3.50

Parkway Central Library – Free Library of Philadelphia

www.freelibrary.org

215-686-5322

The Parkway Central Library is the cornerstone of the Free Library system, containing more than 7 million items and many special collections. Parkway Central features an extensive schedule of free and ticketed Author Events throughout the year, as well as the Free Library Festival every April and events including the system-wide *One Book, One Philadelphia* and Summer Reading programs.

Open

Monday – Wednesday 9 am-9 pm, Thursday and Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 1pm-5pm.

Closed national holidays and Summer Sundays.

Moore College of Art & Design

www.moore.edu

215-965-4000

Founded by Sarah Peter in 1848, Moore College of Art & Design is the first and only women’s visual arts college in the nation. Coeducational graduate programs and continuing education classes and certificate programs, as well as the Young Artists Workshop provide additional artistic opportunities for people of all ages.

In addition, Moore is an exciting cultural destination with free public exhibitions, films and lectures. The Galleries at Moore showcase the work of regional, national and international contemporary artists and designers. The Art Shop is a unique venue that sells original work of Moore alumnae and students. It’s a great place for visitors to find one-of-a-kind gifts and collectors to purchase the work of emerging artists.

Galleries & Art Shop

Open Monday – Friday 11am-7pm, Saturday 11am-5pm.

Closed Sundays and all academic and legal holidays.

Free Admission.

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

www.pafa.org

215-972-7600

The Museum’s collection housed in the Historic Landmark Building and Samuel M. V. Hamilton Building is internationally known for 19th and 20th-century American paintings, sculptures and works on paper. Founded in 1805, PAFA is committed to fostering and collecting American art. The School continues to bring gifted students from across the nation and around the globe to study painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture with a distinguished faculty of working artists.

Open

Tuesday – Saturday 10am-5 pm and Sunday 11am-5 pm.

Closed Mondays and legal holidays.

Admission:	Adult	Senior/Student (w/ID)	Child (5-18)
Permanent Collection	\$10	\$8	\$6
Special Exhibitions <i>Includes Permanent Collection</i>	\$15	\$12	\$10

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org

215-988-8800

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society provides and produces great events and programs including the annual Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia Green, Kids Grow Expo and City Gardens Contest as well as activities and publications for novice gardeners, experienced horticulturists, and flower lovers of all ages. For Flower Show ticket prices and PHS Memberships please visit the website or call.

The McLean Library houses the most extensive collection of horticultural books in the Greater Philadelphia Region with 15,000 books on gardening and plant care, botany, urban greening and more.

Open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm.

Philadelphia Museum of Art

www.philamuseum.org

215-763-8100

The Philadelphia Museum of Art welcomes nearly a million visitors each year, encouraging them to embark upon a walk through time that extends across two millennia and six continents. Whether it’s the first visit to the new Perelman Building or the hundredth to the main building, there is always something new to delight, surprise, enlighten, excite and inspire.

Open

Main Building – Tuesday – Sunday 10am-5pm, Friday until 8:45pm.

Perelman Building – Tuesday – Sunday 10am-5pm.

Closed Mondays (except holiday Mondays Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day)

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and July 4th.

Admission:	Adult	Senior	Child (13-18)	Student (w/ID)	Member
	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$10	FREE

Sundays: Pay what you wish all day. Children 12 and under admitted Free. Admission includes Perelman Building but not Special Exhibitions.