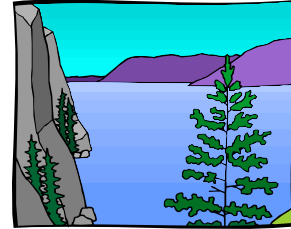




Entertainment in Pennsylvania

Delaware Water Gap

The Delaware Water Gap is just that - a gaping hole in the Appalachian Mountains through which the Delaware River flows. This spectacular gap, on the border of northwestern New Jersey and northeastern Pennsylvania, is more than a mile wide. Yet the National Recreation Area that surrounds the gap offers much more than a break in the rock; it's 40 miles of the middle Delaware River and almost 70,000 acres of land along its shores. You can do almost anything there from fishing to biking.



<http://delawarewatergap.net/>

Liberty Bell

A chime that changed the world occurred on July 8, 1776, when the Liberty Bell rang out from the tower of Independence Hall summoning citizens to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon.



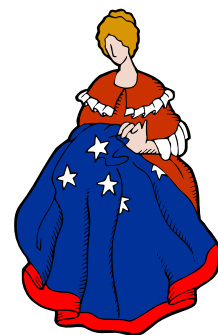
The bell is visible 24 hours a day, located on Market Street between 5th and 6th avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Phone (215) 597-8974

<http://www.libertybellmuseum.com/>

Betsy Ross

Betsy Ross sewed the first American Flag in 1776 out of her home. Ross never owned this house, but rented here between the years of 1773 and 1786. The house was built about 1740 and consists of 2-1/2 floors and nine rooms. Betsy and her husband, John Ross, lived here and ran their upholstery business out of the house as well. You can visit it any time during the year. It is located on 239 Arch Street.



Phone (215) 627-5343.

<http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/index.html>

Hershey Park

When Milton S. Hershey founded his model town, Hershey, Pennsylvania, for workers in his chocolate factory, he included a park, which opened in 1907. Back then it was primarily for picnicking and athletics, but a pavilion and bandstand followed, as did a carousel and train. It wasn't until the 1920's that it began to take off as an amusement park with the addition of a roller coaster and several other rides. The park continued to grow through the years, with a redevelopment plan in the 1970's turning it into a full-fledged theme park. Today, the park continues to keep up with the state-of-the-art, while keeping reminders of its long history alive in sections like the Midway America.



Phone (800) HER-SHEY

<http://www.800hershey.com/>

The Franklin Mint Museum

The Franklin Mint Museum is located on Route 1 in historic Brandywine River Valley in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The Museum houses a spectacular permanent exhibition of 20th Century cultural icons, including the white sequin Princess Diana gown and Jackie Kennedy's original triple strand faux pearl necklace. The Museum also has exciting, changing exhibitions of famous artists and objects, as well as acclaimed works by artists affiliated with The Franklin Mint.



The Franklin Mint Museum
US Route 1
Franklin Center, PA 19091

For Group Reservations call (610) 459-6881
For General Information call (610) 459-6168

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Rising majestically at the end of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the Philadelphia Museum of Art stands among the great art institutions of the world. In the over 115 years since its founding, it has grown far beyond the limits originally set for it. Today the Museum houses over 300,000 works of art encompassing some of the greatest achievements of human creativity, and offers a wealth of exhibitions and education programs for a public of all ages.

For information call (215) 763-8100 or check out their website <http://www.philamuseum.org/>

Museum Hours:

Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday evenings until 8:45 p.m.

Closed Mondays and legal holidays.

South Street

In Philadelphia, there is no doubt about the "hippest" street in town. It is, of course, South Street. And on South Street most of the action takes place within the first 10 blocks.

In those 10 blocks, there is something for everyone. Here, you will find teenagers with piercing just about everywhere, and the shops that create these masterpieces of piercing. You will find loud bars and quiet stores promoting inner peace. This is Philadelphia's melting pot. It's impossible to feel self-conscious on a street crowded with kids who still spike their hair, families out for a day in the city, racing roller bladers and older couples happily perusing through classical CDs and rare books.



The Gap boasts several floors of trendy clothing. Tower Books and Tower Records offer literature and music. Tower Records also offers an entire store of classical music across the street from its main store.

But between these two extremes are the treasures of South Street. Tiny stores offering incense and crystals; T-shirt shops offering environmentally correct clothing; florists and rare books; a thrift shop for AIDS - where your purchase of inexpensive thrift store clothing goes to help a good cause; a store of hats - lots of hats; a corner store selling lamps. The crowds weave in and out, targeting the shops that target them.

All among these stores are places to eat. Visit Jim's Steaks for their famous Philly cheese steak sandwich. A new diner adds to liveliness of the street with singing waiters and waitress. Ice cream stores are too numerous to count and provide a perfect way to cool off on hot summer nights. [Bridget Foy's](#) darkened rooms provide the perfect atmosphere for dinner dates.

At all times, and especially on the weekends, a warm, party feel surrounds South Street. Entertainment, whether it's just people watching or a comedy club or the [TLA \(Theater of the Living Arts\)](#) with their visiting bands, is just around every corner.

And be sure to turn those corners as little shops along the numbered streets just off of South Street have their own style that is often overlooked by uninformed visitors.

Geno's Steaks

Geno's steaks are one of the most popular cheese steak spots in the United States. Geno's was voted the best Cheese Steak place on the east coast! Famous people from all over the US stop by the famous steak shop.

Phone (215) 389-0659

<http://www.genosteaks.com/history/>



Dorney Park & Wild Water Kingdom



This theme park incorporates thrill rides, kids rides, great water rides, performance/stunt shows and seasonal concerts all into one area. If you are in the area, you don't want to miss it.

Phone (610) 395-3724

<http://www.dorneypark.com/>

The Barnes Foundation

Albert Barnes was born in Kensington in 1872, a working-class Philadelphia neighborhood. As a boy, he attended camp revival meetings with his mother who was a devout Methodist. It was at those religious retreats that Barnes developed an appreciation for African American culture, spiritual revivals and creative expression. In 1892, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He pursued a career in clinical medicine and physiology. He attended the University of Berlin and, in the late 1890's, was employed as an advertising and marketing representative for a pharmaceutical company. There he befriended a German scientist named Herman Hille. The two developed Argyrol, a new silver-based compound used to fight infections and established Barnes and Hille, a pharmaceutical company, in 1902. Their antiseptic product, Argyrol, formed the basis of Barnes' fortune, who, in 1907, bought out his partner and by 1908 had established manufacturing and marketing facilities in Philadelphia, London and Sydney. Barnes mounted the first successful marketing effort to sell medical supplies directly to physicians and hospitals.

<http://www.barnesfoundation.org/>

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