

GAYBORHOOD

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OVERVIEW:

This tour encompasses the Washington West “Gayborhood,” the heart of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) community. It features nightclubs, sidewalk cafes, theaters and community centers. Some say the LGBTQ rights movement began in Philadelphia on July 4th, 1964, when outside of Independence Hall, the first “Annual Reminder” was held protesting America’s treatment of gays and lesbians. Since then, the LGBTQ community has become integrated with the entire city, but this neighborhood remains its most vital scene.

WHY YOU SHOULD RETURN:

This lively street scene is active year-round, so you should visit often and support the many LGBTQ-run businesses. The Gayborhood is usually identified as being located between Chestnut and Pine streets (north and south) and between 9th and Broad streets (east and west). Just look for the rainbow stripe on the bottom of the street signs.

Take the Green Line or Blue Line to 13th Street to start your tour.

1.) The Mazzoni Center, The GALAEI Project, and Equality Advocates

1201, 1207, and 1211 Chestnut Street

The Mazzoni Center on the 2nd floor of 1201 Chestnut offers social services to sexual minorities and other high-risk groups. 1211 Chestnut Street is home to Equality Advocates (suite 605), which advocates for equality through legal services, education, and policy reform. The GALAEI Project (Gay and Lesbian Latino AIDS Education Initiative) is an education program serving the needs of Latinos.

2.) Cosi

12th and Walnut streets

Though a regular branch of the coffee shop chain, Cosi, this location is often nicknamed “Gay Cosi” due to its particular location and clientele.

3.) 12th Street Gym

204 S. 12th Street

Serving the Philadelphia community for 17 years, 12th Street Gym boasts a primarily LGBTQ clientele, and has a 22-station circuit and over 60 quality group fitness classes a week.

4.) Brew HaHa!

212 S. 12th Street

Brew Ha Ha! combines the quality and style of a premier Italian coffee bar with the intangible things that make customers happy — a warm and relaxed atmosphere, friendly staff, and great food.

5.) Washington West Project and Philadelphia Fight

1201 and 1233 Locust Street

The Washington West Project, located at 1201 Locust, is a collaborative effort among ActionAIDS, the Mazzoni Center, SafeGuards, BEBASHI, and the GALAEI Project. Philadelphia Fight on the 5th floor of 1233 Locust is a consortium of physicians and people living with HIV who test potential treatments for HIV/AIDS and provide services to HIV-affected individuals.

6.) AIDS Fund

1227 Locust Street, 1st Floor

The AIDS Fund raises money for AIDS care and educational programming for Greater Philadelphia through programs such as Gay Bingo. It also promotes public awareness of AIDS through an annual walk in October.

7.) William Way Community Center

1315 Spruce Street

The William Way Community Center is the home to various social, political, and support groups for the LGBTQ community. Opened in 1997, William Way is the location of such groups as PhilaVentures, Team Philadelphia, and BiUnity. The center also offers a gallery space for artists and a 10,000-plus volume library and archive. There are also many Center-sponsored activities, such as Buddhist meditation, intergenerational activities, and discussion groups. Notice the Pride and Progress mural located on the west wall.

8.) The Church of St. Luke & the Epiphany

330 S. 13th Street

This Episcopal Church is home to various LGBTQ-oriented groups, including Dignity Philadelphia (for Catholics), ACTUP, and the Pinks and Blues (a peer-run support group for sexual and gender minorities living with mental illness).

9.) Giovanni’s Room

345 S. 12th Street

Since 1973, Giovanni’s Room has been the biggest and best source for books, periodicals, and information by, for, and about the LGBT and women’s communities.

10.) Planned Parenthood

1144 Locust Street

A full range of sexual health services, including HIV testing, counseling, and OB-GYN services is offered.

11.) More than Just Ice Cream

1119 Locust Street

A delightful, gay-friendly restaurant and ice cream parlor. Good for a date or just hanging out with friends.

12.) The Mazzoni Center

809 Locust Street

This branch of the Mazzoni Center serves the primary health care needs of sexual minorities and other high-risk groups.

Of additional interest:

From <http://philadelphia.about.com/od/gayandlesbian>

Gay Bingo: The wildly popular bingo fundraiser takes place almost every month and benefits the AIDS Fund Philadelphia.

Equality Forum: This event is one of the nation’s largest gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender symposia and festivals held every spring.

LGBT Pride Parade & Festival: Each June, Philadelphians show their pride with a parade through Center City.

Philadelphia Gay & Lesbian Theatre Festival: This annual event provides a showcase for new plays, musicals, cabaret, and other performances.

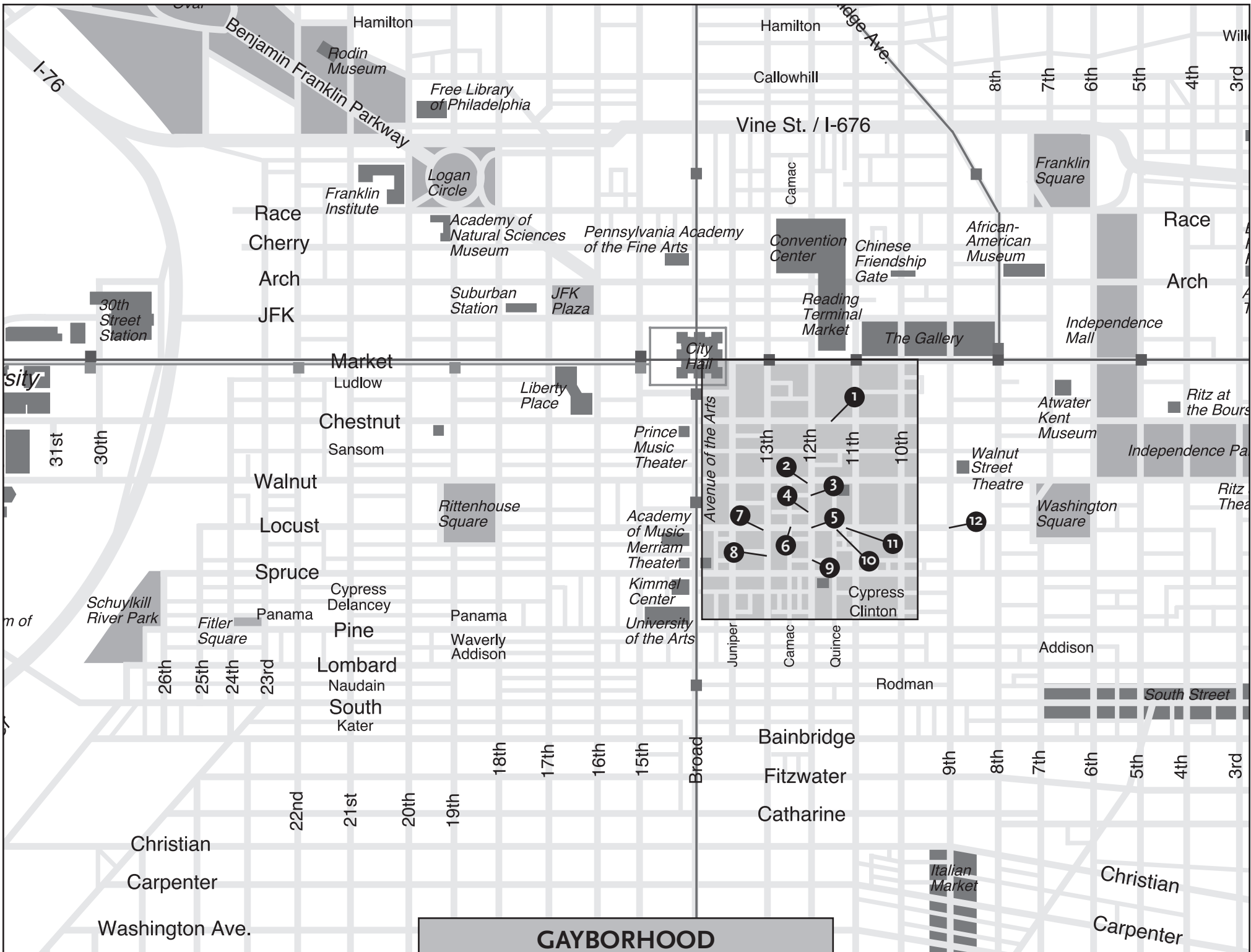
Philadelphia International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival: Held each July, it is the largest gay film festival on the East Coast.

OutFest Weekend: OutFest, the National Coming Out Day Festival, has grown over the past 13 years into the largest such celebration in the world.

See www.mygayworld.com, www.phillygaycalendar.com, and www.aroundphilly.com

To get back to Penn, take the Blue Line from 8th and Market streets to 34th and Market streets.

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Hamilton
Callowhill
Vine St. / I-676
Camac
Franklin Square
Race Arch
African-American Museum
Convention Center
Chinese Friendship Gate
Reading Terminal Market
The Gallery
Independence Mall
City Hall
Market
Ludlow
Chestnut
Sansom
Walnut
Locust
Spruce
Panama
Cypress Delancey
Pine
Lombard
Naudain
South
Kater
Liberty Place
Prince Music Theater
Academy of Music Merriam Theater
Kimmel Center
University of the Arts
Juniper
Camac
Quince
Cypress Clinton
Atwater Kent Museum
Ritz at the Bourse
Independence Park
Ritz Theater
Washington Square
Walnut Street Theatre
Addison
Rodman
Bainbridge
Fitzwater
Catharine
Italian Market
Christian Carpenter
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Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Rodin Museum
Free Library of Philadelphia
Logan Circle
Franklin Institute
Academy of Natural Sciences Museum
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Suburban Station
JFK Plaza
Schuylkill River Park
Fitter Square
Washingt. Ave.