



THE EXPLORER

Tourism and Recreational Development Committee, Democratic Caucus

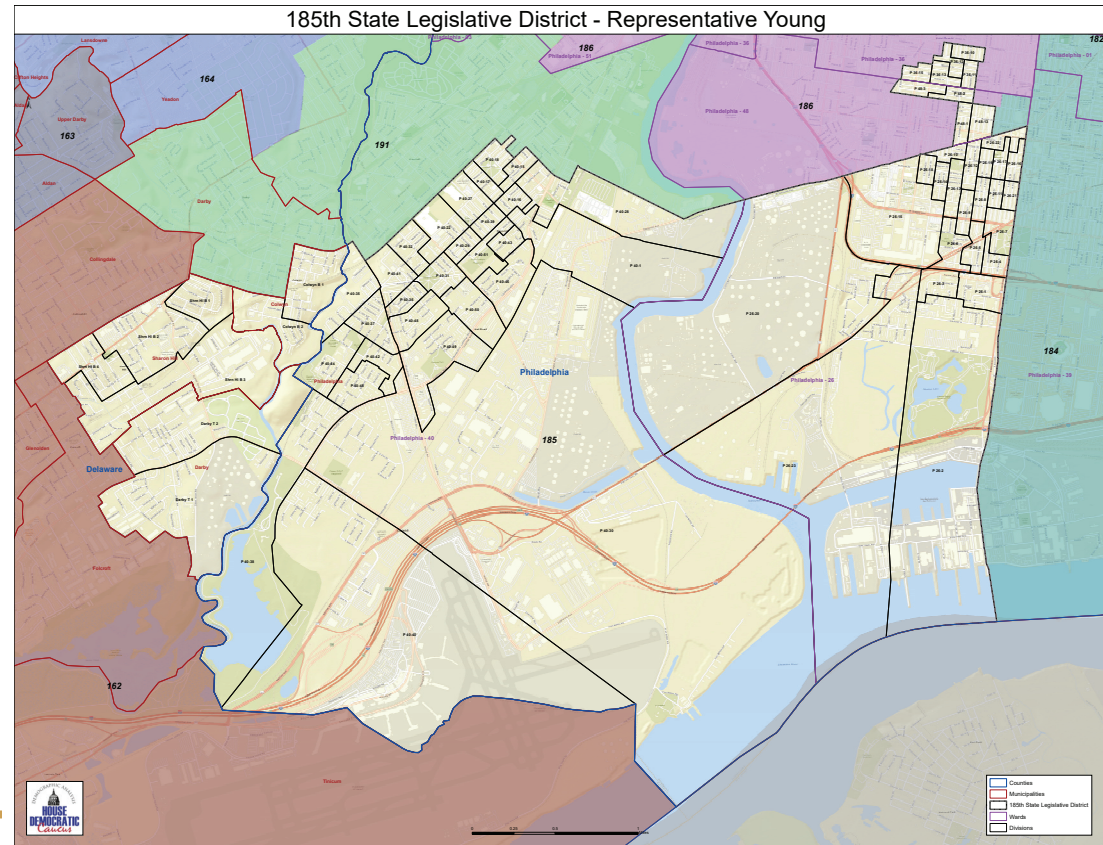
State Representative Regina Young, Member, Subcommittee on Travel Promotion, History and Heritage



Welcome Message from Rep. Young

Welcome to the 185th Legislative District! As you may know, I am a member of the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee. Within the committee, I serve as a member of the Subcommittee on Travel Promotion, History and Heritage. Tourism is the second largest industry in the commonwealth. As I continue to work and learn about the economic and cultural value of the tourism industry across the state, I wanted to take an opportunity to highlight some of our neighborhood gems within the 185th Legislative District. The 185th Legislative District is a hospitality hub with a wide range of activities for the entire family to enjoy! I hope this publication is helpful as you begin planning your next staycation, vacation or weekend adventure, and consider visiting the locations shared.

Regina Young



Tourism Facts:

Tourism is an economic driver. Philadelphia and its countryside are comprised of five counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia. Travelers spent an estimated \$10.9 billion within the region in 2019. In Bucks County, travelers spent \$913.8 million. In Chester County, travelers spent \$865.2 million. In Delaware County, travelers spent

\$770.0 million. In Montgomery County, travelers spent \$1,447.50 million. In Philadelphia County, travelers spent \$6.9 million. Employment within the region resulted in a total of 79,162 jobs in 2019: 9,614 in Bucks County, 8,015 in Chester County, 8,149 in Delaware County, 14,636 in Montgomery County and 38,748 in Philadelphia County. Tax revenue for state and

local governments generated \$1.5 million in 2019. Specifically, in Bucks County \$109.6 million, \$102.5 in Chester County, \$102.1 in Delaware County, \$185 million in Montgomery County, and \$834.4 million in Philadelphia.

Source: Economic Impact of Travel & Tourism in Pennsylvania (Tourism Economics, 2019).

Destination Inspiration

The 185th Legislative District offers a variety of historical, cultural and recreational activities. The history buff will appreciate visiting Fort Mifflin, the oldest established fort in the nation, or the American-Swedish Historical Museum, a museum commemorating contributions of Swedish people within the United States. The car enthusiast will find their dream car in the collection curated at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum. The outdoor enthusiast will enjoy exploring the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge by kayaking or canoeing. The Navy Yard and the Ship Yard provide jobs within the district. Finally, the Philadelphia International Airport is one of the largest economic drivers within the Greater Philadelphia region. Make some time to take a tour of the 185th Legislative District.

Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum

6825 Norwitch Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19153
(215) 365-7233

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and Major Holidays

- One of the world's greatest collections of racing sports cars. The theme of the collection is "The Spirit of Competition," where the history and evolution of sports cars is celebrated.

- Contains over 75 historically significant cars including Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Bugatti, Mercedes, Jaguar, Bentley, Porsche, Aston Martin, Corvette, Ford and more.

- Home to the Simeone Foundation Research Library; one of the world's largest automotive specialized libraries in the world. The library collection includes sales literature, factory produced material, photographs, portrait photographs of racing drivers and automotive personnel and periodicals.



- The purpose of the Education Department within the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum is to educate the public about the evolution of the automobile. Educational programming includes creative programming events, demonstration days, classroom lesson plans, classroom activities, classroom outreach, summer camps, field trips and tours.



John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum

8601 Lindbergh Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19153
(215) 365-3118

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Sunday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Known as America's First Urban Refuge established in 1972 for the purposes of preserving, restoring and developing the Tinicum Marsh. Darby Creek flows through the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum; the largest freshwater marsh in Pennsylvania! Canoeists and kayakers can see a variety of plants and animals.

- Provides environmental education in Philadelphia and Delaware counties. Provides a range of accessible recreation programming and educational activities tailored to residents and encourages stewardship of natural spaces.

- Activities available: fishing, kayaking, canoeing and hunting. Events: free family fishing events are held annually; participants do not need a fishing license to attend.

- Mentored archery deer hunting for youth ages 12 and older with little to no hunting experience with the ability to participate in a managed deer hunt under the guidance of trained mentors on the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. Program participants learn about the conservation history of hunting, deer biology, habitat, crossbow instruction, hunting safety and ethics, field game care and meat processing.

For more information, be sure to check out the Visit Philadelphia website at www.visitphilly.com or the Visit Philadelphia blog, uwishunu.com for Visit Philadelphia's recommended events and activities during your stay!

Fort Mifflin

6400 Hog Island Rd.
Philadelphia, PA 19153
(215) 685-4167

Hours of Operation:
Open to the Public
March 1st through December 15th
Wednesday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Holds the distinction of being one of the only intact Revolutionary War battlefields and is the only fort in Philadelphia!
- Named a National Historic Landmark and America's oldest established fort. A Civil War prison is present on the grounds and houses a magazine storing gunpowder during World War II.
- Offers educational programs for elementary, homeschool, high school, college, and adult groups.



- Named one of the most haunted sites in the country. Offers paranormal programs including private investigations, open investigation evenings, candlelight ghost tours and sleep with ghosts' events.

Philadelphia Navy Yard

4701 Inrepid Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19112
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Sunday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Described as the most successful redevelopment of a former military facility in the country.
- Named, "The Coolest Shipyard in America" and recognized as a leading model for repurposing military and industrial assets for a diversified modern economy. 15,000 employees and 170 employers who occupy mix-use properties including office, retail, industrial, R&D and institutional spaces.
- Offers employees and visitors a wide variety of food options. Hosts a seasonal lunch truck lineup program featuring the city's best food trucks. Over 20 acres of



parks and a mile of waterfront trail. A collection of public art installations by local and international artists.

- Hosts a Navy Yard Running Club weekly on Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. Healthy Kids Running Series South Philly is a five-week running program held in the Spring and Fall for kids. The final three weeks of the program is hosted at the Navy Yard.



Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)

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8000 Essington Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19153
(215) 937-6937

- Only major airport serving the nation's 6th largest metropolitan area; serves 32.34 million passengers annually.
- 25 airlines, all major domestic carriers are included: approximately 500 daily departures to over 140 destinations throughout the world. The mission of PHL is proudly connecting Philadelphia with the world. The vision of PHL is world-class global gateway of choice.
- Amenities include ATMs, charging stations, free Wireless internet (Wifi), 7 service animal relief areas ("pet ports"), Liberty USO for military personnel and their families, and Mother's nursing stations. Offers over 170 food and shops; an airport exhibition program featuring visual arts to humanize the airport environment and shares Philadelphia's cultural life.
- EnjoyPHL is a showcase for Philly entertainers sharing daily performances featuring various musicians, dance troupes, high school choirs and magicians. Just Plane Fun is a summer long entertainment program. A Kid's Corner is a designated section on the PHL website which provides junior PHLers with fun educational tools, printable games, and other activities. There is also a list of books available to learn more about aviation.



Philly Shipyard

2100 Kitty Hawk Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19112

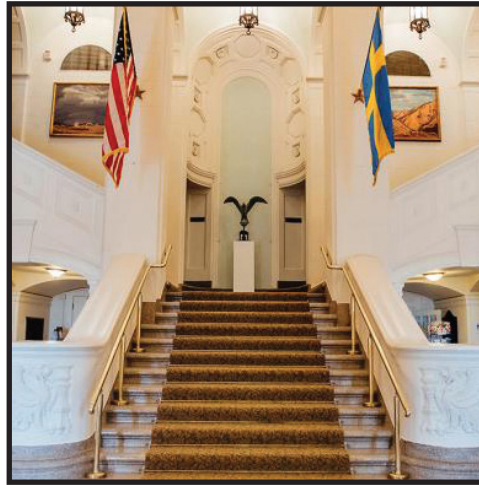
- Serves as the leading U.S. commercial shipyard constructing vessels for operation in the U.S. Jones Act market, and requires all commercial vessels transporting merchandise between ports in the U.S. to be built, owned, operated, and manned by U.S. citizens and to be registered under the U.S. flag.
- State-of-the-art shipbuilding facility with a reputation as the preferred provider of oceangoing merchant vessels.



American-Swedish Historical Museum

1500 Pattison Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19145
Hours of Operation:
Tuesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- The oldest Swedish museum in the United States; founded in 1926.
- Includes: 12 exhibiting galleries, a reference library, curatorial storage and archives, offices, a museum store, large dining room/conference area and a kitchen.
- The museum is available for rent for wedding receptions, corporate meetings and parties.



Conway Park Playground

1301 Hook Rd.
Sharon Hill, PA 19079

- 14 - acre park located along Hook Road and Linden Avenue in the southern portion of Darby Township.
- Provides open green space for picnics and other activities.
- Location of the first annual Juneteenth Celebration in Darby Township.



Rhoads Industries

Building 57
1900 Kitty Hawk
Philadelphia, PA 19112
Pick-Up and Delivery Hours:
Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Family-owned business founded in 1896.
- Organized into 3 business groups: industrial services, large fabrication and government and maritime.
- Government and commercial customers include various industries; food & beverage, mining & minerals, chemicals, paper, Department of Defense, power and energy, engineered products, infrastructure, environmental renewables, ship repair/overhaul, industrial manufacturing, mentals, water and waste treatment and pharmaceutical.

Stephen Girard Park

2101 W. Skunk St.
Philadelphia, PA 19145
Hours of Operation:
Daily 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- Former farm of Stephen Girard, Philanthropist, and America's first multi-millionaire.
- 4-acre park; includes a statue of Stephen Girard and his old farmhouse.



- The park is located within the Girard Estate neighborhood. The area has been designated as a historic district.

Sharon Hill Memorial Park

1201 Chester Pike
Sharon Hill, PA 19079

- Family-friendly playground featuring a jungle-gym, picnic benches and a large gazebo.
- Arts and cultural hub for jazz concerts, outdoor crafts and other outdoor recreations.



An attraction nearby. . .

Bartram's Garden

- 50-acre public park; designated as a National Historic Landmark.
- Operated by the John Bartram Association in cooperation with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation.
- Welcomes approximately 100,000 visitors annually. Features the Sankofa Community Farm at Bartram's Garden.
- Offers Art@Bartram's, Sankofa Community Farm Youth internship program, Denkyem River Guardians Youth Internship, Royal by Nature free summer camp



program, and family programs for little explorers (ages 2-4) and homeschooler days (ages 5-13).

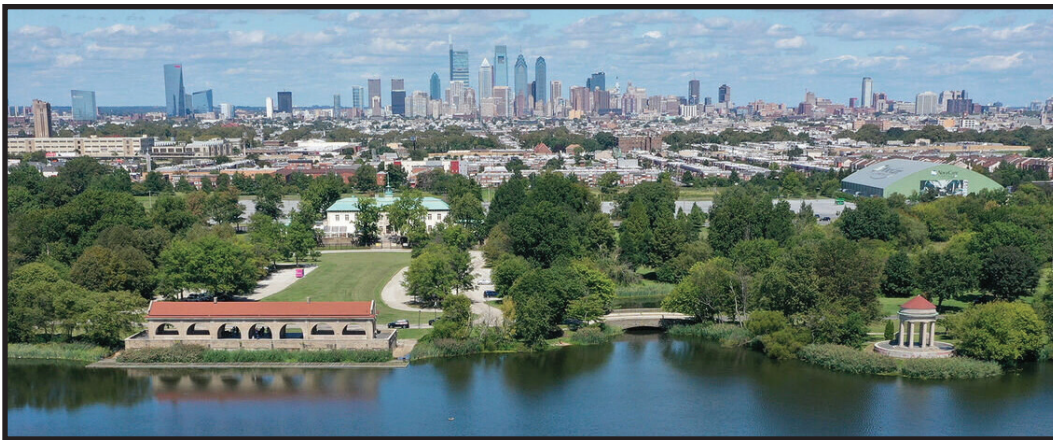


Central Green Park

Rouse Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19112
Hours of Operation:
Daily 5:00 a.m - 10:00 p.m.

- Five-acre park mixing recreation, culture, serenity and fitness.
- Features: an adult fitness center, basketball court, ping pong tables, bocce courts, hammocks, and an amphitheater.
- Wheelchair accessible and stroller friendly.

Natural Wonders



FDR Park

1500 Pattison Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19145
Hours of Operation:
April through October 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
November through March 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Served as a site of the Sesquicentennial Exposition of American Independence in 1926. FDR park was added to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places in 2000.
- A golf course was added to the western side of the park and the park was renamed Franklin

Delano Roosevelt Park in honor of the former U.S. President during the 1940s. The famous FDR skatepark under I-95 was constructed in 1996.

- Includes: a paved loop for biking and driving, 900 parking spaces, 40 - acres of lakes for fishing, canoeing and kayaking, 15 tennis courts, Home of the South Philly Tennis Association, 8 softball and baseball fields, a soccer field, 21 picnic groves and pavilions, a playground, world-renowned skate park, South Philly Meadow Trails, Fleisher Art Memorial, Southeast Asian Market and birdwatching.



Marine Parade Grounds

4747 South Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19112

- 8-acre area; known as the birthplace of naval aviation.
- Lieutenant Alfred Cunningham made history as the first marine to successfully take flight from the grounds.
- Hosts weekly lunch truck lineup food truck events, navy yard running club, weeknight recreational sports leagues, charity festivals and 5K races.