

**SMITH MEMORIAL
PLAYGROUND & PLAYHOUSE:
ARCHITECTURAL &
HISTORICAL TOURS**

December 1 – 4 & 8 – 11, 10am – 4pm

Admission: Adults \$5 for a guided tour; Smith members & children free!
Regular admission to Smith is free for family visits.

**Reservoir Drive, East Fairmount Park
(215) 765-4325 • www.smithkidsplayplace.org**

(Take Kelly Drive and turn into Fairmount Park at Fountain Green Drive; or enter the Park at 33rd & Oxford Streets)

Explore this magnificent 24,000-square-foot mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Opened in 1899 and built specifically as a play space, Smith quickly became a model for the early 20th century national playground movement. Today, Smith welcomes 140,000 visitors every year. Children 10 and younger are encouraged to attend to enjoy Playhouse activities and make graham cracker holiday houses – free of charge on above tour days.

**CENTENNIAL TOURS
AT MEMORIAL HALL**



**Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays &
Sundays, 2pm**

***Special Noon tours on December 3 & 4, 10 & 11 during Holiday House Tours**




Admission: \$15/person (approximately 60 minutes, reservations not required)
**Please Touch Museum – Memorial Hall, 4231 Avenue of the Republic
(215) 581-3181 • www.pleasetouchmuseum.org**

House Tour visitors receive \$2 off Centennial Tours with house tour ticket. Valid December 3 – 11, 2011; may not be combined with any other offer.

Delve into the history, art and architecture of Memorial Hall – the first home of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the 1876 World's Fair – on this fascinating historical tour. Enjoy the building's restored architecture; a fully restored 1908 Dentzel Carousel; and an 1889 scale model of the 200 buildings erected for the Centennial Fair.

Holiday House Tour and Park visitors are welcome to stop into the Please Taste Café for freshly made sandwiches, soups, pastas and more. Visit the Kids Store for exciting and educational gifts and Centennial memorabilia.



-  HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR
-  TOUR PICK-UP
-  SITES OF INTEREST

TOUR MAP



**PHILADELPHIA
PARKS &
RECREATION**



FAIRMOUNT PARK

**HOLIDAY
EVENTS**



- HOUSE TOURS
- GINGERBREAD DISPLAY
- SPECIAL EVENTS

HOLIDAY TOURS OF THE HISTORIC HOUSES OF FAIRMOUNT PARK

TOUR ON YOUR OWN

December 1 – 4 & 7 – 11, 10am – 4pm

Enjoy the Park Houses at your own pace with guides at each house. Free parking at all houses.

Admission: \$5/person per house; Children 12 and under free
Reservations not required.

TROLLEY TOURS

December 1 – 4 & 8 – 11, 10am & 2pm

Includes three Park Houses with guides at each house.

Tickets: \$25 per person

Reservations recommended: 215-389-8687 or www.phillytour.com

Tours depart from separate locations at 10am & 2pm:

- **Fairmount Park Welcome Center, 16th Street & JFK Boulevard** street and lot parking available
- **Please Touch Museum, 4231 Avenue of the Republic** (GPS USERS: Use "4231 N. Concourse Drive, 19131"); Discounted parking (\$8) in museum lot (show House Tour ticket at admissions desk) and free street parking. Please Taste Café and Kids Store open for lunch, snacks and gifts!

GROUP TOURS

Admission: \$8/person per house

Reservations required: 215-684-7863

15 people or more with own transportation can reserve step-on trained Philadelphia Museum of Art Park House Guides. Add a festive tea or holiday lunch to your package.

CEDAR GROVE & MOUNT PLEASANT

"A Traditional Children's Christmas," highlighted by a 19th-century presepio (Italian nativity scene) at Mount Pleasant

LAUREL HILL

"A Collector's Christmas," featuring Byers' Choice carolers, complimentary tea and gingerbread sales

LEMON HILL

"Charms of the Park," displaying two floors of exquisitely decorated rooms with views of Center City

SWEETBRIAR

"Colonial Christmas," transporting visitors back to a historical Philadelphia holiday celebration

WOODFORD

"Rebecca Franks' Holiday Party," recreating a merchant family's celebration, featuring a Rebecca Franks actress December 1-3, 12pm-3pm

DIRECTIONS & MAPS

www.FairmountPark.org/tours.asp

Questions (215) 685-0274  Historic Houses of Fairmount Park

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY

November 7 - 30

On view at **The Shops at Liberty Place**, 16th & Chestnut Streets. The entire family will enjoy these artistic Gingerbread Houses created by Philadelphia chefs and modeled after Fairmount Park Historic Sites!

- Belmont Mansion created by TBD
- Cedar Grove created by Stephen STARR Events
- Laurel Hill created by R2L
- Mount Pleasant created by Stephen STARR Events
- Water Works, created by Water Works Restaurant & Lounge
- Strawberry Mansion created by The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College
- Smith Memorial Playground created by TBD
- Woodford Mansion created by R2L

STRAWBERRY MANSION HOLIDAY GREENS SALE

December 1 – 4, 10am – 5pm

Fairmount Park Welcome Center, 16th Street & JFK Boulevard
Information: (215) 228-8364

Stop by JFK Plaza/LOVE Park to purchase fresh greens and gifts to adorn your home for the holidays. Select from a variety of fresh wreaths, including boxwood, magnolia and evergreens, as well as greenery swags, custom accents and handmade bows. All proceeds will benefit Historic Strawberry Mansion's current conservation and restoration project. Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and Discover) will be accepted.

ORMISTON MANSION HISTORIC HOLIDAY TOUR

December 1 – 4 & 8 – 11, 10am – 4pm

Admission: \$5 Adults, Children free

East Fairmount Park, 2000 Reservoir Drive
(215) 763-2222 • www.ormistonrhs.org

Tour the beautifully decorated Ormiston Mansion, erected by Edward Burd in 1798 and named after the Edinburgh estate of his grandfather, Colonel James Burd. The City of Philadelphia bought the mansion in 1869, and the site went under the care of the Royal Heritage Society of Delaware Valley in 1982. Highlights of the house include a historic Scottish kitchen and various reception rooms. Enjoy complementary cookies, tea and cider as you explore this Scottish estate. Guides will be on hand to talk about the mansion and answer questions.

BELMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

December 4 – 16, Noon – 4pm (Reservations suggested)

2000 Belmont Mansion Drive (at Montgomery Drive)
(215) 878-8844 • www.belmontmansion.org

Historic Belmont Mansion, decorated in its holiday finest, will offer docent-guided and self-guided tours of the historic site and Underground Railroad Museum. Hear songs from carolers Fridays through Sundays. The mansion is designated on the National Register of Historic Places as a significant historic site of the Fairmount Park Historic District. The American Women's Heritage Society (AWHS) was the first organization to operate Belmont Mansion as a historic site, and remains the only African American women's organization to administer a historic mansion in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park.