

Although budget issues have forced PATCO to suspend its annual Yuletide Ride, families can continue their holiday tradition by riding PATCO for a festive day in the city.



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Holiday Happenings.

For a detailed map and more fun things to see and do this winter, see PATCO's "JoyRides" brochure.

From 8th/Market Street Station:

Gallery at Market East - Exit PATCO at 8th/NORTH by using escalator or elevator toward the rear of the train - go through faregates, turn right (at donut shop), look for glass doors to enter Gallery. Visit Santa in Center Court - Nov. 26-Dec. 24, 10 am until closing. Also enjoy the Food Court and shopping in plenty of stores.

Reading Terminal Market - Holiday Railroad Display - (FREE) Exit PATCO at 8th/Market and walk 3 blocks west toward City Hall and turn to your right. Enter from 1100 block of Market or Filbert Streets. Visit a miniature world of train lines running through a wonderland of scenes -Nov. 26-Jan. 2 - Mon.-Sat., 8 am-6 pm & Sun. 9 am-5 pm Macy's Light Show (FREE) 13th/Market Streets ~ Exit PATCO at 8th/Market and walk 5 blocks west toward City Hall - 8th/Market Street Station has an elevator and escalator for your convenience.

Light show runs hourly from November 26 through New Year's Eve day, 10 am-8 pm on the ground floor of Macy's (formerly Wanamaker's). *At Macy's, also visit:*

"A Christmas Carol" - Life sized Dickens display (*FREE*) - open November 26 through New Year's Eve day, from 10 am-7 pm on the 3rd Floor. Macy's restored, rebuilt and reanimated this attraction that was featured at Strawbridge's for so many years. Imagine 1840s London and step through animated scenes that tell Charles Dickens' classic tale amid strolling costume characters and Dickens carolers.

Christmas Village in Philadelphia (FREE) ~ Exit PATCO at 8th/Market and walk to City Hall. An outdoor International Holiday Market with vendors in wooden booths selling food, sweets, drinks and holiday gifts. Nov. 25-Dec. 24 - Daily 11 am-8 pm (Sundays until 7 pm). And See the City's Official Tree Lighting Ceremony - Dec. 1 on the west side of City Hall. There will be special guests, holiday songs, and festivities. For more information: www.philachristmas.com.

African American Museum ~ Exit PATCO at 8th/Market Street Station and walk 2 blocks north to 701 Arch Street. Hours: Wed.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sundays, noon-5 pm. (Admission) Experience "Family Fun Day" featuring different events each Saturday. Special *Kwanzaa Celebration* starts Dec. 26 - call 215-574-0380 for details.

With City Hall at your back, walk east 2 blocks- Hours: 9 am-5 pm. For entrance into Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were signed, you must have a tour ticket with a specific day and time. *Free Tickets* are available on the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Street starting at 8:30 am ~ for more information call 215-965-2305.

National Constitution Center ~ Exit PATCO at 8th/Market. With City Hall at your back, walk east 2 blocks and turn left for one block. Regular business hours: Monday-Friday: 9:30 am-5 pm., Saturday: 9:30 am.-6 p.m., and Sunday: noon-5 pm. (Admission) For more information call 215-409-6600.

From the 9th/Locust Street Station:

Walnut Street Theater ~ 825 Walnut Street ~ Exit PATCO at 9^{th} /Locust and walk north 1 block. Another option is to exit PATCO at 8^{th} /Market using the elevator/escalator toward the front of the train. Walk 3 blocks south along 8^{th} Street.

Delightful musicals for the entire family: "White Christmas" Now-Jan. 9 and "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 4-18. For tickets call 215-574-3550.

From 15th/Locust Street Station:

Liberty Place ~ Shopping, shopping, shopping at 1625 Chestnut Street - Exit PATCO at 16th/Locust and walk north 3 blocks to Chestnut Street.

Kimmel Center / Academy of Music ~ Exit PATCO at 15th/Locust Streets and walk east 1 block to the Avenue of the Arts. There is an elevator at the southwest corner of 15th/Locust Streets.

Pennsylvania Ballet - "The Nutcracker"- Dec. 4-Dec. 31 - It promises to be a merry and bright theatrical experience for the whole family! For more information: 215-551-7000 or www.paballet.org

Comcast Building ~ Exit PATCO at 16th/Locust and walk north 5 blocks to 1700 JFK Boulevard - See an innovative video display, the Comcast Holiday Spectacular on one of the largest HDTV's in the world. Open 7 days a week. Worth the visit!

PATCO operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call at any time - 856-772-6900 or 215-922-4600 (Option 4) or log onto www.ridepatco.org Happy Holidays!