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## WHAT TO DO THIS SUMMER IN PHILLY'S PARKS

Join Fairmount Park Conservancy and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation for Movie Nights, Outdoor Exercise, and the 7th Year of The Oval+

**PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 3, 2019** – From June through September, Philadelphia's parks will host a lineup of activities for all ages seeking fun and affordable recreation and entertainment. Here are the highlights of events and programs developed by Fairmount Park Conservancy in partnership with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. For more events and details, visit Fairmount Park Conservancy's calendar of events at [myphillypark.org/events-calendar](http://myphillypark.org/events-calendar).

**Return to The Oval+:** From July 19 to August 18, The Oval+ will reopen on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, featuring fun activities for all ages. Popular features will return to Eakins Oval, including a water mister, ribbon garden, giant sandbox, and family favorite games like mini-golf. From Wednesday to Sunday each week, The Oval+ will bring back the beer garden, food trucks, and free, themed programming for "Wellness Wednesdays," "Arts & Culture



Thursdays," "Friday Food & Flicks," "Game Day Saturdays," and "Sunday Family Fundays." More details to be announced later this month, or visit [theovalphl.org](http://theovalphl.org). The Oval+ is an initiative of Fairmount Park Conservancy and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and is presented by PNC. **Media are invited to the Oval+ Press Preview on Thursday, July 18 at 10 am.**

**Celebrate Pride Month and Immigration Heritage Month at LOVE Park:** LOVE Park will celebrate Pride and Immigrant Heritage Month with a series of events and programming throughout June in partnership with the Mayor's Offices of Immigrant and LGBT Affairs. June 4 marks the Philly kickoff of the national Stand with Immigrants Initiative organized by FWD.us and will feature a temporary sculpture near 16th and Arch Streets. On June 6, following the annual Pride flag raising at City Hall, LOVE Park will host an after-party featuring a beer and

wine garden, food trucks, youth programming, and live music. Friends, Peace, and Sanctuary will also be on-site with the Free Library Bookmobile as part of their collaborative book-making project that engages recent Iraqi and Syrian refugees.

Other LOVE Park activities include:

- On the morning of June 7, local purveyor Federal Donuts will install a temporary “Donuts Wall” as part of National Donut Day.
- From June 2 to July 14, Love Park will also host donation-based yoga classes every Sunday at 11am in partnership with City Fitness and Roots2Rise. Donations will support Roots2Rise’s mission to make yoga and mindfulness more accessible in underserved communities in the Philadelphia area.
- Weekdays feature a rotating lineup of food trucks, plus Wedding Wednesdays and Live at LOVE music performances on Fridays.

**Stroll the arts festival in West Fairmount Park:** West Park Cultural Center in partnership with Fairmount Park Conservancy and Mural Arts Philadelphia will present the 12th annual West Park Arts Fest on Saturday, June 8, from 1-6pm (South Concourse Drive between 41st Street and Memorial Hall Drive). This free, family-friendly festival includes local craft vendors, children's art activities, historical trolley tours, food trucks, and more. This year, the festival will feature Philadelphia’s very first “FunkFest at the West Park Arts Fest,” an all-funk music lineup headlined by Breakwater and curated by local artist Badd Kitt and a parade led by Spiral Q, the West Philadelphia-based puppet troupe. <https://myphillypark.org/event/west-park-arts-fest-2019/>

**Watch movies from a picnic blanket:** Thanks to grants from Fairmount Park Conservancy, neighborhood parks around the city will be transformed into outdoor movie theaters on summer nights. Featured movies include recent box office hits like *Avengers: Infinity War*, *Inside Out*, and *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. Movies are BYOB (Bring Your Own Blanket) and begin at dusk. *See below for the park-by-park schedule.*

**Climb higher at Treetop Quest:** Philadelphia’s first aerial adventure course, Treetop Quest, is back for its second year, giving park-goers a new way to experience the forest of West Fairmount Park. The facility includes over 60 treetop obstacle courses for kids as young as 4 with more challenging options for older kids, teens, and adults. Members of Fairmount Park Conservancy at the \$50 level and above receive a 20% discount on tickets. A portion of proceeds from the ticket sales will be reinvested in Philadelphia’s parks.

**Collect coloring postcards at Parks on Tap:** The city’s traveling community beer garden, Parks on Tap, continues visiting parks all across Philly now through the end of September, allowing Philadelphians to experience their neighborhood parks in a new way, all while raising funds that are reinvested into Philadelphia’s parks. The beer garden will visit two new locations this summer, including the Discovery Center in East Fairmount Park/Strawberry Mansion, and McMichael Park in East Falls. Visitors are encouraged to collect a series of coloring postcards featuring all of the participating park locations. Designed by local artist Emily Joynton, the postcards are free and are handed out by Fairmount Park Conservancy Volunteer Ambassadors and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Ambassadors at each Parks on Tap location. Parks on

Tap is a partnership of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and Fairmount Park Conservancy with FCM Hospitality. [Parksontap.com](http://Parksontap.com)

**Hunt for treasure at the Historic Houses:** The third annual [Scavenger Hunt at the Historic Houses of Fairmount Park](#) takes place on July 27, encouraging participants to discover or rediscover Fairmount Park's six historic houses, their architecture and history on this engaging three-hour scavenger hunt. More details to be announced later this month.

**Run, hike, and practice yoga in Fairmount Park:** Fairmount Park Conservancy hosts a variety of outdoor group exercise opportunities in the warm months; these events are free for Conservancy members and \$15 for non-members. Membership starts at \$35/individual or \$100/family for the year. [Sign up here](#). Highlights this summer include:

- [Hike the historic Trolley Trail](#): The Fairmount Park Trolley Trail—the site of a turn-of-the-century trolley that brought city dwellers into the forests of East and West Fairmount Park—is now the setting of hikes led by Fairmount Park Conservancy's Kevin Roche. Discover massive stone tunnels and bridge abutments along the 4-mile loop. This ongoing refurbishment project is led by the Conservancy with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and the Belmont Plateau Trails Alliance and aims to reduce adverse impacts on habitat while making the trails more accessible to walkers and mountain bikers. The trail is open every day; guided walks are available on Sundays, June 9 (sold out) and July 14.
- [Ride the Philly Pumptrack](#): The Philly Pumptrack is the only BMX-style dirt path in Philadelphia located in West Fairmount Park. Once a month through the summer, the Pumptrack will host Women-Trans-Femme Morning rides, offering an easy, fun, and safe space to learn how to ride the Philly Pumptrack. Rides are free for Conservancy members and a \$5 donation to Philly Pumptrack for non-members.
- [Outdoor yoga at the Reflecting Pool](#): Fairmount Park Conservancy's popular greenhouse yoga classes move outside for the summer. These all-levels vinyasa classes will take place by the Reflecting Pool on the grounds of Fairmount Park Horticulture Center from 1pm-2:30pm on Sundays, June 9, 16, 23, and 30.
- [Trail runs ending at Parks on Tap](#): Runners are encouraged to discover the lesser-known trails of East and West Fairmount Park via a new Trails to Ales Running Series. These 4- to 6-mile guided runs will start and end at Parks on Tap locations in East and West Fairmount Park. Dates include June 12, July 24, September 4, and September 26.

**Free dance performances in Fairmount Park:** From September 24-29, Fairmount Park Conservancy will debut [\*In Motion, In Place: Trisha Brown Dance Company\*](#) in Fairmount Park, a series of free outdoor performances that will take place on the Strawberry Mansion Reservoir at the Discovery Center, on the grounds of Mount Pleasant Mansion, and along the rooftops of Logan Circle, extending an invitation to experience Fairmount Park in an entirely new way. Registration to open in late summer. [myphillypark.org/trisha-brown](http://myphillypark.org/trisha-brown)

## Movies in the Park 2019 Schedule

Park	Movie Night	Movie
Pleasant Hill Park	6/6/2019	<i>Up</i>
Woodside Park	6/19/2019	<i>Avengers: Infinity War</i>
Loudoun Park	6/20/2019	<i>Minions</i>
Columbus Square	6/22/2019	<i>Inside Out</i>
Triangle Park	6/24/2019	<i>Avengers: Infinity War</i>
Penn Treaty Park	7/10/2019	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
Overington Park	7/19/2019	<i>Big Hero 6</i>
Mifflin Square Park	7/31/2019	<i>Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse</i>
Hart Park	8/2/2019	<i>Inside Out</i>
Upper Roxborough Reservoir Preserve	8/2/2019	<i>Star Wars: The Force Awakens</i>
Inn Yard Park	8/8/2019	<i>Christopher Robin</i>
Fisher Park	8/15/2019	<i>A Bug's Life</i>
Matthias Baldwin Park	8/29/2019	<i>Hugo</i>
Fishtown (Palmer Park)	9/13/2019	<i>Coco</i>
Coxe Park	9/13/2019	<i>Captain Marvel</i>
Shot Tower	9/14/2019	<i>Mary Poppins Returns</i>
Powers Park	10/4/2019	<i>Maleficent</i>

The Oval+ 2018 photo by Albert Yee for Fairmount Park Conservancy.

**Download high-resolution images here: <http://bit.ly/ConservancyPressKit>.**

**Fairmount Park Conservancy** exists to champion Philadelphia's parks. We lead capital projects and historic preservation efforts, foster neighborhood park stewardship, attract and leverage investments, and develop innovative programs throughout the 10,200 acres that include Fairmount Park and more than 100 neighborhood parks around the city. For more

information, please visit [myphillypark.org](http://myphillypark.org), join us at [facebook.com/fairmountparkconservancy](https://facebook.com/fairmountparkconservancy), and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @myphillypark.

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