



## WinTOUR Scavenger Hunt in Fairmount Park



**December 21, 2020 (Philadelphia, PA) –** It may be getting colder outside, but Fairmount Park Conservancy doesn't want that to stop you from discovering the hidden gems of Fairmount Park this winter. The WinTOUR Scavenger Hunt is a free, all-ages virtual scavenger hunt to encourage safe, socially distanced exploration of Fairmount Park even during the coldest months. All participants who complete all of the fun and sometimes quirky "missions" through the GooseChase App will receive a \$35-level membership to Fairmount Park Conservancy. Membership to the Conservancy includes free

year-round events like guided hikes, walks, trail runs, yoga classes, bike rides, and more.

The Scavenger Hunt will guide participants on five different routes throughout East and West Fairmount Park each with one of five themes: historic homes, public art, nature, water, and past & present. The 80 total missions will direct people along the routes, provide fascinating information, and best of all, provide fun challenges and hilarious photo opportunities. Participants will have the entirety of winter to complete the Scavenger Hunt (until the last day of winter, March 19) and when all missions are complete, each person will receive a free \$35-membership to Fairmount Park Conservancy. Bundle up and don't let chilly weather stop you from exploring the 2,050 acres of trails, natural lands, historic landmarks, and public art of East and West Fairmount Park this winter!

From one of our fall participants: "I just wanted to send a quick note to you and your team to thank you all for this engaging activity. I'm really enjoying myself so much through it and have seen parts of the park that I've never known about or stopped to explore despite living in Philly for 20 years."

For more information and updates:

<https://myphillypark.org/announcing-wintour-scavenger-hunt-in-fairmount-park/>

Fill out [this form](#) to get the game password for GooseChase.

[Rules/FAQs and recommendations.](#)

Quick facts:

- On the first day of winter, 80 missions that span 5 routes through East and West Fairmount Park will be released via the free GooseChase App.
- Each route focuses on a theme; the themes include nature, historic houses, public art, past & present and water.
- Participants have until the last day of winter to complete the missions. When they do, they will win a \$35-membership to Fairmount Park Conservancy.
- All participants must sign a waiver via the GooseChase app which includes a photo release clause.
- Most of these missions are the same as they were for OcTOURber. Some have been updated. If you started playing during OcTOURber you can pick up where you left off and keep working towards completing all 80 missions!
- If you have already completed all the missions there will be some special new missions added in the new year.
- **Past & Present:** Explore Fairmount Park's historic built environment on this journey through the abandoned past and structures still presently used. Learn some tales of bridges, tunnels, and trails that connect centuries of park infrastructure.
  - [ROUTE MAP](#)
- **Bodies of Water:** Water is as important to life as air. Fairmount Park was originally created in 1855 to protect the Schuylkill River watershed, which continues to supply drinking water for the City of Philadelphia to this very day.
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- **Nature:** "Time spent amongst trees is never wasted time." – Katrina Mayer. In these stressful and screen-centric times, the theme of nature is more important than ever. Spanning 2,050 acres, East and West Fairmount Park are great places to experience the gifts of nature; creeks, trees, wildlife and more. This tour helps you get better acquainted with the Fairmount Park Horticulture Center. **The map is from 2007 and originally created by the Longwood Graduate Fellows at the University of Delaware. It showcases 21 trees, a few of which are still around from the Centennial Exhibition of 1876, and a few of which are gone.**
  - [ROUTE MAP](#) // Tree Map

- **Historic Houses:** Within Philadelphia's Fairmount Park stands a group of 18th and early 19th-century historic houses established as rural retreats by prominent families of the city. The homes provided an elegant, fashionable and healthy summer retreat from Philadelphia's urban environment, heat, and periodic epidemics. In addition, many of these homes functioned as single-family working farms, which included productive dairies, orchards and extensive fields and game lands, and ornamental flower gardens and vegetable gardens. Although the evidence of the original garden designs and the surrounding rural landscape are long gone, many of the houses have thriving grounds thanks to the joint efforts of stewardship groups, partner organizations, community volunteers, staff and caretakers.
  - [ROUTE MAP](#)
- **Public Art:** With more than 100 works of public art in Fairmount Park alone, this route is for discovering art you may have never noticed and for learning more about the artworks you've passed by many times. The Association for Public Art offers several walking and bike friendly tour maps and in depth information on most of the public art in Fairmount Park. This week's self-guided tour starts off near Lemon Hill and explores works including The Wedges, Stone Age in America, Playing Angels and much more!
  - [ROUTE MAP](#)