

EAST FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS
Benjamin Franklin Parkway Tour

**Ken Hinde, Guide Extraordinaire, offers a tour of the
Philadelphia Parkway
Sunday 29 April 2018**

**Meet at the Fairmount Water Works
10 am – 12noon
\$10 Members - \$15 Nonmembers**



Beginning at the Fairmount Water Works, join us for a stroll down the Parkway to Logan Square and back. Learn about the cultural, educational and commercial buildings that line it, as well as a number of structures that were planned for it but never built.

The Benjamin Franklin Parkway was planned as Philadelphia's contribution to the early 20th century, 'City Beautiful Movement' that emanated from the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It was designed as Philadelphia's version of the Champs Elysees in Paris and also to connect the downtown core to the green open space of Fairmount Park beyond. Cutting through this 1.3 mile boulevard began in 1907 and was completed in 1917/1918, taking over 10 years because approximately 1,200 industrial, commercial and residential structures had to be demolished. Today the Parkway is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The iconic Philadelphia Museum of Art caps its upper end and Philadelphia's City Hall caps the lower end.

Tour length: 2 hours maximum