

Philadelphia is a city of many things; great history, unique culture, and absolutely incredible food and drink. From its place in American lore as the birthplace of the Constitution to the decades that shaped the blue collar identity of the city, Philadelphia has always been a place where anyone could make a life for themselves. Today, Philadelphia is in the midst of an urban renewal that has seen revitalization efforts bloom across the city, bringing forth an explosion of culture and community in neighborhoods all around town. Consistently ranked as one of the most liveable big cities in the country, Philadelphia strikes a balance between hosting a truly large urban environment and a collection of smaller communities and neighborhoods that give an authentic character to the town.

And that's really what defines Philadelphia; its unique character and ambiance. Though locals make many jokes at the city's expense, Philadelphia is truly a diverse blend of many cultures and people from all over the country and the world. That blend lends itself to the great many cuisines and communities that give flavor and flair to the city, and enables our collective growth every single day.

It's been said many times over the last two hundred years that Philadelphia is a *city of neighborhoods*; we happen to agree, and we think it's part of what makes Philly so special. Though there are almost too many neighborhoods to count in Philadelphia, today we'll be breaking down twenty that we love from all over the city. From deep in South Philly to the Frankford Avenue Corridor and all the way back out to the Far Northwest, we're bringing you the scoop on neighborhoods big and small from around Philadelphia.

In this installment, we'll give the lowdown on where to eat, drink, see, be, and live in the vast expanse of our fair city. For each neighborhood, we'll give a quick breakdown on the area and borders, some tips on how to get there via road and public transit, and some of our favorite places to visit while passing through.

Why Fairmount is a an Amazing Philadelphia Neighborhood

Situated in the lower northwest corner of Philadelphia's sprawling downtown, the tree-lined streets of Fairmount offer a serene and tranquil retreat from the hustle and bustle of Center City with a wide variety of drinking, dining, and social activities for everyone. Easily walkable streets, restaurants on nearly every block, an abundance of green space and a relaxed pace make this gem of a neighborhood one of the most sought after residential spots in the city. Built on a hill just north of Center City, Fairmount is bounded by Vine Street to the South, Girard Ave to the North, Corinthian Ave on the East end and Kelly Drive on the West end. Situated just above the Art Museum, Fairmount makes up the 19130 Zip Code, encompassing all sorts of arts, culture, and gastronomy within its borders.

Getting To and Around Fairmount

Getting to Fairmount is easy! Just get your SEPTA key and hop on the 7, 32, 48, or 49 buses, all of which will take you right to the heart of the neighborhood from various points around the city. You can even take the trolley along iconic Girard Avenue! Driving is even easier; just hop off of 76 at the Spring Garden Exit, or take Kelly Drive down to Pennsylvania Avenue. Within the neighborhood, walking and biking are easy on the wide streets, and there are multiple parking lots available for use. With the endless options for food and drink on Fairmount Avenue and beyond, finding your way around will be a breeze.

Copper Hill's Guide to Fairmount

Once you're in Fairmount, you'll find an expansive variety of restaurants, bars, and entertainment options. Written and developed by neighborhood experts, Copper Hill's [Guide to Fairmount](#) offers insider tips and insight from locals on the best places to stay, eat, and hang out. Getting around town and making the most of your time in Philadelphia has never been easier with real advice on what's happening in the city from our expert agents and city slickers who always have a feel on the pulse of the town.

Why Bella Vista is a Cool Philadelphia Neighborhood

Known for its tree-lined streets and the wondrous open-air Italian Market, Bella Vista is a hotbed for family restaurants, bakeries, and local grocery stores tucked away just below Society Hill and Washington Square. Bella Vista, whose name literally translates to “*beautiful view*” in Italian, offers a refreshing blend of city-wide accessibility and open space for recreation and fun. Bound by 11th Street to the West, 6th Street to the East, Bainbridge Street to the North and the bustling Washington Avenue to the south, Bella Vista’s location is perfect for commuting city-dwellers and those looking for an urban oasis in which to plant their roots.

Getting To and Around Bella Vista

Hop off I-95 at the Washington Avenue exit, and you’re just a few minutes away from the heart of the neighborhood. If you’re on SEPTA, you can get off of the Broad Street Line at Lombard-South station and take the beautiful 0.7 mile walk through the verdant streets of Hawthorne and Washington Square. On the bus, it’s even easier! If you’re coming from Chinatown, Fashion District, Pennsport, or anywhere in between, the 47 will take you along 8th or 9th street, or grab the 45 up and down 11th and 12th streets. Coming from Grays Ferry or West Philly? The 64 will take you from the Parkside Loop down through Walnut Hill and Cedar Park before crossing the bridge and cutting along Washington Avenue all the way down to Pier 70 at Front and Reed. And of course, biking is a breeze with the flat streets and wide lanes for bikers of all skill levels!

Copper Hill’s Guide to Bella Vista

Once you’re in Bella Vista, you’ll find an unrivaled expanse of local restaurants, cafes, and places to lounge and enjoy your time outside. You might even get the time to try both Pat’s and Geno’s (right there at 9th and Passyunk) and inevitably decide that D’Alessandro’s is, in fact, the best cheesesteak in the city. But whether you’re here for the afternoon or looking to make Bella Vista your forever home, we’ve got the inside scoop for you. Written and developed by neighborhood experts, Copper Hill’s [Guide to Bella Vista](#) offers insider tips and insight from locals on places to stay, eat, and hang out. Getting around town and making the most of your time in our fair city has never been easier with real advice from our expert agents and city slickers who always know what’s going down in Philly.

Why Rittenhouse Square is a Fantastic Philadelphia Neighborhood

Rittenhouse Square is one of the single most iconic neighborhoods in the entire city of Philadelphia. Picturesque row homes lining the streets surrounding the famous Rittenhouse Square Park, all in the midst of world class dining and drinking establishments in the heart of Center City. Walk down any street in the 19102 or 19103 zip codes and you'll probably catch a waft of delicious smells coming from the many restaurants around the park. Rittenhouse Square is one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the city because of both its proximity to the vibrant city culture and the feeling of living in an oasis within Center City itself.

Getting To and Around Rittenhouse Square

Nestled between 15th Street and 21st Streets, the larger definition of Rittenhouse Square is generally understood to stretch from Market Street down to South Street. The area around the park, specifically the block between 18th, 19th, Walnut, and Locust is the center of gastronomy and dining in Center City and one of the most vibrant blocks in the entire town. Fortunately, getting to and through Rittenhouse is a breeze! Situated in an incredibly walkable part of town, the 2, 9, 12, 17, 21, 40, and 42 buses crisscross the neighborhood all throughout the day and night. Riders can also catch the Market Frankford El and the 10, 11, 13, 34 and 36 trolley lines at multiple locations along Market Street. If you're coming from New Jersey, you can even ride PATCO to the end of the line and get off at 16th and Locust! Many establishments offer private or valet parking as well, as the neighborhood is easily accessible via I-676 or Broad Street.

Copper Hill's Guide to Rittenhouse Square

When you're in Rittenhouse Square, you'll find an unrivaled expanse of local restaurants, cafes, and cultural monuments to the city's living history. Stop by Parc, Rouge, the Dandelion, Tio Flores, or El Rey to get your food fix and then step out and enjoy the nightlife in the center of town. No matter what you're here for, we've got you covered. Written and developed by neighborhood experts, Copper Hill's [Guide to Rittenhouse Square](#) offers insider tips and insight from locals on special places to stay, eat, and pass the time. Getting around town and making the most of your time in our fair city has never been easier with real advice from our expert agents and local connoisseurs who always know what's going down in our fair city.

Why Fishtown is a Cool Philadelphia Neighborhood

Arguably the most lively neighborhood for nightlife, community, and easy living, Fishtown is a destination neighborhood for food and drink, and with a bustling bar scene to match, there's no shortage of incredible times to be had in this triangular neighborhood immediately northeast of Center City. Come for a cup of coffee from the many neighborhood roasters, stay for an outdoor lunch at the many streetside cafes and restaurants, and hang around for a drink at some of Philadelphia's most iconic establishments.

Getting To and Around Fishtown

Nestled in the crux of Frankford and Delaware and moving northeast along the river, Fishtown is surely one of Philadelphia's most unique neighborhoods. The neighborhood is bound roughly by Front Street to the west, Delaware Ave to the east, and by Norris Street to the north, and plays host to three stops along the Market Frankford El Line. Parking can be tough in the neighborhood, but driving there is hardly necessary. Leave your car somewhere else and take either the 5, 15B, 25, 89, or the Girard Ave Trolley and you'll find yourself right in the middle of Fishtown. You can even rent bikes from IndeGo and rack them up at Front and Girard.

Copper Hill's Guide to Fishtown

No matter where you're headed or what you're looking for, Fishtown has it all. While you're in Fishtown, check out a few of our favorite spots. We can't recommend Pizza Shackamaxon or Pizzeria Beddia enough; the same goes for Sancho Pistola's and Suraya. Need a drink? You're in good company. Stop by Frankford Hall for a big mug, then slide through Kung Fu Necktie, Johnny Brenda's, or The Barbary and keep the night going. Either way, check out [Copper Hill's Guide to Fishtown](#) for the latest updates on what to eat, drink, and see in the area.

Why Passyunk Square is an Underrated Philadelphia Neighborhood

The crossroads of cuisine and culture in storied South Philadelphia, Passyunk Square is an oasis in the heart of the urban jungle. Built around the famous diagonal mixed-use corridor that is Passyunk Avenue, the neighborhood boasts incredible access to fine dining, drinking, and dancing. The neighborhood, which takes the 19147 ZIP code, reaches from Sixth street over to Broad Street and is bound by Washington Avenue to the north and Tasker Street to the south.

Getting To and Around Passyunk Square

Getting to Passyunk Square via car is pretty easy; from I-76, you can hop off at the Broad Street exit by the stadiums and head north, or exit by Grays Ferry and take Washington Ave east. If you're coming on I-95 you can get off at the Washington Ave exit and head west. From Center City, just head south down Broad Street and you'll be there in no time! Need a ride? Hop on the 45 from City Hall or jump on the 47 that runs down 7th and 8th street from Fern Rock to South Philly. No matter where you're coming from, there are many reasons and many ways to venture to Passyunk Square.

Copper Hill's Guide to Passyunk Square

Passyunk Square is really a fun place to be these days. For the food lovers, there are so many restaurants we love; it would be tough to list them all, but we're going to try! For breakfast, hit up Green Eggs and Ham or Essen; if you need a jolt, Rival Bros. Coffee will surely do the trick. Can't go wrong with Ratchada Thai, Stateside, or Fond either! And don't forget your pastries at Termini Bros. when it's all said and done. Either way, check out Copper Hill's [Guide to Passyunk Square](#) for the latest updates on what to eat, drink, and see in the area.

Why East Falls is a Cool Philadelphia Neighborhood

Nestled in between the numbered streets and the sprawling northwest, East Falls is home to some of the most picturesque and verdant blocks in the entirety of Philadelphia. A truly historic neighborhood, East Falls' unique position of being a stone's throw from downtown while sitting on the edge of the vast expanse of Fairmount Park has made it one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the city for centuries. Bound by Wissahickon Avenue to the east, the Schuylkill River to the west, and between the Wissahickon Creek on the north side and the intersection of Route 1 and Kelly Drive to the south, East Falls is a gem of a neighborhood hidden where the grid meets the forest.

Getting To and Around East Falls

From the northwest, you can take Henry Avenue or Fox Street; from the Northeast, take Route 1 to Abbotsford Avenue. If you're in Center City, you can take 33rd street north through Strawberry Mansion, or ride Ridge Avenue through Sharswood. The neighborhood is served by SEPTA's Manayunk/Norristown Line; hop off at the East Falls station right at Midvale and Cresson. If you're in a pinch, you can take the Chestnut Hill West line to Queen Lane and walk down the hill towards Henry Avenue. You can also take the K, R, or 32 bus lines and you'll be right in the thick of the neighborhood before you know it. East Falls is built into the hills, but it's still quite walkable!

Copper Hill's Guide to East Falls

East Falls may be a quaint and quiet escape from the city, but don't sleep on the food here! Hit up Foghorn for a classic Philly fried chicken sandwich, or grab a custom hoagie at Major Wing Lee's market. Wissahickon Brewing Company hosts great food and has many original brews on tap, while In Riva offers incredible Italian dining with a breathtaking view of the Schuylkill River. And if you're in the mood, stop by Vault and Vine for a cup of coffee, and while you're there, explore their amazing inventory of plants for purchase. Either way, there's a lot to see in East Falls; get the lowdown on all of it with [Copper Hill's Guide to East Falls](#).

Why Old City is a Historic Philadelphia Neighborhood

When someone says “Philadelphia,” what comes to mind? If you think of cobblestone streets, the Liberty Bell, Penn’s Landing, or the row of bars lining the first three blocks of Market Street, you’re thinking of Old City. As the birthplace of Philadelphia (and arguably the United States as a whole), Old City is where it *all* started back when William Penn came over from England and declared this state to be his woods. Today, it’s the center of our town’s revolutionary spirit, in addition to boasting some of the most prized real estate in the city with views of the Delaware River and immersion in the fantastic strip of bars and restaurants.

Getting To and Around Old City

Old City is the original city of Philadelphia; that is, the city as it was in the Colonial era. Nestled between the Delaware River to the east and 7th Street to the west, the neighborhood spans from Vine St down to Walnut St, forming a square shape that takes on the 19106 ZIP code. You can access the neighborhood via the Market Frankford El Line, with stops at 2nd St and 5th St, (and the 8th St stop isn’t too far either, where you can also connect via the Broad-Ridge Spur 8th St stop.) Need a bus? Hop on the 9, 12, 17, 21, 33, 42, or 57 lines to reach Old City from nearly anywhere in Philadelphia. When you feel the cobblestones beneath your feet, you’ll know you’re in the neighborhood.

Copper Hill’s Guide to Old City

The food and drink offerings of Old City are some of the most talked about in town. Grab a drink and watch the game at Sto’s or settle in for fine Southern BBQ at the heralded Khyber Pass Pub. Don’t miss the amazing food at Han Dynasty or the variety of creative plates at the Continental. Grab your dancing shoes and shimmy on over to Cuba Libre for some drinks and dancing on their massive dance floor. And if you want to keep it chill, pick up a cone from Franklin Fountain, home of what many would call the best ice cream in Philadelphia. Old City has something for everyone, and [Copper Hill's Guide to Old City](#) has the tips and tricks to make the most of your visit to the birthplace of Philadelphia.

Why Fitler Square is a Cool Philadelphia Neighborhood

Tucked in between Center City and the Schuylkill River, the small corner neighborhood of Fitler Square boasts picturesque views of the city from within an urban oasis of tree lined streets and a great variety of architectural styles. Many would agree, but some would argue, the most private and luxurious neighborhood in Philadelphia. This enclave connects directly to University City with multiple bridges spanning the Schuylkill River, and with easy access to highways, arterial roadways, and urban recreation, Fitler Square's location is a major part of its appeal.

Getting To and Around Fitler Square

Situated under the shadows of skyscrapers, Fitler Square is anything but a square. The neighborhood is defined by the Schuylkill River, it's western boundary, running at an angle that almost gives it a triangular shape. On the eastern side, Fitler Square begins at 21st Street, while spanning north-south from Locust St to South St. Getting to the neighborhood is incredibly easy by car; hop off I-76 at the South Street exit, make a left, and you're there! If you're coming via Regional Rail, the Penn Medicine station just over the bridge provides direct access to other train lines. The neighborhood is served by the 7, 12, and 40 bus lines, and the 22nd St trolley stop is not far from the neighborhood either.

Copper Hill's Guide to Fitler Square

The obvious landmark of the neighborhood is the namesake Fitler Square Park; with river trail access, basketball and tennis courts, green space, a dog park, and a bridge to West Philadelphia, the park has something for everyone. Grab a cup of coffee at Rival Bros., pastries at Cafe Lutecia, or brunch at Honey's Sit 'N Eat for a breakfast plate that'll make everyone else jealous. If you're thirsty, stop into Doobies or Callahan's for a cheap drink and a friendly atmosphere, or grab a cocktail at Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Take a seat on one of the many sidewalk seating options and watch the cars, bikes, and people go by in peace. Whether you're just passing through or considering a move, [Copper Hill's Guide to Fitler Square](#) has you covered!

Why Manayunk is a Cool Philadelphia Neighborhood

The center of nightlife and culture in Philadelphia's sprawling northwest, Manayunk is almost like it's own city within our own. After all, the literal translation of its name is "place to drink." With a distinct look and feel and prime location along the banks of the Schuylkill, the formerly industrious neighborhood is now home to a remarkable blend of longtime locals and newer residents. Main Street is a central location for great food of many varieties as well as some fantastic drink deals. Lest we forget that the core of Manayunk is situated on a hill between a river and a forest; proximity to both of these makes it one of the most sought after areas in town.

Getting To and Around Manayunk

Heading to Manayunk? Getting there is no problem at all. Hop off I-76 at the Green Lane Exit and cross over the bridge towards Main Street, and you're right in the thick of the action. If you're coming from Center City and want to skip the parking, you can take the Manayunk/Norristown Line out to the Wissahickon, Manayunk, or Ivy Ridge stations (they're all in direct succession); if you're taking the bus, hop on the 9, 27, 35, 61, or 62 lines and ride them to destinations all over Manayunk. If you do end up driving, there are parking lots all over Main Street and Ridge Avenue for you to stash your car. And if you're up for some exercise, you can even walk or bike to Manayunk, both from Center City Philly or the Main Line and the northwestern suburbs, via the Schuylkill River Trail and Kelly Drive.

Copper Hill's Guide to Manayunk

We could tell you stories about our favorite places to go in Manayunk, but we might be here all day. Sitting on the deck at Manayunk Brewing Company enjoying one of the many beers on tap is always relaxing; the food is top notch here too. Heading out? Stop by McGillicuddy's for a classic tavern atmosphere and enjoy the outdoor TV seating on their Cresson Street patio. Breakfast is easy; stop by Valerio Coffee Roasters for a cup of java and a breakfast sandwich. Taqueria Amor is a fantastic place to get your Mexican food fix, while Han Dynasty serves up some of the better Dan Dan noodles you'll find anywhere. If you're looking for even more nabe info, [Copper Hill's Guide to Manayunk](#) has it.

Why Roxborough is an Underrated Philadelphia Neighborhood

Spanning a great swath of Northwest Philadelphia, Roxborough's laid-back feel and identity as a historic home to some of the earliest area settlements make it one of the most desirable areas for those seeking a blend between verdant parks and urban infrastructure. It lies west of East Falls and northwest of Manayunk, and just south of the Wissahickon Valley Park trails and vast expanse of greenery. Roxborough is a premiere neighborhood for the adventurer, nature lover, and those looking for more space. Amazing community spirit abounds!

Getting To and Around Roxborough

With easy access from the highway and the city, Roxborough is one of the most accessible neighborhoods in the city; hands down. If you're taking the car, there's ample parking throughout the neighborhood. Hop off I-76 at the Green Lane Exit, make the turn onto the bridge, and follow Green Lane up the hill to the heart of Roxborough. If you're coming from Center City or North Philly, hop on Ridge Avenue and take it northwest; if you're coming from Montgomery County, take Ridge southeast towards the city. The 9, 27, 35 and 62 buses crisscross the neighborhood; if you're more inclined to take regional rail, take the Manayunk/Norristown Line out to Ivy Ridge!

Copper Hill's Guide to Roxborough

Roxborough has a blend of suburban staples and unique places to dine, drink, and have a great time. The Ivy Ridge shopping center has lots of bigger stores: Target, CVS, and Wine and Spirits, just to name a few. Take advantage of the multiple large supermarkets on Ridge Avenue alone, though if you're looking for a great sandwich in Philly, you should stop at T&F Farmer's Pride and get literally anything on the menu. For drinks, stop by New Ridge Brewing Co., or Hilltown Tavern; stop by the Foodery for hand-crafted sandwiches and a selection of over a thousand different brews. And if you're in the mood for a margarita, hit up the Adobe Cafe for their specialty drinks and some authentic southwestern food. No matter what you're looking for, [Copper Hill's Guide to Roxborough](#) has it all!

Why Chestnut Hill is a Great Philadelphia Neighborhood

Originally a vacation destination for wealthy Philadelphians in the colonial era, Chestnut Hill has retained its old-world charm while boasting a wealth of cultural and culinary institutions. The neighborhood is known for its cobblestone streets, independent establishments, and its setting high in the hills of the Wissahickon; the epitome of a nabe with its own ecosystem. The neighborhood spans from Cresheim Valley Road to the Montgomery County border (Northwestern Ave) to the west; the southern end is the Orange Trail in Wissahickon Valley Park, while its northern end is the border with suburban Wyndmoor, which lies mostly along Stenton Avenue.

Getting To and Around Chestnut Hill

Framed by the arterial roads of Germantown Ave and Stenton Avenue, accessing Chestnut Hill from the city is simple. From Center City, take Ridge Avenue or I-76 to Lincoln Drive; from the northern and northeastern areas of the city, take Roosevelt Boulevard. From the northwest suburbs, hop on Ridge Pike; from the Main Line, your best bet is to take Route 23 to Conshohocken and then meet Germantown Pike before it hits city limits. The neighborhood is the terminus for the aptly named Chestnut Hill East and West lines, and the neighborhood is served by the 23, 77, 94, 97, and L buses.

Copper Hill's Guide to Chestnut Hill

Chestnut Hill is home to many of Philadelphia's artisans and craft makers, as well as many homestyle kitchens and breweries, giving it a bit of a small town feel. You'll find restaurants and drinking establishments lining the street on historic Germantown Avenue. We suggest Cosimo's for a slice, Bredenbeck's for a pastry, McNally's for a drink, and the Chestnut Hill Hotel for a more formal dining experience. Play pickleball or tennis at the Water Tower Rec Center, hike in the woods behind Cherokee Street, or stop into Greene Street Consignment for a look at some like-new clothes. No matter what you're looking for, [Copper Hill's Guide to Chestnut Hill](#) has you covered.

Why University City is an Amazing Philadelphia Neighborhood

The home of two, major, overlapping college campuses and the center of youth in downtown Philadelphia, University City is an enclave for college students and young professionals just off of the western shore of the Schuylkill River. With literally countless eateries, bars, and living accommodations, University City is the place to be for anyone looking for a campus lifestyle. Just a stone's throw from all that Philadelphia has to offer, UC (as it's called by the locals) has more to offer than one could imagine, and easy access to nearly anywhere in the city. The neighborhood stretches from 30th Street at the Schuylkill River in the east to 48th Street in the west, with Powelton Avenue as the northern boundary and Woodland Avenue as the southern line. Residents take on the 19104 area code.

Getting To and Around University City

As the home of the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University, the neighborhood is the center of life for college age residents, many of whom are moving to Philadelphia from out of town; as a result, University City is arguably the most accessible neighborhood in the entire city. Take a train from anywhere in the country and arrive at 30th Street Station; if you're local, you can also hop off at Penn Medicine Station on South Street. The LUCY bus (Loop-Through-University-City) runs all day and all night on a constant loop through the neighborhood. The Market Frankford El line has stops at 30th, 34th, 40th, and 46th streets; the 10, 11, 13, 34, and 36 trolley lines run along Lancaster Avenue and Woodland Avenue. The neighborhood is served by bus lines 21, 30, 40, 42, 49 and the aforementioned LUCY. If you're coming by car, hop off I-76 at the University City exit!

Copper Hill's Guide to University City

There are places to eat and drink lining nearly every block in this urban college town, but we'll give you a few of our favorites. If you're on Drexel's Campus, check out Sabrina's Cafe for Breakfast, Pita Chip for lunch, and Wahoo's for amazing fish tacos and a great beer selection. Over by Penn? We love White Dog for brunch, Allegro Pizza, and Copabanana for delicious drinks. As you venture further into West Philly, check out Clarkville on Baltimore Avenue, Distrito on 40th for Mexican, and Local 44 for some down-home fare. There are almost too many options to list, but you can get the scoop on many, many more with [Copper Hill's Guide to University City](#).

Why Newbold is an Underrated Philadelphia Neighborhood

Occupying the narrow strip just west of South Broad Street, Newbold packs charm and character into a collection of city blocks stretching north to south. Situated within walking distance to both Center City and the Stadium District, the neighborhood has easy access to public transit and an old school South Philly vibe derived from the timeless architecture and local ambiance. Newbold is defined by Broad Street to the east, 18th Street to the west, Washington Avenue to the north, and Wolf Street to the south.

Getting To and Around Newbold

The easiest way to get to Newbold is off of Broad Street; the southern end of the arterial route is the eastern edge of the neighborhood itself. With that said, it comes as no surprise that the Broad Street Line offers the most direct access by rail (via subway). Taking the bus? Hop on the 2, 4, 29, 37, or 64 bus lines that transverse the neighborhood. If you're coming by car, hop off of I-76 at Gray's Ferry or by the stadiums. Newbold is also remarkably flat, making it a bikers paradise and easy to walk to from almost anywhere nearby!

Copper Hill's Guide to Newbold

For a relatively small neighborhood in the city, Newbold has a stunning array of food and drink options. If you're thinking about breakfast, you can get all the comfort foods your heart desires when you stop at Brunics. Make sure you also pop into Philly favorite Ultimo Coffee for a cup of joe, and you can get coffee and vegan fare at Benna's West. Rosario's carries both incredible Mexican food and delicious pizza, while Circles serves up authentic Thai food just off Broad Street. Stop by American Sardine Bar or South Philly Taproom for brews and bites and nights that stretch until dawn. And if you're up that late, might as well head over to Melrose Diner; classic Philly diner fare! There's no shortage of places to go in this quirky little neighborhood, and you can get the lowdown on it all with [Copper Hill's Guide to Newbold](#).

Why Graduate Hospital is an Awesome Philadelphia Neighborhood

Named for a massive building run by the University of Pennsylvania hospital system, you'd be forgiven for thinking that Graduate Hospital is an area dominated by the medical sector, but you'd be wrong! Sometimes known as Southwest Center City, the Graduate Hospital neighborhood is home to some of the finest downtown living one can find. With beautiful architecture and alleyways, fine food and drinks, and a true sense of community, "Grad Hospital," "Grad Hosp," "Graduate," or "G-Ho" sits just a hop, skip, and a jump from Center City and all of the bountiful options Philly has to offer. The neighborhood uses South Street as its northern boundary, Washington Avenue as its southern end, and spans from Broad Street to the Schuylkill River, falling within the 19146 ZIP code.

Getting To and Around Graduate Hospital

Sitting just below Center City, getting to Graduate Hospital is easy! Via car, hop off at either the Grays Ferry or South Street exits and head towards Broad Street. The closest regional rail stop, Penn Medicine Station, is just over the South Street Bridge. If you're taking the bus, you can catch a ride on the 2, 17, or 40 lines from all over the city. The Broad Street Line stops at Lombard-South station as well. The neighborhood is easily accessible from Center City, heading southbound on 21st Street and northbound on 22nd Street. Being a very flat neighborhood, Graduate Hospital is easy to bike and walk around!

Copper Hill's Guide to Graduate Hospital

With the South Street corridor lining the northern end and the countless neighborhood eateries and bars spread throughout the area, Graduate has more than a few hidden gems within its borders. On South Street, you'll have to stop at Honey's Sit 'N Eat for breakfast or brunch; if you're looking for something quicker, Fitzwater Street Bagels has incredible sandwiches and coffee ready in an instant. L'Anima is the spot for fantastic Italian cuisine, and Cafe Ynez on Washington Avenue packs a punch with homestyle Mexican food. Thinking drinks? Sidecar Cafe has fantastic beer options, as does Bob and Barbara's and Chick's on Washington Avenue. And of course, don't sleep on Loco Pez for both food and margaritas. No matter what you're searching for, [Copper Hill's Guide to Graduate Hospital](#) has you covered.

Why Northern Liberties is an Amazing Philadelphia Neighborhood

Northern Liberties, perhaps better known as NoLibs, is home to some of Philadelphia's most recommended restaurants, nightlife, and urban oases, all while sitting within sight of both Center City and Fishtown. Historically a working class neighborhood, the neighborhood pays homage to its history as an original 19th Century neighborhood in Philly with historic monuments, churches, and establishments from way-back-when still standing today. Situated just north of Old City, NoLibs is known for its delicious dining, cobblestone streets, and laid back feel, not to mention breathtaking architecture throughout the area; both old and new. The neighborhood is bound by Callowhill Street to the south and Girard Avenue to the north; running east-west, the neighborhood stretches from the Delaware River Waterfront all the way over to Sixth Street, occupying the 19123 ZIP code.

Getting To and Around Northern Liberties

From Center City, Northern Liberties is easily accessible by I-676, Vine Street, or Front Street, depending on where you're coming from. The 15 trolley line runs along Girard Avenue; the Market Frankford El line has stops at 2nd and Spring Garden as well as a little further north at Front and Girard Avenue. If you're coming in via bus, you're in luck; there are a great many options to reach NoLibs! Take the 5 bus from Old City or Frankford, the 25 from Pennsport or Bridesburg, catch the 43 bus from either East Parkside or Olde Kensington, or the 57 from Olney. The Chinatown stop on the Broad-Ridge Spur is also not far from the neighborhood.

Copper Hill's Guide to Northern Liberties

We could rattle off all of the fun stuff in NoLibs, but we might end up being here all day. Start off your day with breakfast at Green Eggs Cafe or Silk City for brunch (and later on, dancing and drinking!) before you get into the thick of your day. You can't go wrong with Bardot, Rustica, or Cantina Dos Segundos for lunch or dinner either. But if you're looking to kick it up a notch, we can't recommend Bourbon and Branch enough. When you're ready to go out, we recommend heading back to Silk City (especially on Saturdays for DJ DeeJay), Standard Tap, neighborhood favorite Ortleib's, or try your bowling prowess out at bowling alley/bar fixture North Bowl. Doesn't matter what you're looking for, [Copper Hill's Guide to Northern Liberties](#) has the latest for you.

Why Port Richmond is a Great Philadelphia Neighborhood

Ah, good old Port Richmond! Offering an urban environment with a more suburban feel than many other parts of the city, the neighborhood sits just above Fishtown and Olde Kensington, and just below Bridesburg and Harrowgate. Historically a working class area with a very heavy Polish immigrant population, the neighborhood still boasts many specialty stores and markets with an Eastern European influence. Running south to north, the neighborhood spans from Lehigh Avenue to the Frankford Creek; running east to west, the neighborhood is bookended by the Delaware River and Frankford Avenue, occupying the 19134 and 19137 ZIP codes.

Getting To and Around Port Richmond

Located in the Northeast section of Philadelphia, Port Richmond is transversed by I-95; those traveling by car from anywhere outside of an immediately adjacent neighborhood would be best off taking the highway. The Market Frankford El Line has stops along Frankford Avenue at Somerset, Allegheny, and Tioga Streets. If you're looking to arrive via bus, you can hop on the 5, 15B, 25, 59, 60, 73, or 84 bus lines from a variety of areas around the city. If you're coming from New Jersey, you're in luck; hop on NJ-90 and take it over the Betsy Ross Bridge and you're right in the heart of Port Richmond.

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There's lots of homestyle and low-key gems to be found in Port Richmond. As the area has grown, many new establishments have sprung up. For breakfast and coffee, check out the River Wards Cafe, Mercer Cafe, or Hinge Cafe. If you're thinking of pizza, the long-standing and legendary Philly favorite Taconelli's is on Somerset Ave, where "ordering your dough" is how you get a pie. Drinks? Stop by Byrne's Tavern or Gaul and Co. Malt House for some brews. If you're in the area, [Copper Hill's Guide to Port Richmond](#) has the latest on what's happening!

Why Queen Village is a Sweet Philadelphia Neighborhood

A quaint, quiet neighborhood situated just below Society Hill, Queen Village is a stately, primarily residential neighborhood located just steps from the Delaware River. Located in a historically significant area, the neighborhood has origins in Colonial Philadelphia; hundreds of years later, it's one of the more desirable neighborhoods in the Center City sphere. Queen Village is bound by Lombard Street to the north and Washington Avenue to the south; running east to west, the neighborhood spans from Front Street over to 6th Street.

Getting To and Around Queen Village

As a neighborhood that overlooks the Delaware River, getting to Queen Village by car is easy if you take I-95; just hop off at Washington Avenue or on Columbus Boulevard by South Street. If you're coming from NJ, take either the Ben Franklin Bridge or the Walt Whitman Bridge and merge onto I-95 from there. There are bus stops on most corners in the neighborhood; accessing Queen Village is easy via the 25, 40, 57, and 64 bus lines; you can also hop on the 12, which will let you off just above Queen Village on Pine Street. Regional rail riders can hop off at Jefferson Station and walk south; Broad Street Line riders can hop off at Lombard-South and walk east towards the river.

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In recent years, the culture of dining and shopping in the neighborhood has taken off and shows no signs of slowing down. Fabric Row on 4th Street is a destination for artists, artisans, merchants, and lovers of textiles and decor. See a show at the Theatre of the Living Arts, check out some art on the streets during First Friday, or just lounge around in Weccacoe Park. For food, Ants Pants Cafe and Red Hook Coffee are great coffee and breakfast options. For more upscale dining, we recommend Fez Moroccan and Ela for the adventurous diner. Drinks flow steadily at For Pete's Sake, Tattooed Mom, and Lucky's Last Chance. And for a classic Philly cheesesteak, you can't miss Jim's or Ishkabibble's (known for "chicken cheesesteaks"), both on South Street. Thinking about Queen Village? Let [Copper Hill's Guide to Queen Village](#) show you around!

Why Pennsport is an Awesome Philadelphia Neighborhood

Pennsport gets its name from its proximity to the docks that once played host to everything that came and went from our fair city; though less maritime-centric in the 21st century, Pennsport is an excellent option for city dwellers these days. Spanning from the Delaware River over to 4th Street, and from Washington Avenue to Snyder Avenue, Pennsport is a slice of South Philly that is surely not to be missed. With proximity to the highways, shopping options, and with a culture of its own, don't sleep on Pennsport!

Getting To and Around Pennsport

As with most neighborhoods in Philly that sit on the edge of a river, Pennsport is easily accessible by highway. Both I-95 and I-76 will do the trick; just hop off by Columbus Boulevard and Oregon Avenue. The 57 and the 79 are the major lines that run through Pennsport, but you can also take the 7, 25, 29, or the 64 buses to get to the neighborhood. Broad Street Line riders can hop off at Tasker-Morris or Snyder and trek about ten blocks east. This flat neighborhood is very walkable and bikeable for those who choose their own adventure!

Copper Hill's Guide to Pennsport

Pennsport can be a little out of the way from Center City, but it's got much to offer in its own right. Pennsport is home to one of the most vibrant breakfast scenes in all of Philadelphia; you can't go wrong with The Dutch, Herman's, or Bagel Bagel. If you're on the hunt for the *best* cheesesteak in Philadelphia, you can't skip John's Roast Pork (we recommend going half roast pork and half cheesesteak for variety's sake), a nondescript but mainstay establishment along Snyder Avenue. For drinks, check out Mick Daniels or Moonshine Philly, both with food options as well. But if you want to learn from the pros, check out [Copper Hill's Guide to Pennsport](#) for the latest.

Why Society Hill is a Historic Philadelphia Neighborhood

Much like its northern neighbor in Old City, Society Hill is arguably the birthplace of America; its namesake came from the free traders who sought to build their society in Philadelphia. Its colonial identity derives from its origins as one of the first truly functional neighborhoods in historic Philadelphia; today, the cobblestone streets and eighteenth-century architecture can easily whisk you away to another time entirely. Society Hill is primarily a residential neighborhood; the tree lined streets give cover to the many walkers and bikers across the area. The neighborhood is bordered by Front Street to the east, 8th Street to the west, Walnut Street to the north, and Lombard Street to the south.

Getting To and Around Society Hill

Like its northern and southern neighbors, Society Hill sits perched overlooking Columbus Boulevard and the Delaware River, making it easily accessible from I-95. Those coming by subway are best off by taking the Market Frankford El Line to either 2nd, 5th, or 8th streets and walking south from there. The bus lines are plentiful; the 9, 12, 21, 40, 42, 47, or 57 lines will do the trick, depending on where you're coming from. The streets here can be narrow, so street parking can be a bit of a challenge depending on the time of day, but there are plenty of off-street parking lots throughout the neighborhood, especially on Front Street.

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Oh man, where do we even start with Society Hill? Home to some of the more famous bars and restaurants in the city, Society Hill plays host to some of the finest gastronomy in town. If you're somehow able to get a reservation, Zahav is arguably the most exclusive restaurant in the city of any kind; chef Michael Solomonov elevates Israeli cuisine to perfection. For brunch, we recommend Positano Coast for their endless options for a meal to start the day (and drinks!), especially on a weekend. Red Owl Tavern and Bistro Romano are great options for later in the day as well. But no matter when or where you're looking, [Copper Hill's Guide to Old City](#) has you covered.

Why Washington Square West is an Awesome Philadelphia Neighborhood

Situated right in the heart of midtown Philadelphia, Washington Square West is a green oasis in the midst of the bustling city. Built around the eponymous Washington Square Park, one of the five parks originally laid out when Philadelphia was planned hundreds of years ago, the neighborhood boasts some of the most exciting nightlife in the city, along with fantastic food and entertainment options. The neighborhood stretches from 7th Street over to Broad Street, and runs from Chestnut Street down to South Street.

Getting To and Around Washington Square West

As far as Center City neighborhoods go, Washington Square West is one of the most easily accessible by any means of transport. The Broad Street Line has stops both at Walnut-Locust and Lombard-South, while the Market Frankford El Line has stops at City Hall, 13th St, 11th St, and 8th St, all of which are just a short walk from the neighborhood. If you're coming from NJ, you can skip the drive and take PATCO, which has multiple stops in the neighborhood. Taking a car is pretty easy too; hop on Broad Street from either I-95 or I-676 and you'll be there in no time. Taking the bus? Good call. Hop on the 4, 9, 12, 21, 23, 27, 40, 42, 45, or 47M, all of which cut through the neighborhood.

Copper Hill's Guide to Washington Square West

Ask any resident what their favorite spot to eat and drink in the neighborhood is, and you'll probably get a hundred different responses; such is the nature of an area with many wonderful options. For brunch, try Green Eggs Cafe or Bud and Marilyn's. Lunch? Sampan offers great small plates and drinks to pair with them. But the real sell on Washington Square West is the nightlife. Grab a few pitchers at McGillin's (one of the oldest taverns in the country, and Philadelphia's oldest continuously operating bar), Dirty Franks, or Frankie Bradley's. Looking to dance? Don't skip out on Woody's on 13th Street. And if you're looking for entertainment after the bars close, Voyeur is always a great spot for late night dancing. Not sure where to start? [Copper Hill's Guide to Washington Square West](#) will tell you everything you need to know while you're exploring Philadelphia.

Philadelphia is, if nothing else, a living, breathing city with an incredible history and a bright future. It's a space for those looking to build a life, career, family, and explore both themselves

and the world around them. It's a space for you, for us, and for everyone to reach for the stars and exceed their expectations.

After that rundown, you might think you've seen it all in Philadelphia; we promise that there's still much, much more to learn about the "City of Brotherly Love." Each neighborhood in Philly is so incredibly unique because of the people it hosts and the history behind it; that history and those people directly create and inform the culture today, and collectively contribute to the diverse fabric of our city.

Moving to a new city can be daunting; even moving within the city you've always known can be a challenge. By putting together this guide, we hope to give you an overview of some of the more populated and distinctive neighborhoods in the city; with that said, there's a *lot* more ground to cover, so look out for subsequent posts on even more neighborhoods within Philadelphia.