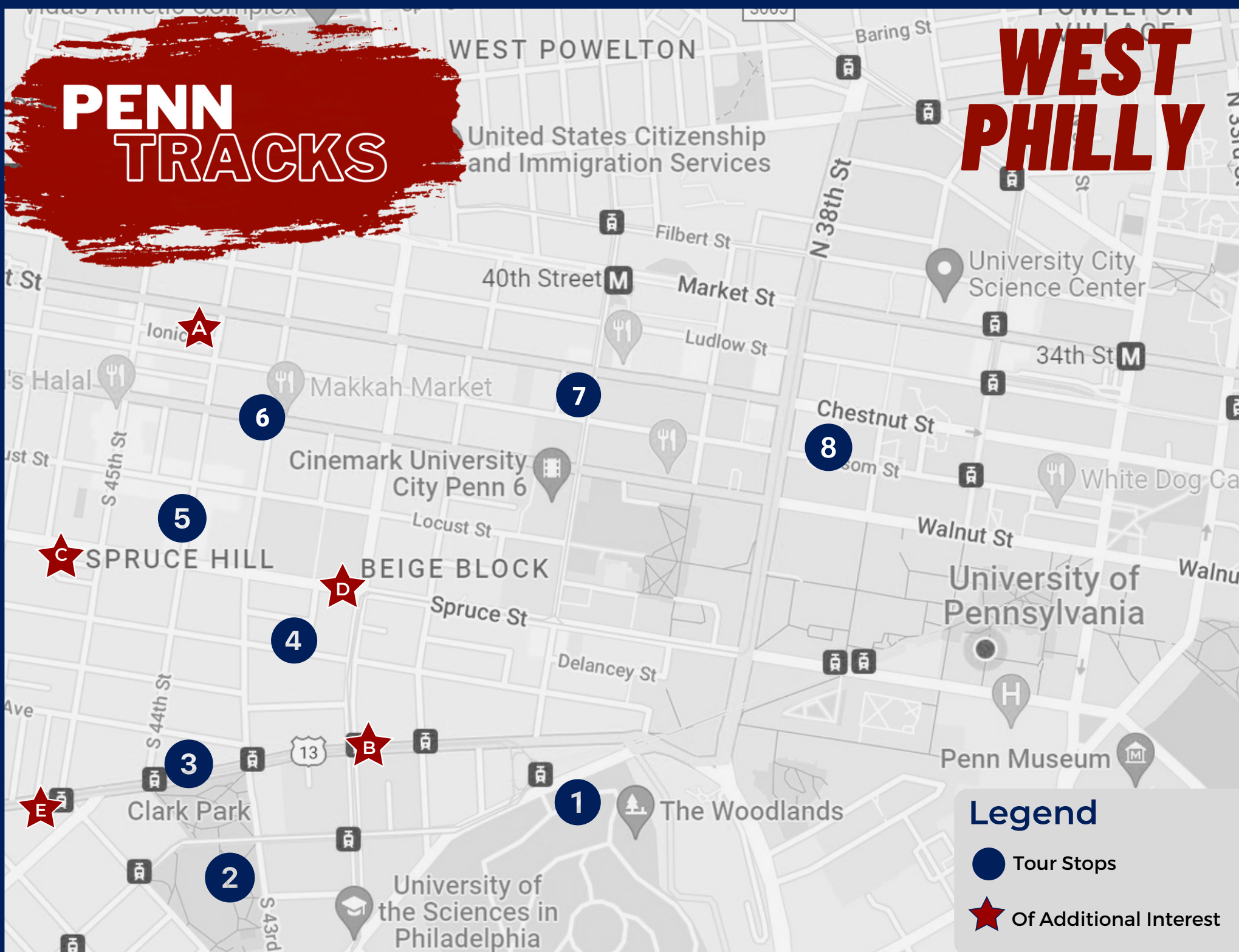


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### Overview

The University of Philadelphia is lucky to call West Philadelphia home. The area is rich of culture, food, and activities. This tour opens the door to just a small sample of what West Philadelphia has to offer. In your time here at Penn explore what makes West Philadelphia so great!

#### 1 The Woodlands 4000 Baltimore Avenue

This National Historic Landmark is a fantastic federal style mansion surrounded by a beautiful, botanical garden. The Woodlands is perhaps most famous for its Victorian cemetery. Here lie many famous Colonial American and Civil War fellows, as well as members of old Philadelphia families. Thomas Eakins, Joseph Campbell (of soup fame), and Samuel Gross are also buried here.

#### 2 Clark Park 43rd and Baltimore

Clark Park is one of the great public spaces of West Philadelphia. In the warm months it hosts community festivals and a weekly farmer's market. The park boasts the world's only life-sized statue of Charles Dickens, a secret community garden, and a fountain that served the Civil War hospital that was on this site.

#### 3 Baltimore Avenue

This street is an old turnpike that went from Philadelphia to Baltimore and is one of the major arteries through West Philadelphia. Great restaurants pepper the historic avenue including the popular Ethiopian eatery – Dahlak on 47th Street. If you are more in the mood for a delicious Vietnamese meal, then you can try Vietnam Cafe which is practically right next door. For brunch, try the Gold Standard Cafe. In addition, the area boasts Thai, Indian, Caribbean, and bar food.

#### 4 St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel Spruce Street between 42nd & 43rd streets

Philadelphia Divinity School, now recognizable as St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel, was founded in 1921. The site was the location of the developer Clarence Clark's mansion. The original plan for the Divinity School called for a quadrangle which would have filled the entire square block; however, only six buildings were completed. The site now houses the Penn Alexander School and the Parent Infant Center.

#### 5 West Philly Restaurants 44th & 45th Street

West Philly has no shortage of great restaurants. On 44th street enjoy local flavors at TacoTaco Mexican or Local 44 and stop by Penn favorite Lil Pop Shop for dessert. One block up you can find authentic Mexican food at Don Barriga, Ethiopian food at Abyssinia, Argentinian food at Jezabel's, and Lebanese food at Manakeesh, all within a block!

#### 6 Walnut Hill Between 46th to 40th

Walnut Street is one of the main streets through university city and west Philadelphia. Along 46th to 40th, there are several restaurants and specialized supermarkets like Makkah Market, BA Market, and Alrayyan food market. There is also a culinary University called Walnut Hill that has a restaurant and pastry shop available to the public.

#### 7 Division of Public Safety Headquarters 4040 Chestnut

This is the headquarters of the division of public safety. The dedicated members of the Division of Public Safety (DPS) are responsible for enhancing the quality of life, safety, and security of our community. DPS accomplishes this mission through the delivery of a comprehensive and integrated safety and security program, in partnership with the community that we serve.

#### 8 Netter Center 3819-33 Chestnut St

Founded in 1992, the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships is the University's primary vehicle for advancing civic and community engagement at Penn. It brings together the resources and assets of both the University and the wider community to help solve universal problems such as poverty, health inequities, environmental sustainability, and inadequate, unequal education as they are manifested in the University's local geographic area of West Philadelphia and Philadelphia at large.

See [www.rediscoverwestphilly.com](http://www.rediscoverwestphilly.com) for more information.

## Of Additional Interest



#### Kaffa Crossing 4421 Chestnut Street

Kaffa crossing is an Ethiopian traditional cuisine restaurant. It's one of my favorite Ethiopian restaurant that serves authentic Ethiopian food in west philly. It's a great place to check out if you want to try Ethiopian food!



#### Desi Chaat House South 42nd Street

Desi Chaat House is a small outpost shop offering sweet and savory chaats and sweet lassis in several flavors. Watch for the dollar spot on Baltimore where they do samosas for \$1!



#### Knockbox Cafe & Green Line Cafe Between Osage & Locust on 45th Street

Knockbox Cafe and Green Line Cafe are popular coffee shops in West Philadelphia. Knockbox Cafe offers breakfast and desert as well with vegetarian options. Green Line Cafe is a local chain with two locations which specialize in hot and cold drinks with breakfast options including vegan options.



#### Phở & Café Saigon 4248 Spruce Street

A Vietnamese restaurant offering noodles, soups, and rice dishes and milkshakes. It is a nice stroll down West Philly with affordable and delicious food.



#### Bindlestiff Books, West Ice Cave Shaved Ice, Jinxed West Philly 45th & Baltimore

Bindlestiff Books is a volunteer run bookstore in West Philadelphia. Ice Cave specializes in authentic Taiwanese shaved ice. It was the first of its kind to be opened in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Jinxed is a small vintage store selling a variety of items.