

XPLR

Art Crimes



From Egyptian hieroglyphics to cave paintings, explorers have learned many things about ancient cultures through writings on the wall. Today we will xplr the famous graffiti wall on 5th and Cecil B. Moore, an icon in Philadelphia's graffiti scene.

Sun, Apr 20, meet at 1PM . Start at the Philadelphia Art Museum Steps. Bike along Spring Garden and take pictures of the murals. Stop in Northern Liberties. Then head north along Germantown Ave to the Graffiti Wall. End at Traffic, a one man bicycle shop.

About the ride: (3.44 mi)

About the photography: Mostly outdoors. Lots of color.

1. Common Threads Murals on Broad and Spring Garden

The 7,500 square foot mural takes up the entire west wall of the School District's Stevens Administrative Center on Spring Garden. Capture the soaring cluster of classical and contemporary figures arranged against a stunning trompe l'oeil backdrop, created by local artist Meg Saligma.

2. Northern Liberties

One of the hippest neighborhoods in Philadelphia, Northern Liberties (also known as nolibs) was once the sixth largest town in America, back when Philadelphia was the largest at 20,000. Needless to say, that didn't last too long. Home to R.E.Load, a shop that custom builds messenger bags and other bicycle accessories.

3. Graffiti Wall on 5th and Cecil B. Moore

The graffiti wall at Fifth and Cecil B. Moore is an underground icon, a "permission wall" where property owners give graffiti writers free reign to display their talent. It's been painted continually since the '80s, changing constantly as one mural piece eventually gets swallowed by another.



4. Traffic

Traffic is a one man bicycle design company in the process of being started by Spencer Wright.

Upload your photos to our flickr pool and tag them with "xplr" and "artcrimes".

ABOUT XPLR:

A camera is your license to explore the world, and your relationship to it. Where has your license taken you recently? Part inspiration part perspiration, XPLR (explore!) events seek to unite individuals that are passionate about art and urban exploration. Meetings take place at the Philadelphia Art Museum steps. The actual subject matter and shooting location will be kept secret until the day of the event and will be disclosed at the PMA. Join us in our pursuit of creativity, or just for a fun bike ride.

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