



Fountain Of Youth



Today we will be following in the footsteps of Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León, whose quest for the fountain of youth took him all the way to Florida in 1513. Ponce de León heard of the fountain from the people of Puerto Rico when he conquered the island. He launched an expedition to find it, and in the process discovered Florida, although the fountain was never found. The fountain might still be out there, maybe even in Philly...

Sunday, July 20, 2008. Meet at the Philadelphia Art Museum Steps. Bike down the Parkway to City Hall, stopping at several fountains along the way. Then go to Franklin Square for the final fountain. End at Franklin Fountain in Old City.

About the ride: 2.96 mi.

About the photog: Outdoors.

1. Captain John Ericsson Fountain

Located on the west side of Eakins Oval by the Art Museum. Dedicated to the memory of Captain John Ericsson, Scientist, Inventor, Patriot, born in Sweden, died in America, the country of his adoption.

2. Swann Memorial Fountain

Located in the center of Logan Square. Consists of three large pieces representing the Delaware, the Schuylkill and the Wissahickon, plus a number of frogs and turtles.

3. Ellen Phillips Samuel Memorial Fountain

Located in John F. Kennedy Plaza (Love Park).



4. City Hall Fountain

An abstract fountain on the southwest corner of City Hall.

5. Franklin Square Fountain

Located in the center of Franklin Square. Originally built in 1838 after City Council passed a resolution in 1837 calling for a fountain of "grand dimensions," this fountain is believed to be the longest surviving fountain in one of William Penn's original five squares.

6. Franklin Fountain

An old time "ice-cream saloon," Franklin Fountain takes you back in time to the early 1900's when the local soda fountain was a popular gathering place for the family.

Upload your photos and send them to our Flickr group. Tag them with 'XPLR' and 'FountainOfYouth'.

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.

Website: <http://www.xplr-club.com/>

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