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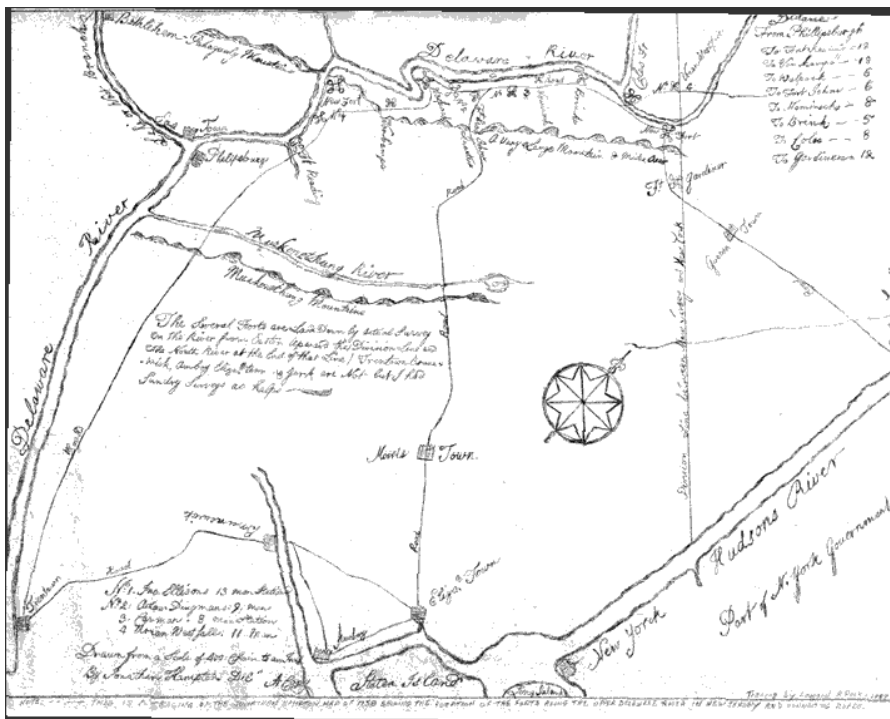
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

## Sections of Hampton's Map of French and Indian War Forts and Hampton's letter describing the Forts

### The Delaware River from present-day Port Jervis NY to Phillipsburg NJ

#### North is at the upper right.

The Delaware runs across the map from top right (north) to bottom left (south). The Lehigh River at its junction with the Delaware at Easton PA/Phillipsburg NJ is at the top left. At the top right is a listing of the forts and their distances as in the letter. (*above*) At the bottom right are the Port of New York and the Hudson River.



Map is annotated:

"This is a tracing of the Jonathan Hampton map of 1758 showing the location of the forts along the Upper Delaware River in New Jersey and connecting roads. Tracing by Leonard R. Peck 1989."

**An excerpt from Jonathan Hampton's letter listing the forts for the French and Indian War.**

Fort Reading - A good block house 26 feet square. a small B<sup>o</sup> 12 feet sq.  
and a new house 16 feet square. Pallisaded <sup>to some</sup> 26<sup>ft</sup> 60 feet square.

Van Kamp - a block house 20 feet sq. Dwelling stone house 60 feet sq.  
22. a small log house Pallisaded w<sup>th</sup> 65 feet sq.

Walpack - a wooden Church. A small block house Pallisaded w<sup>th</sup> 50 feet sq.

Fort John's - Called the head Quarters at Ft. Mapp in New York

Nominack - The same as Van Kamp's

Brinks - A wooden Dwelling house 50 feet by 24. Pallisaded w<sup>th</sup> 50 feet sq.

Coles - a wooden Dwelling house 60 by 26. two small block houses Pallisaded w<sup>th</sup> 120 feet sq. - 20 rooms or 2000 men

Gardiners - A wooden Dwelling house. 5 Log houses Pallisaded 100 feet square. 2 swivel gunns in the house

*Distances of the above Forts.*

From Reading	---	50	
to Van Kamp's	18	miles	30
Walpack	---	6	10
Fort John's	---	6	100
Nominack	---	8	40
Brinks	---	5	10
Coles	---	8	30
Gardiners	---	12	30
		<u>63</u>	<u>300</u>

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