



# Morristown Muster

The official newsletter  
of Morristown National Historical Park

Summer 2011: June, July, August

## After the 'Hard Winter': June 1780

The quiet life of the winter camp was suddenly disturbed in June 1780 when British and German forces invaded New Jersey. Their goal was the supply depot at Morristown and the destruction of Washington's army.

Washington wasn't looking for a fight in early June 1780; he was waiting for help. He had received word that his French allies were sending men and ships to assist in an attack against the British. Until they arrived, the Continental Army was too weak to go on the offensive.

Troops had already been sent from camp to reinforce armies in South Carolina and on the New York frontier. Additionally, many of the three-year enlistments were expiring and Washington's army was growing smaller. The enemy forces in New York City were under the command of a German general named Knyphausen, who was well aware of the weakened condition of Washington's army. He also had heard reports of mutiny among the Continental soldiers. Loyalists in New York City were begging for an attack, claiming Loyalists in hiding in New Jersey would rise up to support the attack. When news arrived that the British commander-in-chief, Henry Clinton had captured Charleston, South Carolina, it seemed that an attack against Washington and Morristown might end the war.

There were two separate battles: Connecticut Farms on June 7, 1780 and Springfield on June 23, 1780. In both cases the enemy forces vastly outnumbered the Americans, who were forced to make a fighting retreat to the safety of the Short Hills. During the fighting in Connecticut Farms, Hannah Caldwell, the wife of



This painting by John Ward Dunsmore depicts the Revolutionary War Battle of Springfield, when Reverend James Caldwell, Pastor & Chaplain of the American Regiment of Colonel Elias Dayton, passed out the Isaac Watts Hymnals from the Church for use as Musket wadding. His cry of "Give Them Watts, Boys", has lived on to become the maxim of that battle.

Reverend Caldwell, was shot while she sat in her home holding her nine-month old baby. For months each side would blame the other for that fatal shot but no one knows who was responsible. At the same time, British and Loyalist forces set fire to the Presbyterian Church and 14 homes after claiming they had been occupied by American snipers. Then enemy forces withdrew but they would return to fight again on June 23. The battle of Springfield was similar to the earlier battle. The weaker American forces again fought and retreated. This battle even featured New Jersey Patriots of the New Jersey Brigade fighting New Jersey Tories serving in the King's army. As in the previous battle, the American forces eventually fell back to the safety of the slopes of the Short Hills. At this point the British halted their advance and began to withdraw to Elizabeth. Before leaving Springfield, loyalists set fire to every building in town

except four homes that belonged to British sympathizers. As the British forces fell back to Elizabeth they were followed by the New Jersey militia who sniped at them during most of their march. From Elizabeth, the British crossed over to Staten Island and the threat against Morristown was over.

Ashbel Green passed through Springfield the day after the battle and described the scene: "*nothing but gloomy horror, a dead horse, a broken carriage of a field piece, a town laid in ashes, the former inhabitants standing over the ruins of their dwellings and the unburied dead covered with blood and with the flies that were devouring it.*"

In the end, Morristown's supplies were safe and Washington's army survived to fight another day. And the British never attempted another large scale invasion of New Jersey.

## Letter from Superintendent Jill Hawk

Greetings! As the newly appointed superintendent of Morristown National Historical Park, I want to take this opportunity to talk about the park's focus on Heritage Partnerships. We often think of our historical sites as a stand-alone location or an island of respite in our busy modern world. What would happen though, if we looked at our historical sites as a piece of a puzzle - focusing on creating connections and relevance between those sites? Instead of solely promoting our own site, we advertise the entire story of our area - highlighting the tremendously intriguing stories of each site and how the stories travel from one area to the next.

For example, it is meaningful when telling the story of the Ford Mansion and the persons who wintered there, to also share the story of the people within the Schuyler-Hamilton House - owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution. When you add the layers of the Schuyler-Hamilton story to those at the Ford Mansion, examining both the military and the personal sides of the war - history comes alive with the imagery of how people actually lived in Morristown during the American Revolution. This is just one example; there are many more in Morris and surrounding counties - the Crossroads of the American Revolution. Once we connect the pieces of the puzzle into their rightful place - we have a meaningful mosaic of history right before us, waiting on us to engage our heritage.

As your national park, we take our responsibility to foster the connections and support the concept of Heritage Partnerships seriously. We look forward to joining with you in this effort.

Truly,

Jill Hawk  
Superintendent

## Behind Closed Doors

Ever wonder what is behind those closed doors at the Washington's Headquarters Museum? With a collection of over half a million pieces, these artifacts normally would not be viewable in part to the limited exhibit space. Some of these features may include artifacts that you would expect to find here at the museum such as pistols, bayonets, and swords, but there are quite a few unexpected items, such as numerous Booker T. Washington letters and a prison door.

The first featured artifact commemorates the use of steam in navigation. This achievement is captured in a medal remembering the use of steam to power a vessel on the Hudson River in 1807. On the front of the medal are three seated, female figures holding a steamboat, an anchor and chart. Above the figures is a portrait of Robert Fulton in the center of a wreath. The description on the coin reads, "Robert Fulton 1765-1815," "First to use steam in navigation on the Hudson River 1807." The back side of the medal features a picture of sailors on deck of the "Halve Maene". Located at the bottom is a sailing ship and the words, "Halve Maene," referring to Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon--that Hudson sailed to explore the eponymous river in the

early seventeenth century. Around the edges, the description reads, "Discovery of Hudson River by Henry Hudson A.D. MDCIX" from the "The American Numismatic Society" for the "Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commemoration."

On August 17, 1807, the Clermont sailed up the Hudson river to Albany. The trip took thirty hours to complete and included an overnight stop. Of all Robert Fulton's inventions, the Clermont was his most famous. It was the first commercially successful steamboat, and it ushered in a new era in the history of transportation.

The Clermont was named after the Hudson River home of Robert Livingston. The Clermont was not the first steamboat to be built, but it was the first to become a practical, financial, and commercially successful steamboat.

The commemorative medal was donated to the Washington Association of New Jersey on October 8, 1941, and was then transferred to Morristown National Historical Park in 1933.



Front side of medal with three women seated.



Back side of medal with the sailors of the 'Halve Maene'.

# Primary Source Seminar Program

Primary Source Seminar, our archives-based educational program, has been steadily growing since 2008. We began as a two component program consisting of high school seminars and teacher workshops and have expanded our offerings to include a digital resources blog, Traveling Archives series, Teacher Reference Shelf, and Archival Ambassadors, a summer stewardship program. Primary Source Seminar was developed to utilize the diverse Lloyd W. Smith Archival Collection and bring historical documents out of archival storage and into the hands of young learners. We have successfully hosted ten student seminars and three teacher workshops, and we are moving forward with our Archival Ambassadors initiative.

We have an exciting summer ahead as we kick off our first session of Archival Ambassadors. Starting in June, a team of graduate-level history students and education majors will begin work on an



For more information visit:  
[www.primarysourceseminar.blogspot.com](http://www.primarysourceseminar.blogspot.com)

extensive research project. Interns will develop a Traveling Archives curriculum unit, instruct high school Ambassadors, and create a temporary exhibit based on their studies. During the fourth week of the project, a group of high school Ambassadors will join the team for an enrichment program focused on artifact preservation, scholarly research, and primary document analysis. As part of this program, students will assist interns in assembling the exhibit and preparing activities for Community Day (Saturday, July 16). Archival Ambassadors was

made possible, in part, by a one-time stewardship grant by the National Park Foundation. Preparation for this new initiative began in 2010 with the development of the prototype Traveling Archives unit by teaching fellow Laurie Schmid of Phillipsburg High School. Internship curriculum planning was completed by Archives Technician and Museum Educator Sarah Minegar.

Primary Source Seminar's teacher resources are taking off as well. Schmid's summer 2010 contribution helped us get our Traveling Archives component rolling, and our first unit, "The Trials of the New Nation: 1789-1815," is now available for classroom loan. Teachers interested in learning more about integrating primary documents into their lesson plans may attend our annual fall teacher workshop (last year we focused on teaching Document-Based Questions or DBQs) or stop in and use our in-house Teacher Reference Shelf. For those who can't make a visit to the library and archives, our digital resources blog is updated biweekly with Mini Lessons and online primary source resources.



Crossroads of the American  
Revolution National Heritage  
Area

The Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area was established by Congress in 2006 to raise popular appreciation of the historical significance of New Jersey in the American Revolution. The heritage area encompasses 213 cities and towns and all or parts of 14 counties from Bergen to Gloucester and offers a forum for new citizen initiatives on education, natural resource preservation, historic conservation and interpretation, and heritage tourism.

To learn more about the history of the American Revolution in New Jersey,

visit [www.RevolutionaryNJ.org](http://www.RevolutionaryNJ.org).



## Lend A Helping Hand

Every year, hundreds of individuals contribute their enthusiasm and skills to help the National Park Service preserve and protect its natural and cultural resources, and to serve and educate its visitors. Volunteers help in almost every area of the park, from maintaining trails to leading guided tours. The time commitment for volunteer work varies from one-day projects to recurring projects or full-time work extending over months or years. Both individuals and organized groups are welcome to volunteer, and opportunities are available both for highly skilled professionals and for families with little or no experience in land management.

Consider joining our team! Your contribution of time and energy will help us to protect the magnificent natural and cultural areas entrusted to us, and you'll go home with a sense of pride at having participated in something worthwhile. Morristown is your National Park!

**For further information or volunteer opportunities contact:**

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# Morristown's Other Army

Have you ever wondered how Morristown National Historical Park became a park? Morristown NHP is a wonderful community resource that we use for relaxation, exercise and learning. Although Morristown NHP has been a fundamental part of the local landscape for several generations, this was not always the case.

The practice of holding large expanses of land in public trust for parks began in the 19th Century. Yellowstone National Park was the first National Park founded in 1872. In New Jersey it wasn't until 1903 that the state established its first Historic Site at the Indian King Tavern in Camden County. Then in 1933, in the last days of Herbert Hoover's presidency, he signed into law creating Morristown NHP. Soon after, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office and gave his 'Three Essentials for Unemployment Relief' On March 21, 1933, where he proposed the formation of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).



Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees building the Tour Road in Jockey Hollow

This program became the most popular program of FDR's New Deal agenda.

President Roosevelt was interested in preserving the nation's natural and cultural treasures and focused the CCC on conservation. The CCC built roads, bridges and hiking trails throughout the country. They participated in soil erosion control, planted acres of trees and established forest management practices. In Jockey Hollow the men built many of the trails, did extensive archeology around the Soldiers Huts, Wick Farm and Guerin House. They also constructed the tour road, Wick House garden and replanted the apple orchard at the Wick House.

While completing all this they observed an eight hour work day and a five day work week. This left plenty of time to participate in recreational and educational activities offered in the camp. Enrollees earned \$30 a month. They were allowed to keep only \$5 while the remaining \$25 was sent home to support their parents and siblings. While in the camp the enrollees also received room, board and medical care.

The towns and villages where the camps were located received just as many benefits as the enrollees did. While the

camps were in session, local tradesmen were hired as "Local Experienced Men" or 'LEMs' for short. These men trained the CCC enrollees in various skills needed to complete the jobs assigned to the camp. Also many of the supplies and food needed in the camp was purchased from local merchants. The 'boys' were taken into town most weekends and were able to spend some of their hard earned money at local stores such as ice parlors, movie theaters and restaurants.

The CCC worked in all the states and territories of the U.S. for 9 years from 1933 to 1942. During this time about 3 million boys signed up for the CCC and their accomplishments were amazing. Throughout the life of the program the CCC planted upwards of 3 billion trees, constructed approximately 125,000 miles of road, built more than 3,000 fire lookout towers and spent 8 million man hours fighting forest fires.

Next time you are in a park, especially Jockey Hollow, take a minute to appreciate the hard work that had to be done for us to enjoy Jockey Hollow and other public lands the way we do today. If you would like to learn more about the CCC at Morristown NHP join one of the many CCC related Ranger led activities.



National Park Service  
Morristown NHP  
Junior Ranger Program

Become a Junior Ranger at Morristown National Historical Park! This self-guided Junior Ranger program is now available year-round for children of all ages and those who are young at heart. Pick up a booklet at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center or Washington's Headquarters Museum. The booklet contains self-guided activities throughout the park and after completing them, you can earn your very own Junior Ranger Badge.

For more information or to print a copy of the booklet contact:

[www.nps.gov/morr/forkids](http://www.nps.gov/morr/forkids)

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# Ranger Led Activities Schedule for Summer 2011



## JUNE

### **Saturday, June 4th: Alien Invaders**

Where did they come from? Invaders have come from faraway lands and are taking over our forests. Join a Park Ranger at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center to see the invaders in action and find out what you can do to prevent a complete takeover. 11:00am & 1:00pm at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

### **Sunday, June 5th: Farmer's Viewpoint**

Fences destroyed, livestock stolen, and hundred of acres of trees chopped down. Find out what a farmer thought about having 10,000 soldiers camped on his land. 1:30pm to 4:30pm at the Wick House.

### **Saturday, June 11th: Morristown's Other Army**

During the Great Depression of the 1930's another army camped in Morristown. Join a Park Ranger at the Washington's Headquarters Museum for a 45 minute PowerPoint slideshow presentation to discover the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps and how these 'Soil Soldiers' transformed Morristown NHP and other public lands. 10:15am, 12:15pm & 2:15pm at the Washington's Headquarters Museum.

### **Saturday, June 11th: Dining in the 18th Century**

Ever wonder how you would feed your family during the Revolution? Join a Park Ranger during this cooking demonstration to experience how meals were prepared and served. 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Wick House.

### **Sunday, June 12th: Officer's View**

Hear what life was like for an officer during the winter of 1779-1780 as a Park Ranger takes on the character of an officer to answer your questions about life during the war. 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the Wick House.

### **Wednesday, June 15th: Artillery in Morristown**

Ever wonder what artillerists mean when they talk about 4lb, 6lb or 8lb cannons? Join a Park Ranger at the Washington's Headquarters Museum as you discover the many different aspects of artillery used in the American Revolution during this 30 minute gallery talk. 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm & 3:30pm at the Washington's Headquarters Museum

### **Saturday, June 18th: Alien Invaders**

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### **Sunday, June 19th: New Jersey Brigade Hike**

Tour one of the lesser known areas of the park and learn about two different eras of history. Hear about the suffering of the New Jersey soldiers. Then discover the lavish lifestyles of the Mountain Colony during the early 20th century at the Cross Estate. This is a strenuous 2 mile round trip hike. 10:00am at the New Jersey Brigade Parking Area.

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**Monday, June 20th: Environmental Explorers Hike** - Do you have a nature nut in your family? If so this hike is for you! Join a Park Ranger on this 2 mile round trip hike on the Yellow Trail to experience the different plants and animals that call Jockey Hollow home. This hike is ideal for parents and children 5 to 8 years old but all are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:00am at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Wednesday, June 22nd: Tempe Wick; Truth & Legend** - Did Tempe Wick really hide a horse in the Wick House? Hear the legend and find out the truth as you explore the Wick House and look for potential hiding spots. 1:30pm, 2:30pm & 3:30pm at the Wick House.

**Saturday, June 25th: Hamilton Slept Here Too!** - George Washington wasn't the only founding father to sleep in the Ford Mansion. Join a Park Ranger on a tour of the Ford Mansion and discover the role Alexander Hamilton played during the 'Hard Winter' and beyond. 10:00am, 11:00am and Noon at the Ford Mansion.

**Saturday, June 25th: Feeding the Army** Napoleon famously said "An army marches on its stomach." The Continentals were no different. Join a Park Ranger to discover the varieties of food the soldiers were to receive but didn't always get. 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center

**Sunday, June 26th: Restoring the Wick House** - Did you know people lived in the Wick House until 1933? Thanks to the Civilian Conservation Corps the house has been transformed to an original appearance. Join a Park Ranger at the Wick House to discover the ways in which the CCC restored the Wick House and farm. 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the Wick House.

**Wednesday, June 29th: Tour Road Ramble** - People use the tour road everyday and never realize how much history happened around them. Join a Park Ranger for this 3 mile round trip walk along the Tour Road of Jockey Hollow and learn the history from 1750 to the present. Topics include mutiny, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Mountain Colony and the man who was hanged twice. Call 973-543-4030 for further information. 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

## JULY

**Saturday, July 2nd: Wick Family Guest** Did you know a President spent the winter at the Wick House? Join a Park Ranger at the Wick House to discover who it was, as well as the impacts he made during the American Revolution. 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the Wick House.

**Sunday, July 3rd: Hamilton Slept Here Too!** - George Washington wasn't the only founding father to sleep in the Ford Mansion. Join a Park Ranger on a tour of the Ford Mansion and discover the role Alexander Hamilton played during the 'Hard Winter' and beyond. 1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm at the Ford Mansion.

**Sunday, July 3rd: Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield** - Hear eyewitness accounts of the battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield from a soldier just back from the battles as he rests at the Wick House. 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the Wick House.

**Monday, July 4th: Independence Day** Join the staff of Morristown NHP on this truly historic day as we celebrate the 4th of July with a special reading of the Declaration of Independence and other activities. Noon to 2:00pm at the Washington's Headquarters Museum.

**Tuesday, July 5th: Nature Newborns** Want to explore in the fresh air? Join a Park Ranger on a hike with you and your baby in a backpack to discover the many natural wonders of Jockey Hollow. This hike is ideal for parents with a child in a backpack but all are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 973-543-4030 for further details. 10:00am at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Friday, July 8th: Nature Discovery Hike** - Have you always wanted to choose what the ranger talks about? Now is your chance! Join a Park Ranger as we discover together some of the natural wonders of Jockey Hollow on this 2 mile round-trip hike. Call 973-542-4030 for further information. 10:00am at the Trail Center Parking Lot.

**Saturday, July 9th: Alien Invaders** Where did they come from? Invaders have come from faraway lands and are taking over our forests. Join a Park Ranger at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center to see the invaders in action and find out what you can do to prevent a complete takeover. 11:00am & 1:00pm at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Saturday, July 9th: Washington Tales; Fact or Fiction** - Many stories have been told about the life of George Washington. Some are based on fact, but many are legends. Join us at the Washington's Headquarters Museum, as a Park Ranger will recount a number of these tales and separate fact from fiction. 1:15pm, 2:15pm & 3:15pm at the Washington's Headquarters Museum.

**Sunday, July 10th: Colonial Games** Have some old fashioned fun as you play the same games the soldiers and Wick family played. Try your hand at nine-pins, quoits, trap-ball, nine-man morris and other 18th century games. 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Wick House.

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**Thursday, July 14th: Building the Huts** During the winter of 1779 to 1780 the Continental Army had to build their huts with their hands and the tools they had available. Join a Park Ranger at the Soldier Huts to see how these structures were made. Call 973-543-4030 for further information. 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the Soldier Huts

**Saturday, July 16th: Blind Exploration** Explore without sight as you travel back to the 18th Century with a Park Ranger. Feel, smell, taste and listen your way through the historic Wick House. 10:00am, 1:00pm & 3:00pm at the Wick House.

**Sunday, July 17th: Alien Invaders** Where did they come from? Invaders have come from faraway lands and are taking over our forests. Join a Park Ranger at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center to see the invaders in action and find out what you can do to prevent a complete takeover. 11:00am & 1:00pm at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Wednesday, July 20th: Strollercise** Experience everything Jockey Hollow has to offer! Join a Park Ranger on this 2.5 mile round-trip hike along the Tour Road and discover the many fascinating plants and animals that call New Jersey home. This hike is ideal for parents with children in a stroller but all are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 973-543-4030 for further information. 10:00am at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Thursday, July 21st: Evening Campfire Program: A Veteran Remembers** Gather around the campfire and listen as an old veteran of the American Revolution recalls some of his adventures and sufferings during the war. A Park Ranger will present an evening campfire program based on the memoirs of Joseph Plum Martin at the Wick House. Visitors should bring a blanket or chair to sit on as well as a flashlight for safety. 7:00pm at the Wick House.

**Saturday, July 23rd: Civilian Conservation Corps Hike** - During the Great Depression of the 1930's a group of young men changed Jockey Hollow forever. Join a Park Ranger on this 2.25 mile round-trip hike on the Yellow Trail to discover how these men transformed Jockey Hollow into what we love today while only earning \$30 a month! Call 973-543-4030 for further information. 10:00am at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Sunday, July 24th: Soldier at the Huts** Learn about the life of a common soldier during the winter encampment and see the clothing, equipment, and weapons that a soldier used as you visit the replica soldier huts of the Pennsylvania Line. Call 973-543-4030 for further details. 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the Soldier Huts.

**Wednesday, July 27th: Tour Road Ramble** - People use the tour road everyday and never realize how much history happened around them. Join a Park Ranger for this 3 mile round trip walk along the Tour Road of Jockey Hollow and learn the history from 1750 to the present. Topics include mutiny, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Mountain Colony and the man who was hanged twice. Call 973-543-4030 for further information. 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Friday, July 29th: Sensory Stroll** Experience the forest in a new way. Join a Park Ranger to use four of your senses, no tasting, to explore the natural world as you hike on the Red Trail. Listen to the birds, feel the bark of the trees, smell flowers and leaves, and look for living things all around. Call 973-543-4030 for further details. 10:00am & 1:00pm at the Trail Center Parking Lot.

**Saturday, July 30th: Revolutionary Bingo** - Is bingo your name? Join a Park Ranger and stay cool on this hot summer day by visiting the Washington's Headquarters Museum for a fun way to test your knowledge of objects found in 18th Century life. 10:00am, 1:00pm & 3:00pm at the Washington's Headquarters Museum

**Sunday, July 31st: Colonial Nature Hike** - Join a Park Ranger on this 1.5 mile round-trip hike and learn how people in the 18th century used and abused the natural world. Learn how farmers, craftsmen and housewives used the rocks, trees and animals in their daily lives. Call 973-543-4030 for further details. 10:00am & 2:00pm at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

## AUGUST

**Monday, August 1st: Little Tykes Hike** Join a Park ranger as you and your children discover what is crawling, calling and blooming in Jockey Hollow while hiking about 1 mile round-trip on the Red Trail. This nature hike is ideal for children 2 to 6 years old but all are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 973-543-4030 for further information. 10:00am at the Trail Center Parking Lot.

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**Tuesday, August 2nd: Weapons of the Revolution** - Many weapons were used during the Revolution from swords and cannons to muskets. Join a Park Ranger at the Washington's Headquarters Museum to see and learn about some of the weapons in our museum collection. 1:15pm, 2:15pm & 3:15pm at the Washington's Headquarters Museum

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**Sunday, August 7th: Stark's Brigade Hike** - Join a Park Ranger on this 3 mile round-trip hike on the Blue Trail starting at the New York Brigade Parking Lot to the Stark's Brigade and back. Learn about the New England soldiers who camped here and their life during the winter encampment. Call 973-543-4030 for further details. 10:00am at the New York Brigade Parking Area.

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**Thursday, August 11th: Evening Campfire Program: 18th Century Storytelling** - Without TV, TiVo or Twitter, the soldiers and civilians of the 18th century told stories to pass the time. Gather around our campfire and hear jokes, riddles and humorous stories that were popular in the 18th century. Visitors should bring a blanket or chair to sit on as well as a flashlight for safety. 7:00pm at the Wick House.

**Saturday, August 13th: In the Footsteps of Presidents** - When you hike around Jockey Hollow do you see the work of Woodrow Wilson, Herbert Hoover or even Richard Nixon? Join a Park Ranger on this 2.25 mile round-trip hike on the Yellow Trail to discover the role these Presidents and others have played in shaping Jockey Hollow. Call 973-543-4030 for further information. 10:00am at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center

**Saturday, August 13th: Building Home Sweet Home** - Without the help of hardware stores and TV magic the Wick House was not built in 7 days. Join a Park Ranger to discover the tools, time and techniques Henry Wick used to build his home in Jockey Hollow. 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Wick House.

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**Saturday, August 20th: Spin Action** Visit the Wick House to see and explore the ways in which families worked together to clothe each other as the weather became colder. 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Wick House.

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**Saturday, August 27th: History Relations: Ford/Faesch & the Ford Mansion** - Enter the Ford Mansion with the viewpoint of the family entering their 2nd home. Learn about the connection between the Ford/Faesch House in Mount Hope and the Ford Mansion in Morristown. 10:00am, 11:00am, Noon at the Ford Mansion.

**Sunday, August 28th: Alien Invaders** Where did they come from? Invaders have come from faraway lands and are taking over our forests. Join a Park Ranger at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center to see the invaders in action and find out what you can do to prevent a complete takeover. 11:00am & 1:00pm at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Wednesday, August 31st: Nature Newborns** - Want to explore in the fresh air? Join a Park Ranger on a hike with you and your baby in a backpack to discover the many natural wonders of Jockey Hollow. This hike is ideal for parents with a child in a backpack but all are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 973-543-4030 for further details. 10:00am at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

## Japanese Stiltgrass



Detailed view of Japanese stiltgrass

Japanese stiltgrass, also known as Japanese wiregrass or Nepalese browntop, is an annual grass with a sprawling habit. It germinates in spring and grows slowly through the summer months, ultimately reaching heights of 2 to 3½ ft.

Japanese stiltgrass threatens native plants and natural habitats in open to shady, and moist to dry locations. Stiltgrass spreads to form extensive patches, displacing native species that are not able to compete with it. Where white-tail deer are over-abundant, they may facilitate its invasion by feeding on native plant species and avoiding stiltgrass. Japanese stiltgrass may impact other plants by changing soil chemistry and shading other plants.

First documented in Tennessee around 1919, stiltgrass may have accidentally escaped as a result of its use as a packing material for porcelain.

Japanese stiltgrass is an annual grass, with all plants dying each fall. It is a colonial species that spreads during the summer and fall by rooting at stem nodes that touch the ground. Individual plants may produce 100 to 1,000 seeds that fall

close to the parent plant from both self-fertilizing and cross-fertilizing flowers. Seed may be carried further by water currents during heavy rains or moved in contaminated hay, soil, or potted plants, and on footwear and vehicles. Stiltgrass seed remains viable in the soil for five or more years and germinates readily. Deer and other grazers reportedly do not browse it, though they have been found to spread the seeds.

At Morristown NHP, a combination of stiltgrass and other invasive plant species has created an unfavorable environment for younger plants to begin their life. Stiltgrass forms a dense blanket of ground cover, making it difficult for younger plants to grow. This, along with other factors, has led to a lack of native plant regeneration. As a result, the younger age classes of many species of native trees are not currently of sufficient quantity to replace the native tree canopy. The National Park Service is currently developing a management plan to ensure that our natural resources continue to be preserved for the enjoyment of current and future generations.



View of Japanese stiltgrass along many of the trails in Jockey Hollow



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### Washington's Headquarters Museum:

The museum is open daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The museum features three exhibit galleries and a 30 minute park movie about Morristown during the Revolutionary War. The museum also includes an Eastern National bookstore. The fee for the museum is \$4.00 for adults (age 16 and Up) and also includes a tour of the Ford Mansion. Call 973-539-2016 ext 210 for information.

### Ford Mansion:

Tours are offered daily and begin at the Washington's Headquarters Museum. Call 973-539-2016 ext 210 for availability.

### Jockey Hollow Visitor Center:

Open daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm and admission is free. Trail Guides to 27 miles of hiking trails are available for free. Call 973-543-4030 for information.

### Wick House:

Open daily and admission is free. Step back in time while exploring the 18th Century farmhouse of the Wick Family. Call 973-543-4030 for information.

