

Centennial Programs



FIND YOUR
PARK

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100 Years: Let's Celebrate!

The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25, 2016, and everyone can take part in the celebration! The centennial kicks off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs.

We invite you to find your park at Morristown National Historical Park

during our Centennial programs and events!

Below are the park's currently scheduled Centennial programs and events but are not the only park programs. For the latest program information, please visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/morr or call us at **973-539-2016 ext. 210**.

March 2016

Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12
“Crossroads: The Future of Graduate History Education” conference at Drew University., where the park's Chief of Cultural Resources will present a session on the National Park Service centennial and the approach to public history in the NPS.
Location: Drew University
For more information and to register, visit <http://www.drew.edu/graduate/academics/maphd/crossroads>

Saturday, March 12 & Sunday, March 13
St. Patrick's Day Weekend: Morristown NHP celebrates the NPS Centennial by participating in the annual Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday. On Sunday, join the park for the grand reopening of the historic Wick House.
Sunday Location: Jockey Hollow/Wick House
Sunday Time: 12 pm

April 2016

Saturday, April 16 & Sunday, April 17
Grand Encampment: Our annual Encampment Weekend on a Centennial scale! Over 150 reenactors from across the Mid-Atlantic will be displaying a variety of 18th century skills and demonstrations.
Location: Jockey Hollow
For more information, visit www.nps.gov/morr/planyourvisit/grand-encampment-2016.htm

April 16-24
National Park Week: Visit the park this week for special National Park Week programming.
For more information, visit www.nps.gov/morr

April 16
National Junior Ranger Day: Junior Rangers can earn a special Morristown NPS Centennial Junior Ranger Day 2016 Certificate.

May 2016

Sunday, May 1
La Giuditta: The Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey performs the 1693 first edition oratorio based on the manuscript in the park archives. The original manuscript will be on display, as part of our Centennial efforts for archival exhibitions.
Location: Washington's Headquarters Museum
Visit <https://baroqueorchestra.org> for tickets.

Friday, May 13
Author Presentation on Valiant Ambition: Morristown NHP hosts award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Nathaniel Philbrick for a presentation on his brand-new book, *Valiant Ambition*.
Location: Washington's Headquarters Museum
Time: 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 14
SPIRIT of the JERSEYS State History Fair: Park staff will have a booth dedicated to the park's history as well as the history of the NPS in honor of the NPS Centennial.
Location: Monmouth Battlefield State Park.
Time: 10 am to 3 pm

June and July 2016

Wednesday, June 8 & Thursday, June 9

New Jersey History and Historical Preservation Conference: There will be a session on the NPS Centennial and history, as well as what area NPS sites are showcasing for the Centennial.

Location: Thomas Edison NHP and Seton Hall University

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.njpreservationconference.org/>

Sunday, June 19

Gateway to History: Singer and songwriter Gordon Ward will perform cuts from his CD *Gateway to History*, including a number that directly connect to the Morristown NHP story, including his hit song remembering Joseph Plumb Martin. The park's first edition

of Martin memoir will be on display as part of our Centennial efforts for archival exhibitions. *Location: Washington's Headquarters Museum*
Time: TBD

July 1-September 4 (Labor Day)

Centennial Exhibit: A new, temporary exhibit featuring park archival and collection items. *Location: Washington's Headquarters Museum*

Saturday, July 2 - Monday, July 4

Revolutionary Times 2016! A Fourth of July celebration complete with a patriotic lawn concert at Washington's Headquarters Museum and the Reading of the Declaration of Independence on the Morristown Green. *For more information, visit morrismuseum.org or www.nps.gov/morr*

August and September 2016

August 25-28

National Park Service's 100th Birthday Weekend! Activities and programs will be announced in Spring 2016. *For more information, visit www.nps.gov/morr*

September

Naturalization Ceremony at Washington's

Headquarters Museum. *Date and time: TBD*

September

NPS Centennial Exhibit at the New Jersey State Capital Rotunda *Date and time: TBD*

October, November, & December 2016

October

Fall Living History Weekend: Activities and programs will be announced in Summer 2016.

Friday November 18 & Saturday November 19

New Jersey Historical Commission Conference:

Friday Location: Washington's Headquarters Museum

Saturday location: TBD

For more information, visit <http://nj.gov/state/historical/>

December

Holly Walk

Date and time: TBD

For more information, visit morrismuseum.org

Fee Free Days in 2016

The National Park Service turns 100 years old in 2016 and we want everyone to join the party! On 16 days in '16, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

Mark your calendar for these entrance fee-free dates in 2016:
January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
April 16-24: National Park Week
August 25-28: National Park Service Birthday
September 24: National Public Lands Day



What is "Find Your Park"?

Find Your Park is a national public engagement campaign that is part of the National Park Service Centennial. We are inviting the American people to find their "park" and discover the work all of us do every day to help protect our country's most special places and resources.

By doing so, we are not only celebrating the

first century of the National Park Service, but helping to connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates for the next 100 years.

Everyone finds their park in a different place and in a different way.

Visit www.findyourpark.com to explore ways to find your park, share your park story, and support your park.

But wait, there's more!

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Morristown National Historical Park preserves, protects, and commemorates the landscapes, structures, features, and museum collections of the Continental Army winter encampments, the headquarters of General George Washington, and related Revolutionary War sites at Morristown, New Jersey for the benefit and inspiration of the public.

Morristown NHP also represents a continuum of our nation's efforts to protect our common heritage: as the very first "national historical park", the park was also established to commemorate, preserve, and memorialize American history and heritage. The park maintains a museum & library collection related to the encampments & George Washington, as well as items relating to pre- and post-Revolutionary America.