Morristown Past and Present



Note: Numbers correspond to sites labeled on the map below.

• Museum and Visitor Information Designed by John Russell Pope, the Colonial Revival-style building was completed in 1937. Exhibit galleries focus on 18thcentury domestic life of wealthy families like the Fords; military tactics, weapons, strategy, and camp life; and the Lloyd Smith collection of rare manuscripts and books. Information desk, museum store, exhibits, short movie, tickets for Ford Mansion tours. Entrance fee for museum.



2 Washington's Headquarters / Ford Mansion From December 1779 to June 1780, this was Washington's quarters and base of operations. Ranger-led tours only; admission included with museum fee.

3 Fort Nonsense In May 1777 Washington's troops fortified this strategic crest with earthworks and trenches.

4 Jockey Hollow Encampment Area and Visitor Center Some 10,000 Continental Army soldiers camped in this area during the winter of 1779–80. Visitor center has

information desk, exhibits, reproduction hut, short movie, and gift shop.

Wick House Henry Wick and his family lived in this New England-style house on a 1,400-acre farm. During the 1779– 80 encampment, Gen. Arthur St. Clair made his headquarters here.

6 Pennsylvania Line Encampment Site Precise rows of log huts on this hillside housed 2,000 soldiers during the 1779– 80 encampment. Replica huts open. Grand Parade This field was the center of camp life. Even in the harshest winter weather, soldiers gathered daily for inspections, guard detail, and drilling. General orders were issued from the orderly office (no longer standing), the camp's administrative headquarters.

3 Stark's Brigade Encampment Site A monument on the hillside marks the encampment site of Brig. Gen. John Stark's 1,270 men from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. *Note: Walk-in site only*. • New Jersey Brigade Encampment Site About 900 soldiers of the New Jersey Brigade, the last group to arrive that winter, encamped on a steep plot of land. *Note: Walk-in site only.*

Cross Estate Gardens The early 20thcentury landscape of the Cross Estate includes a formal perennial garden, native plant garden, pergola covered by wisteria, pathway bordered by mountain laurel, and several large specimen trees.

Trails for Everyone

The park has about 27 miles of designated hiking trails. Ranging in difficulty from easy to moderate, the trails let you experience natural beauty while also exploring Revolutionary War history.

The 2.25-mile Yellow Trail connects the key historic and interpretive sites throughout Jockey Hollow. The White Trail/Grand Loop Trail is the longest trail in Jockey Hollow—6.5 miles. The Blue Trail, 3 miles roundtrip, includes the Stark's Brigade encampment site, which offers the best view of the landscape from Mt. Kemble. While hiking in the park please keep your pets on a leash at all times. You can print a trail map and park map from the park website. Morris County's 35-mile, multiuse Patriots' Path connects several dozen natural and historical sites. Printable maps are available at www.morrisparks.net. Bicycles are only allowed on the 3-mile-long paved Tour Road. Biking is not allowed on hiking trails.



Civilian Conservation Each season has its own beauty along park trails.

New Jersey and the American Revolution

Because of its central location among the American Colonies and its well-developed transportation, provisioning, and defense systems, New Jersey played a key role in the struggle for independence.

Within the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, New Jersey's rich history unfolds—from Fort Lee at the Palisades to Red Bank Battlefield on the Delaware River. The national heritage area covers 2,155 square miles over 14 counties. Historic sites; preservation groups; historical societies; friends organizations; state, county and local governments; and schools, libraries, and museums work together to tell the stories of the American Revolution and New Jersey's key contributions to building the nation.

For information and a virtual tour, visit www.revolutionarynj.org.



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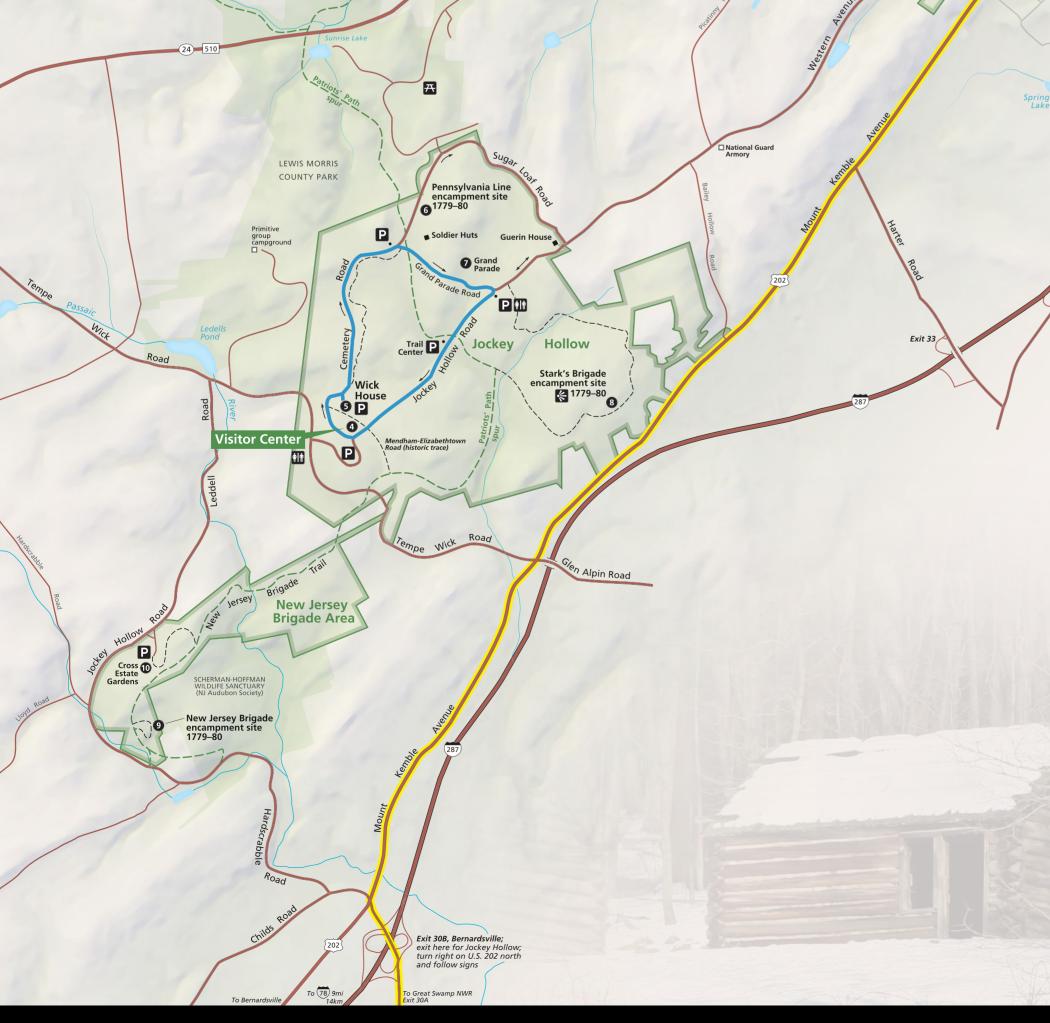
Historical Collections

Morristown National Historical Park has over 500,000 artifacts in its museum, archives, and library collections. While the overall collection emphasizes the Colonial and Revolutionary eras, the rare book and manuscript collections document the nation's development, and contain items from the 15th to 20th centuries. The park's cultural resources office has regular research hours. See the virtual museum at www.nps.gov/morr. You can also visit www.morristownnhpmuseum.blogspot.com.



Students examine original documents from the park's extensive collections.







Planning Your Visit

The park grounds are open daily 8 am to sunset. Park buildings' hours and days of operation vary seasonally. Before you visit, please call or check the website for updated schedules of park hours, Ford Mansion tour times, and other activities. The park is closed on Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1.

Accessibility We strive to make our facilities, programs, and services accessible to all. For information, ask a ranger, check at the visitor center, call, or visit our website.

Stay Safe, Protect the Park Federal law protects all natural and cultural features.
Collecting objects, using metal detectors, and digging for relics are all prohibited.
Do not allow your visit to be spoiled by an accident. While every effort has been made to provide for your safety, there are still hazards that require visitor alertness.
Watch for uneven walking surfaces when in and around historic buildings or

on the trails. • Avoid poison ivy and protect yourself against ticks and other insects. • Keep your pets leashed at all times and keep the park healthy by cleaning up after your pet. • Do not feed wild animals. • For firearms laws and policies, see the park website.

Emergencies call 911

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