

Crossroads of the American Revolution National and State Heritage Area

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Making a Plan - Saving Our Heritage

**Next Crossroads Pilot Project Public Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

Join us on Tuesday, June 17 from 5-9 pm at the Cross Estate in Bernardsville for the second public meeting for the Pilot Project of the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area. This meeting will focus on Morristown and the Morristown National Historical Park. For more information visit the Crossroads website: www.revolutionarynj.org

During the American Revolution, General George Washington met in Morristown with his key advisors to pour over maps and plot strategy. It was fitting, then, that the first Crossroads Pilot Project public meeting was held in Morris County.

Similar in form - if not in substance or gravity - this collaborative workshop on May 7 brought together professional historians, history buffs, conservationists, governing officials and the public to discuss the Heritage Area Management Plan.

Facilitators led breakout discussions related to Historic Sites, Stories, Mapping, and Environmental issues. Feedback gathered at this and future public hearings will be used to shape the Management Plan for New Jersey's National Heritage Area.

Morristown National Historic Park Upcoming Events



On March 2, 1933, Morristown became the third historic park

Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital



Princeton served as the American capital when it hosted the Congress of the United States from the end of June to early November of 1783. Congress temporarily fled Philadelphia after Pennsylvanian officials refused to guarantee Member's safety from state troops demanding back pay.

In celebration of the 225th anniversary of the historic gathering of the Congress in Princeton, [Morven Museum & Garden](#) will present its largest ever exhibition: Picturing Princeton 1783. The exhibition opens on **Sunday, June 1 from noon to 4 p.m.**

More than 100 paintings, documents, and artifacts will tell the story of Princeton's brief tenure as our nation's capitol. The exhibit includes portraits of George and Martha Washington, James Madison,

in the National Park Service inventory, and the first to receive the title 'National Historical Park'. The Park is celebrating its 75th Anniversary throughout 2008 with special events and programs, including:

Money of Early America

Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25 (noon to 4:30 pm) at the Washington's Headquarters Museum - learn about the history of money during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

Remembering the Dead, Memorial Day

Monday, May 26 (1 pm to 3 pm)

Jockey Hollow Visitors Center - Remember the Continental Army soldiers who died during the Revolutionary War in New Jersey including the three winter encampments at Morristown, Jockey Hollow and Middlebrook.

75th Anniversary of the Morristown National Historical Park

Friday, July 4 - Anniversary Ceremony featuring patriotic music, remarks and a reading of the Declaration of Independence;

Saturday, July 5 - Fireworks at dusk, at Lewis Morris County Park;

Sunday, July 6 - Concert and Picnic on the Morristown Green.

Check the Park website at www.nps.gov/morr for more information, or call 973-539-2016 x210 or - 543-4030.

Battle of Monmouth Re-Enactment -- 230th Anniversary

Live a bit of Revolutionary War history at the annual Battle of Monmouth Reenactment, taking place at Monmouth Battlefield State Park this June 21 & 22.

What began as harassment of the British army retreating from Philadelphia to New York in June of 1778, evolved into the Battle of Monmouth - the largest field artillery battle of the American Revolution and the last major battle in the north.

Explore American and British camps bustling with all of the activities that made up daily life in



Alexander Hamilton, and other of our nation's founders. The opening event will feature historical re-enactors, curator's tours, and refreshments.

For more information visit [Princeton 1783](http://Princeton1783.org) or call 609-924-8144, x106.

Additional Crossroads National Heritage Area Events

May 31 - June 1, 2008

Building the Barracks: A Weekend Event at the Old Barracks
[Old Barracks Museum](http://OldBarracksMuseum.org)

June 1, 2008

Picturing Princeton: 1783 Exhibition Opening at Morven
[Morven Museum & Gardens](http://MorvenMuseum.com)

June 4, 2008

2008 Historic Preservation Conference
[NJ Historic Preservation Office](http://NJHistoricPreservationOffice.org)

June 30, 2008

Registration Deadline for the Old Barracks Day Camp 2008
[Old Barracks Museum](http://OldBarracksMuseum.org)

July 4-6, 2008

Princeton 1783 - The Treaty of Paris
[Princeton Battlefield](http://PrincetonBattlefield.org)

July 5, 2008

Old Flag Retirement at the Old Barracks
[Old Barracks Museum](http://OldBarracksMuseum.org)

Revolutionary era army. You may even encounter the court martial of a rebel as you browse the selection of Revolutionary era goods for sale!

Camps are open on **Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** (with a battle at 3 p.m.), and on **Sunday, June 22 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** (with a battle at 1 p.m.). Admission is free!

Monmouth Battlefield State Park includes a restored Revolutionary War farmhouse, a Visitor Center and picnic areas, as well as miles of hiking and horseback riding trails. Visit the Park website for more information on the park and this exciting reenactment! www.monmouthbattlefield.com



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July 12, 2008

Bread Baking at the Old Barracks

[Old Barracks Museum](#)

July 14-18, 2008

History Camp at the Jacobus Vanderveer House

[Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum](#)

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