



Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

June 2012



National Trails Day Event in Bolton, CT



Rochambeau Strawberry Biscuit Tea in Cranston, RI

Recent NHT Events

The W3R-CT held a National Trails Day event on June 2nd in Connecticut at Bolton High School, the site of American and French encampments on the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. Governor Malloy, Senator Blumenthal, Congressman Larson and many others participated in the event. Joining the festivities were the Shelton 2nd Light Dragoons and the Governor's Foot Guard. Congressman Larson was recognized for his work in enacting the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT. Joe represented the NPS and the NHT at the well attended event.

The Joy Homestead in Cranston, Rhode Island celebrated their 8th annual Rochambeau Strawberry Biscuit Tea on June 18th. The event also included a visit from the Bourbonnais and 2nd Rhode Island Regiment on June 16th to celebrate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT.

On May 31, Mayor Michael Nutter of Philadelphia, Chester County Commissioner and DVRPC Board Member Terence Farrell, and representatives of more than a dozen other organizations gathered on the banks of the Schuylkill River in Center City Philadelphia to unveil "The Circuit," Greater Philadelphia's regional network of pedestrian and bike trails. The Circuit Coalition, consisting of twenty organizations including DVRPC, is committed to accelerating the process of connecting existing trails to one another and building new trails to fill in key gaps in the trail network. Ursula Reed of the W3R-US and W3R-PA attended the event to connect the NHT to the regional network.

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For more information, visit <http://connectthecircuit.org>

On June 26, Joe met with the W3R-US Program Committee, which includes Ursula Reed (PA), Ellen vonKarajan (MD) and Bill Conley (DE). They reviewed the proposals and selected the final projects that will be undertaken to get the word out about NHT.

On June 27, Joe met with Nicole Yancy (VA) and Superintendent Dan Smith of Colonial National Historical Park regarding projects and events in VA. The park prominently displays the NHT, the brochure and provides a passport stamp. To tell the story of the Battle off the Capes, we will explore the feasibility of moving the difficult to access commeration of Admiral DeGrasse at Fort Story to a more prominent location for all to see. Nicole is also initiating discussions with Williamsburg regarding trail waysides and marking. Joe will contact the state to explore ways of enhancing the NHT statewide.

On June 12, Joe, Samantha, and Cindy MacLeod, Superintendent of Independence National Historical Park, attended the The American Revolution Center's unveiling of the architectural design for the Museum of the American Revolution to be located in Philadelphia. The ceremony was attended by cultural leaders, tourism officials, and friends of The American Revolution Center. Philanthropist H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest announced a \$40 million challenge grant to encourage donations to the project.

The museum, to be built at 3rd and Chestnut Streets, will house the original artifacts, manuscripts, rare books and works of art owned by The American Revolution Center, the non-profit educational organization that is building the museum. The museum will tell the full story of the American Revolution and explore its ongoing legacy, providing context to the many regional and national museums that present key aspects of our Nation's founding era.



Rendering by Robert A.M. Stern Architects, LLP

This will be an important partner of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT. To learn more go to: <http://www.americanrevolutioncenter.org/>

We would like to compile photos of all Washington-Rochambeau NHT events, past and future. Please send any photos you would like included to Samantha Driscoll at samantha_driscoll@nps.gov. You can register for a free Flickr account. Once registered, you will be able to comment on all photos. We ask your help in using the comment section to caption the images and tell more about the place, people, or event!

Please see photos of past events at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/washington-rochambeau/>



NHT News

Please Welcome Phil Correll to the Washington-Rochambeau NHT!

Phil Correll joined the Washington-Rochambeau NHT as a full-time program manager on June 18th. Phil comes to the Washington-Rochambeau NHT from the NPS-NER Financial Assistance team in Philadelphia where he served as Manager. Prior to that, he was Project Director for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route and the Interpretive Program for the Pinelands National Reserve. Phil earned his master's degree in horticulture and public garden administration through the Longwood Graduate Program of the University of Delaware and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the College of Wooster in Ohio. He spent twelve years in the public garden/museum world before joining the NPS in 1993. Phil will be managing agreements for the NHT; developing the foundation and comprehensive planning documents; managing financial and project tracking systems, and developing partnerships. Phil will be working in Philadelphia at the U.S. Custom House, 200 Chestnut Street on the 3rd floor. His phone number is 215-597-1280, and his e-mail address is phil_correll@nps.gov.



Phil has drafted and is processing a cooperative agreement with the Hudson River Valley Greenway to help us administer the \$23,000 challenge cost share project to help stabilize the Odell House, Rochambeau headquarters in NY.

NPS: A Call to Action

The National Park Service is nearing its 100th Anniversary in 2016. National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis has announced A Call to Action to move the NPS into a new century. A Call to Action calls for creative and innovative ways to interpret, experience, communicate, protect, and educate the parks, trails, sites, and resources of the National Park Service.

See the plan A Call to Action at:

http://inside.nps.gov/calltoaction/pdf/C2A_report.pdf

- The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail will work with communities along the route to:
- Reach new audiences to tell the story of Generals Washington and Rochambeau, the allied armies, and the people impacted by this event
 - Connect the national, state, local parks, trails, heritage areas, and greenways on the route and add cultural resource preservation and interpretation to the natural and recreation resources along the route
 - Offer rich, interactive, up-to-date content in a user-friendly web platform that supports online and mobile technology including social media



Announcements

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA)

Are you trying to protect your local rivers, save an unspoiled landscape or build trails that everyone in your community can enjoy? Every year, the National Park Service helps hundreds of locally-driven projects that create opportunities for healthy outdoor recreation, connect youth with the outdoors, and connect communities to parks.

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) from the National Park Service provides no funding, but experienced staff can help communities plan for success. Applications for assistance will be accepted until August 1. Let Joe, Phil or Samantha know if you are interested and we will put you in touch a RTCA staff member in your area. Visit www.nps.gov/rtca for complete information and application.

Public input for 2013 Virginia Outdoors Plan

Planners with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation are inviting residents are invited to share their ideas for outdoor recreation and land conservation needs. The following are among the topics relevant to the Northern region: Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, Journey Through Hallowed Ground, ongoing regional connections and trail development, local and regional conservation needs, especially opportunities to preserve rural and agricultural lands, active recreation needs and opportunities, state scenic rivers and scenic byways and existing water trails, including Occoquan, Potomac and Captain John Smith and the Washington Rochambeau NHT.

The Virginia Outdoors Plan is the state's comprehensive plan for meeting outdoor recreation, land conservation and open space needs. Anyone may submit written comments. Email comments to janit.llewellyn@dcv.virginia.gov, or write to: VOP Comments, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, 203 Governor St., Suite 326, Richmond, VA 23219.

Public input for Delaware's State Historic Preservation Plan

The public is invited to share information for use in drafting Delaware's 2013-2017 statewide historic-preservation plan. For those interested in Delaware's historic buildings, communities and sites are invited to share their thoughts on the future of historic-preservation in the state. Public input will be incorporated into the updated historic-preservation plan which is scheduled to be released in January 2013. The public may submit written comments to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, 21 the Green, Dover, DE 19901; or via e-mail at preservationplan@state.de.us.



Outdoor Nation 2012 Summits

The search is on for outdoor activists to participate in the Outdoor Nation 2012 Summits! If you know of young people between the ages of 16 - 28, please alert them to the Outdoor Summits. You are encouraged to promote this amazing opportunity to all of the young leaders within your networks. Outdoor Nation has travel scholarships available for groups of 10 or more to help get everyone to and from the summit without undue financial burden! Please visit: www.outdoornation.org/page/2012-summits
For more information contact: Ivan Levin at ilevin@outdoornation.org.

Greater Philadelphia's Regional Multi-use Trails Network

In southeast Pennsylvania, there is a new grant program to further the creation of Greater Philadelphia's regional multi-use trails network. The region blessed with a variety of opportunities to create a connected network of multi-use trails, including both right-of-ways (ROWs) inherited from the area's long history as a hub of railroad activity and greenway corridors that follow the region's creek buffering and park systems. Together, these ROWs and greenways provide the framework for an interconnected network of multi-use trails. The Regional Trails Program, administered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, with funding from the William Penn Foundation, aims to capitalize upon these opportunities by providing funding for targeted, priority trail design, construction and planning projects that will promote a truly connected, regional network of multi-use trails with Philadelphia and Camden as its hub. The program will also provide technical assistance to trail developers, counties, municipalities and nonprofit organizations. The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail can be a part of the network.

To learn more about the regional trail network, the projects awarded, the potential for future grants visit:<http://www.dvrpc.org/RegionalTrailsProgram/>
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Google Maps of the NHT

[Click on the state for map](#)

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Rhode Island

Connecticut

New York

New Jersey, Corridor 1

New Jersey, Corridor 2

Pennsylvania

Delaware

Maryland

Virginia

Washington DC