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**This Month's
Issue**

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Find Your Revolutionary Park

Each month we will be highlighting one of the many National Parks that share the story of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT. See the [Places to Go](#) section of the website to find your Revolutionary War park.

Yorktown Battlefield at Colonial National Historical Park

When September of 1781 came to a close, the allied French and American Armies began to lay siege on the British Army of General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown Virginia. On October 19th, the British Army

Park

Yorktown Battlefield

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surrendered, ending the last major battle of the American Revolution. Colonial National Historical Park preserves these hallowed grounds where American Independence was secured.

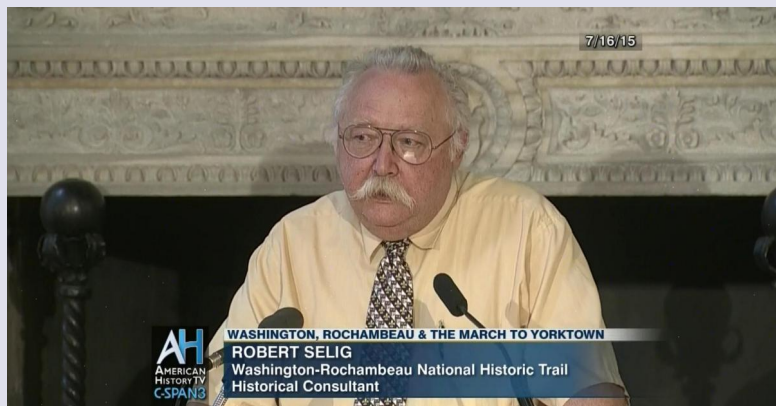


The surrender fields at Yorktown.

NPS photo

Highlights of the Month

Dr. Robert Selig discusses the march to Yorktown on C-SPAN



[Watch it here!](#)



More than 20,000 National Park Service employees help care for America's National Parks, Heritage Areas, Trails, Wild & Scenic Rivers, and other affiliated, related areas and programs. They work with communities across the nation to preserve natural resources and our shared cultural heritage and to create close-to-home recreational and educational opportunities.

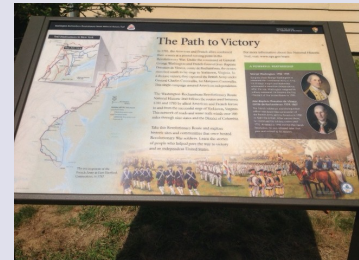
FIND YOUR PARK

Join the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation as we kick off a nationwide campaign to celebrate the National Park Service Centennial.



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6th Annual Revolutionary War Weekend at Fishkill Supply Depot in NY



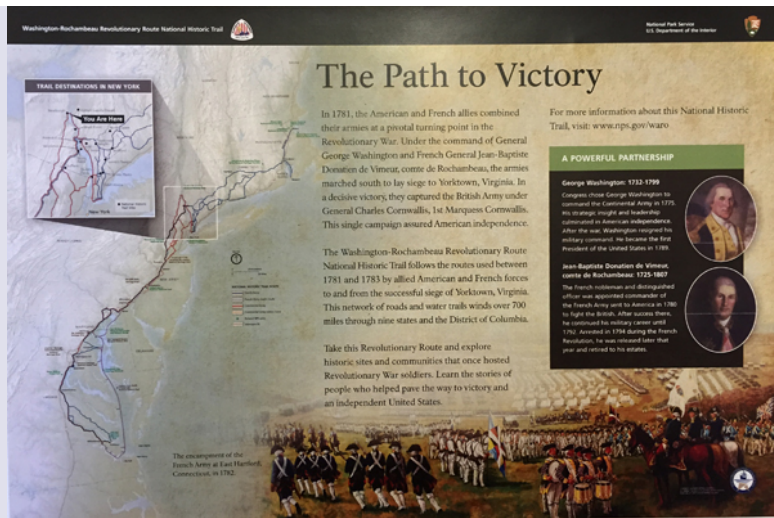
On Saturday, September 19th, as part of the 6th Annual Revolutionary War Weekend event, the Fishkill Historical Society (FHS) and Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot (FOFSD) unveiled display panels marking the Fishkill Supply Depot site's inclusion in the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, known commonly as the W3R. Research has uncovered Fishkill's clear connection to the French forces that served in the Revolution. Along with the Van Wyck Homestead Museum's status as a Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (HRVNHA) site, the installation of the panels marks the national importance of the Fishkill Supply Depot.

For more information, please go to www.fishkillsupplydepot.org

New York Outdoor Wayside Exhibits

National Historical Trail

200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA
19106



The outdoor wayside exhibits for fifteen sites in New York selected as destinations for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT were delivered and installation has begun. We are working with the Town of Cortlandt to explore marking the NHT route with banners (ten) in Verplanck and Van Cortlandtville. We would like to help develop a New York brochure (similar in format to that used by NPS) to map the route and highlight the fifteen destinations in New York.

Delaware Trail Coordination

Kim Burdick, W3R-US/DE organized a meeting in Wilmington, Delaware on September 15, 2015 to discuss Delaware's portion of the NHT. The trail in Delaware was laid out and marked in time for the 225th anniversary of the Yorktown Campaign in 2006. Now that the trail has federal designation, Delaware is ready to refresh their plans and join their efforts with those of neighboring states.

See the notes from the meeting [here](#).

Maryland Trails Coordination

On September 24, Robert Reyes of W3R-US and MD,

Dr. Robert Selig, Joe DiBello, NHT Superintendent and Stacy Madalena of Eastern National discussed the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT and the need for printed information about the route. We will be developing some proposals and cost estimates for developing a MD brochure and a booklet focused on the Chesapeake Bay.

Upcoming Events

New Jersey Meeting **October 31, 2015**

The route through New Jersey follows a series of roadways south from the New York border to Trenton. These roadways were the subject of an extensive study that documented the march of the various military units through New Jersey. The study identified routes, camp sites, communities, and 'witness' sites with remaining historic resources that were present at the time. The W3R-NJ Association, a non-profit organization, is organizing a meeting of NJ partners on October 31 in Princeton, NJ that will focus on the next steps needed to move the NHT forward in NJ.

[Go here to see maps of the route in New Jersey.](#)

Canoemobile is in the **Delaware Valley** **October 3 - 20, 2015**

The Canoemobile crew will deliver 13 days of programs along the Lower Delaware and its tributaries. Working with many partners, they plan to engage over 2,000

local youth and community members in paddling experiences and watershed education. They will be in Philadelphia, Camden, Wilmington, and Chester, as well as Valley Forge National Historical Park and French Creek State Park.

On October 16, from 8:45am to 2:30pm at the Ridley Marina in Ridley Park PA, participating students will hear about the NHT from historian and interpreter Joe Becton, who is being sponsored by W3R-US.

There will be two “Community Days” that are open to the public:

Saturday, October 3 in Wilmington (10 am - 5 pm)

Sunday, October 18 in Philadelphia (1 pm - 4 pm).

Schedule of events

W3R-US Board Meeting in Yorktown October 18, 2015

The W3R-US will be holding a board meeting on Sunday, October 18 in Yorktown, VA. The weekend marks the 234th anniversary of the American-French victory in 1781 over the British. There will be a variety of events on October 17 and 18 at the Yorktown Victory Center and Yorktown Battlefield.

On Monday, October 19 (Yorktown Day), a patriotic parade and commemorative ceremony will be held in historic Yorktown and at the Yorktown battlefield.

Admission to Yorktown Battlefield will be free as part of the Yorktown Day celebration. For more information about Colonial National Historical Park

visit www.nps.gov/colo.

**National Park Service to Host Maritime
Cultural Landscape Symposium**

October 14 -15, 2015

The NPS will host a symposium on October 14-15, 2015, to investigate the concepts of maritime cultural landscapes and how these terrestrial and submerged resources might be identified, characterized, and evaluated. Subject experts will discuss how agencies, tribes, and SHPOs might use the maritime cultural resource concept to more effectively preserve and protect their maritime heritage resources. Both days of the conference will be streamed.

[Click here to access the symposium.](#)

For a program and information about attending in person, go to wihist.org/maritime-symposium.

**Growing Up a Washington:
Childhood in 18th Century Virginia
October 22, 2015**

On October 22, archaeologist Heidi Krofft will conduct a presentation examining George Washington and his changing roles in life, from a childhood at Ferry Farm to a role as a parent at Mount Vernon. The presentation will take place at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington, Delaware. The cost is \$35 per person that includes heavy horsd'oevres. A cash bar will also be available. [Click here for the flyer.](#)

Additional Information

**National Park Service Grants
Available for Battlefield Preservation**

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) of the National Park Service in Washington, DC, has opened its 2016 grants competition. The ABPP awards grants for preservation projects that lead to the permanent protection of endangered battlefield lands. Projects that involve multiple stakeholders are given preference. Non-profit groups, academic institutions, and local, regional, state, and tribal governments may apply. Eligible project types include, but are not limited to, site Identification and documentation; planning and consensus building projects; and interpretation or education projects. All project applications must clearly demonstrate that the proposed activity will contribute directly to the preservation of battlefield land or an associated site. Grant funds may be used to procure professional services, equipment, and supplies necessary to conduct the proposed project. Matching funds are not required, although applications that include matching funds and in-kind donations will be given preference. Applications must be received by January 14, 2016 by 4 pm, EST.

The 2016 guidelines and application form are available online at www.grants.gov (click on the "Search Grants Tab" along the top. Then search CDFA # 15.926 on the left) and www.nps.gov/abpp/grants/planninggrants.htm.

For more information about ABPP grants, or to receive paper copies of the guidelines and application, please contact Kristen McMasters, ABPP Grants Manager, at 202-354-2037 or Kristen_McMasters@nps.gov.

Read About the Revolution

The Museum of the American Revolution publishes *Read the Revolution*, a curated collection of excerpts from exciting, thought provoking books about the American Revolution. *Read the Revolution* is published biweekly to inspire learning about the history

and its ongoing relevance. [Go here to browse through the archive and subscribe.](#)

The museum is expected to open in 2017 in Philadelphia and will tell the complete story of the American Revolution. To learn more about the museum's progress and plans, visit the [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

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