



Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

September 2011

Upcoming NHT Events

Saturday October 15th

Ceremony in Port Tobacco, MD

Sunday October 16th - Monday October 17th

Marchers sail on ship Mistress from
Yorktown, VA to Annapolis, MD

Tuesday October 18th

Ceremony and Dedication in Yorktown, VA
and the W3R-US Board Meeting

Wednesday October 19th

Yorktown Day- Yorktown Surrender Ceremonies

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Events in September

September 5th - Ceremony and Lecture in Marcus Hook, PA



September 9th - NHT Ceremony in Perryville, MD



September 10th - NHT Dedication in Mount Vernon, VA



See a video of the Mount Vernon event here:

<http://www.georgewashingtonwired.org/2011/09/14/video-washington-rochambeau-present-trail/>



Events in September

September 24th - NHT and Banner Presentation in Princeton, NJ



September 29th - NHT Dedication Ceremony in Washington DC



September 30th - Sailing of the USCG Eagle Annapolis to Baltimore





Events in September

September 30th - Wayside unveiling in Jonestown, Baltimore



September 30th - Wayside unveiling at Camden Yards, Baltimore



Multiple events in September celebrated the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. The NPS participated in celebrations in Marcus Hook, PA; Perryville, MD; Mount Vernon, VA; Princeton, NJ; Washington DC; Annapolis, MD; and Baltimore, MD. Thank you to everyone who organized and made those events possible. We plan to collaborate with city, state, and local organizations along the trail to build awareness of the NHT. Please let us know if you would like to host an event.

**The photos above are just a sample of these events,
please see the rest at:**

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



We would like to compile albums 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 event!


More information on W3R events can be found at www.w3r-us.org.

Recent News

Mapping the NHT through the development of GIS files in addition to the Google Maps already available (see below) is still underway. Our headquarters in Washington DC are leading an effort to create GIS map files for all National trails, parks, landmarks and heritage areas. This project will create a unified and consistent NPS map that will be easily accessible by the public, also serving to clearly highlight the many locations where Washington-Rochambeau NHT connects with NPS units, trails and related areas.

The draft strategic plan provides a foundation for future planning and activities for the NHT. The cooperative agreement with W3R-US calls for us to work together to carry out these activities. It also requires a work plan which identifies priority activities and projects. The draft strategic plan is available for review. Please contact Samantha for a copy. Her phone number is 215-597-2334 and her email address is samantha_driscoll@nps.gov. The mailing address is 200 Chestnut Street on the 3rd floor (370E) Philadelphia PA 19106. And please add her to your to your NHT mailing lists.

Samantha prepared a format for the many public events being arranged by our partners. They are being used for media advisories, invitations, programs and handouts at public events. Here's a sample from a dedication event held in Philadelphia. Please contact Samantha if you have an upcoming event and would like help in using it.



The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route
in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Inc. (W3R-PA)
and the
National Park Service (NPS)
invite you to attend the dedication ceremonies for the

**Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route
National Historic Trail
in Philadelphia**


Thursday July 14, 2011
11:00 am

**Please join the W3R-PA
with partners, sponsors and supporters
in announcing the National Historic Trail and
dedication of W3R Signs and Banners**

on the east bank of the Schuylkill River just north of the Market Street Bridge
Near the 2300 Block of Market Street Philadelphia PA 19103

followed at 12:00 noon with a reception and screening of
"Our National Heritage: The Revolutionary River" Documentary Film
at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center
640 Water Works Drive Philadelphia PA 19130

RSVP
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Thanks to Dominic Cardea, Acting Chief of Interpretation and Education, NER, and the Harper's Ferry Center, we have completed and are printing the unigrid brochure for the NHT. We expect delivery in early November. The final graphics for the NHT logo are also complete. We hope to launch the NPS web site this fall to further help get the word out about the NHT.



We have submitted a proposal for the Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) at the Harvard Kennedy School, in which a Master in Public Policy student and faculty advisors analyze organizational issues related to an organization, for the W3R-US. The W3R-US, as a national partner of the National Park Service, has an instrumental role in implementing the Washington- Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. The W3R-US would serve as the primary client, and would receive analysis and recommendations that will help them expand their membership, increase their capacity and generate revenue so that they can become a sustainable organization. The NPS will participate, provide technical assistance and help with incidental expenses if the project is chosen.

We continue to receive more and more requests for information, comment and assistance from organizations and the general public. We are doing our best to provide timely, helpful responses and referrals. We are also moving ahead with plans to get the NPS web page up and running and we are exploring the application of social media. For your interest, the following article discusses the “Battle of the Chesapeake,” or the “Battle of the Virginia Capes” and its instrumental role in the route to Yorktown: *The Forgotten Battle Which Won The American Revolution*

Announcements and Opportunities

W3R-US on Facebook

Check out the W3R-US Facebook site. It is open to Facebook members only. If you are already a Facebook member the link will take you to that site. If you are not a Facebook member, the link will take you to a page where you may register for membership on Facebook. There is no fee for membership and the information required to register on Facebook is minimal.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum Hosting George Washington Lecture October 12

Join Dr. Peter Henriques, Professor Emeritus of History from George Mason University, as he presents “The Man in the Middle: Washington’s Relationship with the Marquis de Lafayette and Gouverneur Morris” on Wednesday, October 12, at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, in Old Town Alexandria. In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Gadsby’s Tavern was the center of social and political life in Alexandria and the new Federal City of Washington. The tavern served as the premier gathering place for residents – including Washington – and visitors to eat, drink, learn, and influence history.

Lecture tickets cost \$12 per person and \$10 for members of Gadsby’s Tavern Museum Society and Gadsby’s Tavern Museum volunteers. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by calling 703.746.4242 or through the online shop at www.gadsbystavern.org.



National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)

The National Park Service has awarded \$1.2 million in grants to fund 25 projects over 76 battlefields under the American Battlefield Protection Program. This year's grants provide funding for projects at endangered battlefields from the Pequot War, King Philip's War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War II and various Indian Wars. Awards were given to projects in 24 states or territories entailing archeology, mapping, cultural resource survey work, documentation, planning, education and interpretation. Priority was given to those groups submitting applications for nationally significant battlefields. One chosen battlefield was the Revolutionary War site of Two Bridges Battlefield in New Jersey. This battlefield was in the town of Branchburg and demonstrated the resolve of local militia to defend against the British and loyalist troops. This chosen site is very close to the Washington-Rochambeau NHT mapped route of New Jersey. The site is visible on this map of New Jersey.

NPS Updates "Strategies for Protecting Archeological Sites on Private Lands"

The NPS Heritage Preservation Services website "Strategies for Protecting Archeological Sites on Private Lands" has been updated. "Strategies" is a guide to the wide variety of tools available for protecting archeological sites on private lands. The site contains information on strategies currently being used throughout the U.S., case studies, keys to success, contact information, and links to other sources of useful information. Key strategies include land ownership, financial strategies, development regulation, laws specific to archeology, voluntary strategies, and site management.

The development of this web site was a collaborative effort of two NPS cultural resource programs (Heritage Preservation Services and Archeology Program), The Archaeological Conservancy, the Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historical Archaeology, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.

For more information, go to:

www.nps.gov/history/hps/pad/strategies.html.

Constitution Day

September 17 was Constitution Day and Citizenship Day which commemorated the signing of the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787. The links below connect you with excellent resources where you can learn more about our Constitution. Please take a moment to reflect on its meaning to us as United States citizens, as well as its influence on political systems throughout the world.

<http://www.archives.gov/fed-employees/constitution-day.html>

http://golearn.gov/ConstitutionDay_aicc/index.htm



Google Maps of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT

[Click on the state for map](#)

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

Connecticut

New York

New Jersey, Corridor 1

New Jersey, Corridor 2

Pennsylvania

Delaware

Maryland

Virginia

Washington DC