

## **CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA FACT SHEET**

### **Background and mission**

Established by act of the U.S. Congress signed into law by President George W. Bush in October 2006, Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area promotes a greater understanding of Revolutionary-era historical sites and landscapes in New Jersey. Working with Morristown National Historical Park and partners throughout the state, Crossroads connects the people and places of New Jersey's rich Revolutionary heritage to inspire community pride, stewardship and civic engagement.

### **Size and scope**

More than 100 preservation groups, historical societies, friends organizations and state, county and local government entities are enlisted with Crossroads as Heritage Partners. These organizations represent more than 250 museums, historic sites and battlefields across New Jersey.

Crossroads of the American Revolution interprets the Revolutionary War in New Jersey through a series of 14 [Revolutionary Storylines](http://revolutionarynj.org/the-stories/) (link to <http://revolutionarynj.org/the-stories/> ) that are representative of the war's events and impacts in different regions of the Heritage Area.

Together, they substantially represent the overall story of the American Revolution in New Jersey. They include:

- Retreat Across the Jerseys
- Ten Crucial Days
- Forage Wars
- Delaware River Towns
- Road to Morristown
- Defense of the Hudson
- Middlebrook and the Defense of New Jersey
- Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route
- Battle of Springfield
- Road to Monmouth
- Divided Loyalites
- Maritime Wars
- Greater Morristown – Patriot Enclave
- Philadelphia Campaign

### **What is a National Heritage Area?**

A National Heritage Area is a region recognized by the U.S. Congress for its unique qualities and resources. Heritage areas bring together residents, government agencies, non-profit groups and private partners in a collaborative approach to heritage development. Each NHA is a place where a combination of natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources have shaped a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape. Decision-making authority is locally maintained, usually by a dedicated non-profit organization, with the National Park Service serving as a partner and

advisor. [More about National Heritage Areas](http://www.nationalheritageareas.us/what_is_nha.html) (link to: [http://www.nationalheritageareas.us/what\\_is\\_nha.html](http://www.nationalheritageareas.us/what_is_nha.html) )

### **Economic impact of Heritage Tourism in New Jersey**

According to the NJ Historic Trust, Heritage Tourism creates:

- 11 million visits
- \$2.8 billion in visitor spending
- Supports 38,000 jobs
- \$715 million in Federal, State and Local taxes
- 8 percent of the state's tourism industry