

# Historic New Bridge Landing



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**SATURDAY July 7**  
**DOUBLE  
HEADER 11 AM - 2 PM**

**\$10 adults, \$5 children, BCHS members free**

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# VISITING HISTORIC NEW BRIDGE LANDING

New Bridge served as a battleground, fort, encampment ground, military headquarters, and intelligence-gathering post in every year of the American Revolution. The Steuben House, c. 1752 and a state-historic site, is the only extant building from the 1776 Retreat through Bergen County — Thomas Paine wrote about George Washington leading the troops across the New Bridge in the narrow escape "Retreat to Victory". For 2 weeks in 1780, the Steuben House was Washington's HQ and it has been the Bergen County Historical Society's HQ since 1939. HNBL is open for events by BCBS, the grounds are open dawn to dusk.

BCBS is the largest landowner at HNBL and the largest historical society in New Jersey. We rely on donations and membership. Our collections were begun in 1902 when the organization was founded. They represent the largest collection of artifacts and documents reflecting the history of Bergen County.

**DIRECTIONS to HNBL - 1201 Main Street, River Edge, NJ.** Nearest crossroads, Hackensack Avenue & Kinderkamack Rd. Historic New Bridge Landing is located on the west bank of the Hackensack River on Main Street, River Edge, NJ. Nearby streets are marked with brown Historic New Bridge Landing signs. HNBL is only 7 miles west from the George Washington Bridge and New York City. The houses are connected by an ADA gravel walking path and are accessible to wheel chairs. The Demarest House Museum (No. 5 on map) is not accessible to wheel chairs, there are 2 steps.

**By Car:** From Exit 161 on the Garden State Parkway North or Rt. 17, take exit for **Route 4 East** and travel about 2 miles, take the exit for **Hackensack Ave. North / River Edge** and proceed north on Hackensack Ave through 2 traffic lights and bear right onto the jughandle to Main St., River Edge. Parking is on left by the HNBL Blue Sign ("P" on map). Historic buildings are located on along north side of Main St. and east of Hackensack Ave.

**From S. Washington Ave / Teaneck Rd,** take New Bridge Road West. After crossing the Hackensack River, New Bridge Landing is located on the left side of the road. You may want to make the next right & go around the block to enter from Main Street.

**By Train:** Take the Pascack Valley line (NJ Transit) to "New Bridge Landing at River Edge" train stop. Walk across the tracks to Hackensack Avenue. Walk one block north to traffic light. At the light walk cross Hackensack Avenue, traveling east on Main Street.

Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201-1209 Main Street River Edge, NJ 07661. 201-343-9492. Mobile App tour available, [www.bergencountyhistory.org/mobile/hnbl\\_tour.html](http://www.bergencountyhistory.org/mobile/hnbl_tour.html). Visit our website for more information - [www.BergenCountyHistory.org](http://www.BergenCountyHistory.org). We stock the 2 info kiosks with site brochures & event calendar which are also available on our website for printout.

## Historic New Bridge Landing Battleground in the American Revolution



### Who was Steuben?

Baron von Steuben offered his services "as a Volunteer" to the American Congress in December 1777. He is best remembered for organizing & training the Continental troops at Valley Forge. He was commissioned Inspector-General, May 5, 1778.

**Baron Von Steuben:**  
b. 1730 Magdeburg, Germany  
d. 1794 Oneida County, NY

1-1/2 Blocks: New Bridge Landing Train Station on the Pascack Valley Line

INFO KIOSK

PARKING

Jughandle

HACKENSACK AVE

NONLINEAR

RIVER EDGE

STAGE COACH ROUTE

MAIN STREET

1776 RETREAT ROUTE

HACKENSACK RIVER

COLE'S BROOK

Tantaqua's Brook

HACKENSACK

DATE TO 1955

REMAINS OF THE SLOOP KATE LAWRENCE

See at low tide

FRENCH CREEK

NEW MILFORD

TEANECK

SPOTTED HERE: 6 EAGLES ONE DAY

11 EGRETS ROOSTING IN WILLOW TREES ANOTHER DAY

TIDAL RIVER TO NEWARK BAY

### WALKING TOUR

MANY BIRDS & CRITTERS MAY BE SEEN AT NEW BRIDGE BRING BINOCULARS — SEE WEBSITE FOR LIST

Dogs must be kept on a leash to protect wildlife.

Land donated by BCBS for 1955 County bridge  
BCBS donated 1/2 acre to NJ for Steuben House area

In 1903, a boy fishing pulled out of the river a full-cocked, ready Charleville musket, the type used in Rev War. It is on exhibit at the Steuben House.

**BRIDGE THAT SAVED A NATION**  
c. 1745- c. 1889

7 WESTERVELT-THOMAS BARN c. 1889

8 OUT-KITCHEN Cooking Demonstrations

6 CAMPBELL-CHRISTIE HOUSE c. 1774 Black Horse Tavern — Refreshments, Gift Shop & Rest room Ramp access by Out-kitchen

5 DEMAREST HOUSE MUSEUM c. 1794 Exhibits

1 STEUBEN HOUSE c. 1752 Exhibits & Lectures

4 SITE OF TIDE MILL c. 1714-1850



### Who was Paine?

Thomas Paine was an English-American writer and pamphleteer. More than any other single publication, Paine's *Common Sense* paved the way for the *Declaration of Independence*, ratified July 4, 1776. He noted New Bridge in *The American Crisis*.

**"Our first object was to secure the bridge over the Hackensack, which laid up the river between the enemy and us..."**

Home of the Bergen County Historical Society since 1939.  
The Steuben House is the only extant house that Steuben owned.

HNBL is only open for special events by BCBS, sign up for email blasts at [contactBCBS@bergencountyhistory.org](mailto:contactBCBS@bergencountyhistory.org)

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