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 BCHS, the grounds are open dawn to dusk.

BCHS 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. Visit our website for more information - www.BergenCountyHistory.org. We stock the 2 info kiosks with site brochures & event calendar which are also available on our website for printout.

HNBL is only open for special events by BCHS, sign up for email blasts at contact@BCHS@bergencountyhistory.org. The Bergen County Historical Society is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) volunteer organization, and was founded in 1902.