

Join Us in Building a Legacy at Historic New Bridge Landing

The Historic New Bridge Experience Will Begin at the new History Museum!

We are embarking on a once-in-a-generation effort to construct a 3,750-square-foot history museum at Historic New Bridge Landing in River Edge, NJ. This new museum will transform how we preserve and share New Jersey's unique heritage.

Your Donation Matters

At Historic New Bridge Landing in River Edge, history isn't just preserved - it's brought to life. From our site's Revolutionary War landmarks to restored 18th century homes, this site is an extraordinary resource that tells America's and New Jersey's story.

Your support is essential.

With Your Support, This New Museum Will:

- State-of-the-art exhibits and interactive experiences for all ages.
- ADA-compliant and accessible for all visitors.
- Dedicated education space for students, families, and lectures.
- Climate-controlled storage for irreplaceable collection



Bergen County

250th
of American
Revolution

Remembering the
People & Places
that Shaped a Country



HISTORIC NEW BRIDGE LANDING

A Place Where History Comes Alive

Historic New Bridge Landing is one of Bergen County's most important historic sites—home to Revolutionary War landmarks, 18th-century houses, and a landscape that connects Native American history, Dutch settlement, and the American Revolution. Here, General George Washington and his troops crossed the Hackensack River during their 1776 retreat, and the site continued to serve as a battleground, headquarters, and intelligence post throughout the war.

The new museum will honor this legacy while creating a modern hub for learning, exploration, and community engagement. It will serve as a gateway to the site.



The 3,750 sf building will blend in with the historic buildings on site.

The center will offer ADA compliant restrooms and 100-seat auditorium or exhibit space!

Establishing this permanent visitor center will create an unforgettable platform, leaving an indelible mark on thousands of visitors. Your donation will be instrumental in realizing our vision, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of New Jersey's rich History.



Dynamic New Exhibit Space



K-12 Educational Learning

Your Role in Making History

This project relies on the generosity of individuals, families, businesses, and foundations that believe in preserving New Jersey's story. Every donation makes a difference.

Supporters Levels

Philanthropist – \$1,000

Society Collections – \$5,000+

Friend of the Museum – \$7,500

Long-term pledges & Donor
Advised Funds (DAF)

Leadership Level and Major Gift
Donations - \$10,000 and up

How to Give

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 100% of your tax-deductible donation goes directly toward making this museum a reality.

Online: www.bergencountyhistory.org/-support

By mail: Checks made out to:
The Bergen County Historical Society

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The Bergen County Historical Society
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Leadership Legacy Naming Rights

The Main Museum Building Options:
\$1,000,000

Main Gallery:
\$500,000

Education Center (Gallery spaces):
\$250,000

**Outdoor Orientation Educational
Pavilion:**
\$250,000

Exhibit Cases and Display Areas:
\$100,000

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\$25,000 to \$50,000

Audio/Visual Equipment:
\$25,000 to \$50,000

Donor Recognition Wall:
Gifts of \$10,000 and above

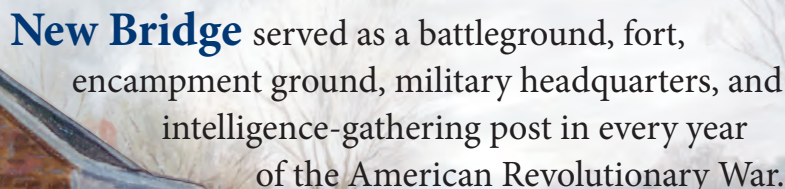


New Bridge: Battleground in the American Revolution

Historic New Bridge Landing is the perfect place for the "new" New Jersey history museum! HNBL is significant for its pivotal role in the American Revolution and its preservation of Native & Dutch colonial history.

While a constant arena for conflict, the following significant Revolutionary War events are associated with New Bridge:

- Pamphleteer **Thomas Paine** describes the events of Nov 20, 1776 in *The American Crisis* (5th paragraph) when Washington meets General Greene at the Liberty Pole in Englewood to lead the 2,700-3,000 troops across the bridge. They were almost entrapped by the 5,000 British troops who had scaled the Jersey Palisades in pursuit.
- The next day, British troops under Major General Vaughan attacked the American rear guard on November 21, 1776, and seized the New Bridge, which American engineers were dismantling.
- British and Loyalist troops under command of Captain Patrick Fergusen attacked about 40 Bergen militiamen at New Bridge on May 18, 1779.
- Major Henry Lee led American troops from New Bridge, August 18, 1779, to attack the British earthworks at Paulus Hook (Jersey City).
- A force of Bergen Militia and Continental troops attacked 600 British troops and German auxiliaries at New Bridge on their retreat from Hackensack & Paramus on March 23, 1780, during the 2 hours it took for the British to repair and cross the New Bridge.
- A body of 312 British, Loyalist and German infantry attacked and overwhelmed an American outpost at New Bridge commanded by Lieutenant Bryson on April 15, 1780.
- Eight British soldiers were killed and several wounded by friendly fire when British troops attempted to attack a body of Bergen Militia in the Zabriskie-Steuben House at New Bridge on May 30, 1780.
- Brigadier General Anthony Wayne led American troops from New Bridge on a raid against the Bull's Ferry Blockhouse on July 20, 1780.
- General Washington made his headquarters in the Zabriskie-Steuben House during the Steenrapie Encampment (along Kinderkamack Rd) of the Continental Army, encompassing 14,000 men, September 4-20, 1780.



New Bridge served as a battleground, fort, encampment ground, military headquarters, and intelligence-gathering post in every year of the American Revolutionary War.



Famous Faces of New Bridge during the American Revolution:



Who was Steuben?

Major General Baron von Steuben is best remembered for organizing and training the Continental troops at Valley Forge. The State of New Jersey gifts the confiscated Zabriskie (Steuben) House to him in 1783. Steuben restores the war damaged house.

Historic New Bridge Landing

11 Engagements Took Place Here

