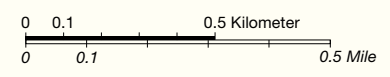


To Phoenixville

To Norristown and Lansdale



- Visitor parking area
- Multi-Use Trail (bike/foot trail)
- Foot path
- Historic trace
- Reconstructed hut
- Brigade Encampment site
- Encampment tour stop
- Picnic area
- Restrooms (wheelchair accessible)
- Wheelchair accessible

Village of Valley Forge
Valley Forge received its name from the iron forge built along Valley Creek in the 1740s. By the time of the Revolution, a sawmill and gristmill had been added, making the place an important supply base for the Americans. In September 1777 the British destroyed the forge and mills. Only ruins remained at the time of the encampment.

Artificers' shops and camp
The artificers were responsible for the repair and storage of camp and military equipment. Blacksmiths, wheelwrights, leather workers, and other skilled laborers worked on wagons, muskets, cartridge boxes, and all manner of necessities.

Outer and inner line defenses
To defend the encampment against a possible British attack, two lines of earthworks were built. The outer defense line followed a high ridge south of the encampment; the inner defense line was built along Mount Joy.

Officers' quarters
Many nearby homes and farmhouses became quarters for general officers during the encampment. Political feelings in the area were divided, with most civilians wishing to be left free from the conflict. The occupation of Valley Forge ended that wish and brought the war to their doorsteps. Some officer quarters still stand, although most of these have been altered over the years.

Sullivan's Bridge was built early in the encampment to provide a link between Washington's army and the countryside to the north. Part of the army used the bridge to move north to fresh campsites prior to the encampment ending on June 19, 1778.

Washington's troops arrived December 19, 1777, over Gulph Road from Gulph Mills.

MOUNT

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MOUNT

JOY

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

GRAND PARADE

OUTER LINE DEFENSES

OUTER LINE DEFENSES

To Harrisburg

To Paoli

To Allentown and New Jersey

To Norristown

To Philadelphia

First Avenue

Exit 24 Valley Forge

Pennsylvania Turnpike

Schuylkill Expressway

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202

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76

252

23

23

363

252

422

422

Yellow Springs Road

To Harrisburg

Mail Blvd

Entrance to Turnpike

North Gulph Road

Richards Road

Gulph Road

County Line Road

Amphitheater

Learned Patterson Weedon Muhlenberg

County Line Road

Gulph Road

Historic Trace

Conway Huts

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Conway Huts

Visitor Center

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