

Where to hike or bike if you have...

1 hour or less

Hike from the visitor center to Muhlenberg's Brigade on the paved Joseph Plumb Martin trail (JPM), and return via the mown Redoubt trail.
3/4 mile round-trip

Bike from the visitor center to Wayne's Woods picnic area on the JPM trail. Stop at Muhlenberg's Brigade and the National Memorial Arch. Return the way you came.
3 miles out and back

Around 2 hours

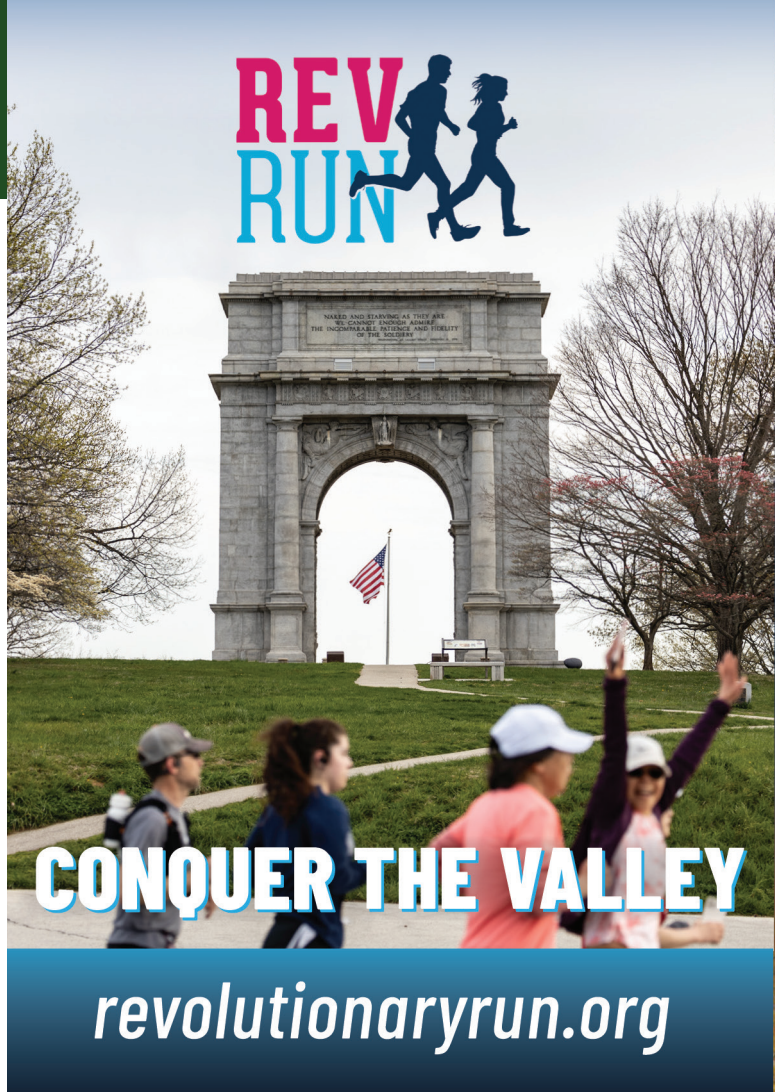
Hike from the lower visitor center parking lot and cross Rt 23 using the crosswalk at the intersection of County Line Rd and the JPM trail. Before reaching Sullivan's Bridge, turn left onto the Chapel trail and follow it to the Washington's Headquarters area. Return the same way or make a loop via the JPM trail.
~ 5 miles out and back

Bike on the paved JPM trail from any parking lot south of the Schuylkill River. The main loop is 5 miles, with the options to take additional spur trails to Washington's Headquarters and Knox's Quarters.
5 to 9 miles round-trip

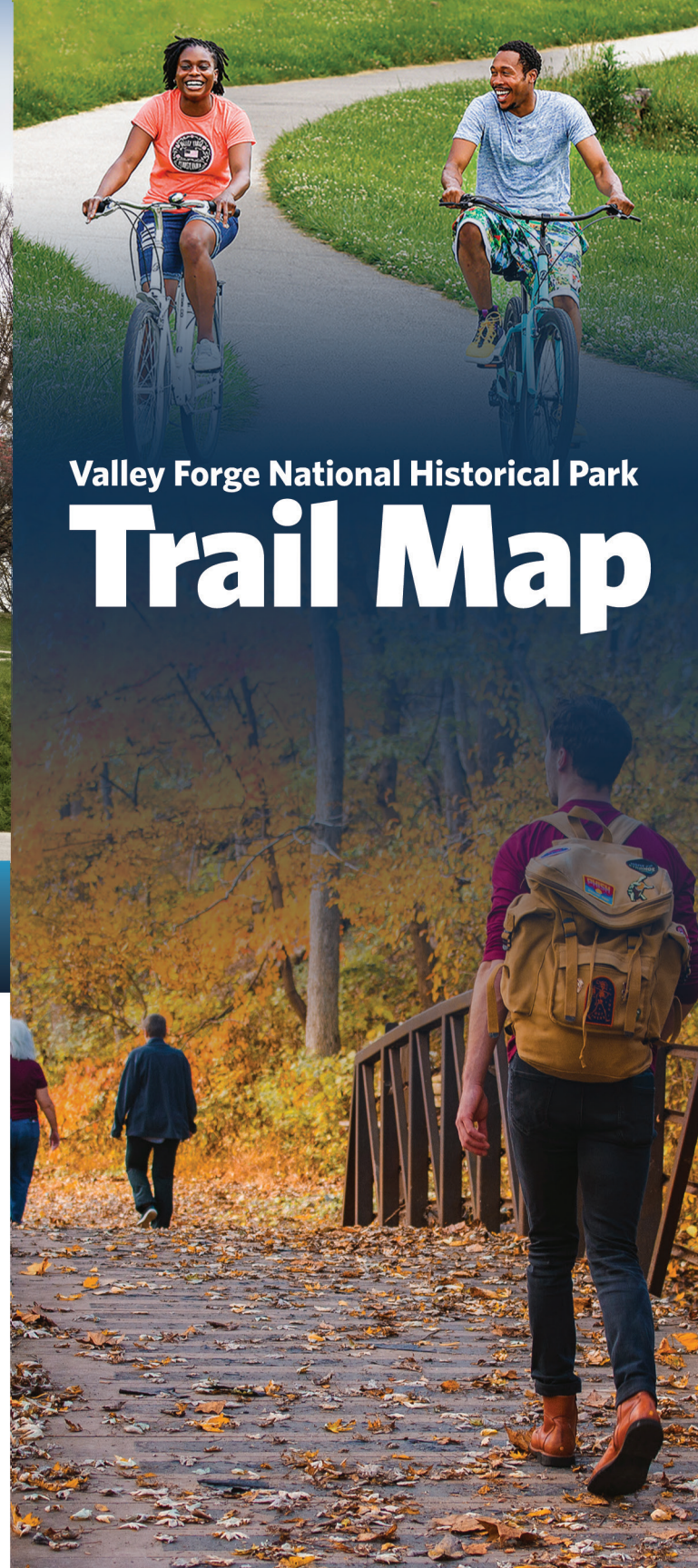
3 hours or more

Hike from the Wilson Road parking lot. Take the flat, paved Yellow Springs trail to the steep Mount Misery trail and hike to Route 23. Cross 23 to the Washington's Headquarters area, get on the Chapel trail, then turn right onto the trail up to Varnum's picnic area and return on the JPM to the intersection of 23 and 252. Cross 23 to the Mount Joy trail and follow it to the Knox's Quarters spur of the JPM trail. Take the Knox trail back to Wilson Road parking lot.
6 to 7 miles round-trip

Bike from the Betzwood parking lot and take the River trail out and back. Then cross the river on Sullivan's Bridge, and turn right onto the Chapel trail. At Washington's Headquarters, cross 23 at the intersection with 252 and follow the Valley Creek trail to the Knox trail. Take the Knox's Quarters spur back to the Joseph Plumb Martin loop and follow it past the visitor center. Cross Sullivan's Bridge to return to Betzwood parking lot.
15 to 20 miles round-trip



The Valley Forge Encampment Store




Valley Forge National Historical Park

Trail Map

Welcome to Valley Forge National Historical Park


Park Hours

 Park grounds, including parking lots and some restrooms, are open daily from 7 AM to 30 minutes after sunset. Building hours vary seasonally.


Pets Must Be Leashed

 Pets must be on leash or otherwise confined at all times. Dispose of pet waste in provided trash bins and stay on authorized trails.


Ride Bicycles on Authorized Trails

 Check this map to see which trails are authorized for bicycles and e-bikes. The paved Joseph Plumb Martin trail provides a popular 5-mile loop route.


Drones are Prohibited

 Launching, landing, or operating unmanned remote controlled aircraft in areas managed by the National Park Service is prohibited.
36 CFR § Closures & Public Use

Metal Detectors are Prohibited

 Use of mineral or metal detectors, magnetometers, side scan sonar, subbottom profilers, and other metal detecting devices is prohibited.
36 CFR § Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and Archeological Resources

Use the NPS Mobile App


 The NPS mobile app is a great tool for visiting the park and it features an interactive map, guided tours, offline mode, and more!

 Tour the Encampment
go.nps.gov/vftour

 Dial the Cell Phone Guide
484-396-1018

Find the full list of prompt numbers, locations, and topics at
go.nps.gov/vafocell



 Current Conditions
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Trail	Distance	Surface	Uses
Mount Misery Trail Steep wooded trail.	Varies	Unpaved	
Wolfinger Trail Very steep and wooded trail.	.25 miles	Unpaved	
Joseph Plumb Martin Loop Named after a soldier in the Continental Army, the trail is hilly and provides limited shade. Connects historic sites. Additional spur trails go from the main loop to Washington's Headquarters and Knox's Quarters.	5 miles	Paved	
Grand Parade Trails Quiet mowed trails through meadows. The meadows are a refuge for many native plants and animals. Dogs prohibited from April through August.	Varies	Unpaved	
Horse-Shoe Trail Steep trail through the forest. Begins in park and continues 140 miles westward to meet the Appalachian Trail near Harrisburg.	1 mile in park	Unpaved	
Mount Joy Trails Hilly wooded trails with great views.	Varies	Unpaved	
Chapel Trail Shady trail with lengthy level stretches. Some steep sections with great views of the Schuylkill River.	2.5 miles	Unpaved	
Commissary Trail Level trail through part of the historic Pawling Farm. Connects to the River trail.	1 mile	Unpaved	
River Trail Shady level trail right next to the Schuylkill River.	3 miles	Gravel	
Schuylkill River Trail Wide paved trail that goes to Philadelphia and connects to the Perkiomen and Audubon Loop trails. Managed by Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area. schuylkillriver.org/schuylkill-river-trail/	2 miles in park	Paved	
Valley Creek Trail Mostly level trail along Valley Creek. Access to Horse-Shoe Trail and Wolfinger Trail.	1.5 miles	Gravel	

- 1 trail line segment = approx. 1/8 mile
- Pedestrians only; no bicycles or horses
 - Pedestrians and bicycles; no horses
 - Pedestrians and horses; no bicycles
 - Pedestrians, bicycles, horses

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- Parking lot
- Information kiosk
- Restrooms seasonal
- Food and Drink seasonal
- Picnic area
- Horse trailer parking

