



1112 RIVER ROAD, WASHINGTON CROSSING, PA

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK

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General Washington led a dangerous, clandestine -- but now famous -- military maneuver on Christmas night, 1776. Later immortalized by Emanuel Leutze’s giant canvas Washington Crossing the Delaware, the attack culminated in the Continental Army’s victory at the Battle of Trenton. Today, communities on both sides of the river are named Washington Crossing, claiming victory and confusing tourists.

On the Pennsylvania side, Washington Crossing Historic Park spans 500 acres and hosts 700,000 visitors annually. This revitalization project tackled the deterioration of 20 park buildings: pavilions, historic homes, artisan shops, stone gates, and memorials. All work employed advanced historic preservation methods, including the formulation of a special mortar mix of brown sand, white sand, and Saint Astier lime. The project has now won another victory, and the park is ready for the nation’s 250th Anniversary.

