

**Voices of the Revolutionary War** is part of CRIS Radio's ongoing Historical Voices series that makes historic documents accessible for individuals of all abilities, including those with print challenges. Previous subjects of the Historical Voices series focused on the roles of Connecticut residents during World War I, the Woman



The Revolutionary War series includes a variety of primary source documents such as letters to loved ones to official government documents. The documents reveal insights into unknown stories of prominent and lesser-known individuals during the war.

In her own words, listen to a wife, who hadn't seen her husband for four years, asking for safe passage with her two young sons to visit their father in prison. His crime was being a British loyalist. Or learn how Connecticut residents housed and provided provisions to the French troops as they marched and encamped throughout the state. Click Historical Voices at [www.crisradio.org](http://www.crisradio.org) to listen to the Connecticut stories about the Revolutionary War.



**L**earn about Connecticut's role in the American Revolutionary War with a smartphone audio tour produced by CRIS Radio in partnership with a team of historians, archivists, museum curators, and Central Connecticut State University students.

Our CT Revolutionary War Trail partners include: CT Daughters of the American Revolution; CT Landmarks; CT Museum of Culture and History; CT Sons of the American Revolution; Conn. State Library; Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park; Fort Trumbull State Park; Lebanon Historical Society; Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine; Putnam Memorial State Park; Ridgefield Historical Society; and the Webb Deane Stevens Museum.

By scanning QR Codes displayed at historical sites along the trail – or by clicking the CT Revolutionary War Trail at [www.crisaccess.org](http://www.crisaccess.org) – you can learn how the state's military and political leaders – as well as lesser-known farmers, women, and individuals of color – battled for their independence 250 years ago.

In addition to the audio tour, you can also learn about the thoughts and day-to-day experiences of Connecticut residents during the fight for independence by listening to their own words from their letters, diaries, official proclamations, and letters by clicking the Voices of the Revolutionary War at [www.crisradio.org](http://www.crisradio.org).

The goal of this audio trail is to make public spaces more accessible for individuals with print disabilities.

## Who We Are



Established in 1978, CRIS Radio (Connecticut Radio Information System Inc.) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 and the only reading service in Connecticut, broadcasting audio versions of articles published in more than 50 newspapers and magazines 24/7 for individuals who are blind or unable to read due to other print challenges, such as learning disabilities, dyslexia, autism and Parkinson's Disease.

Our broadcast center is headquartered in Windsor, Conn., where we produce several programs with the help of nearly 100 dedicated volunteers. Those programs include:

- **CRIS Radio**, audio versions of published articles featured in newspapers and magazines, 24/7;
- **CRISAccess® Tours**, accessible smartphone audio tours in museums or other public spaces using QR Codes;
- **CRISKids® Audio Book Club / CRISKids® Braille Book Club**, a printed book or twin-vision Braille book is packaged in a book bag with the corresponding audio book preloaded onto an MP3 player and a headset;
- **CRIS en Español**, audio versions of Spanish-language newspapers and magazines;
- **CRIS Hospital Streaming**, CRIS Radio (English and Spanish channels) made available to each patient room TV at three Connecticut hospitals;
- **Historical Voices series**, audio versions of historic documents; and
- **CRIS on Demand**, instant access to archived CRIS programs.

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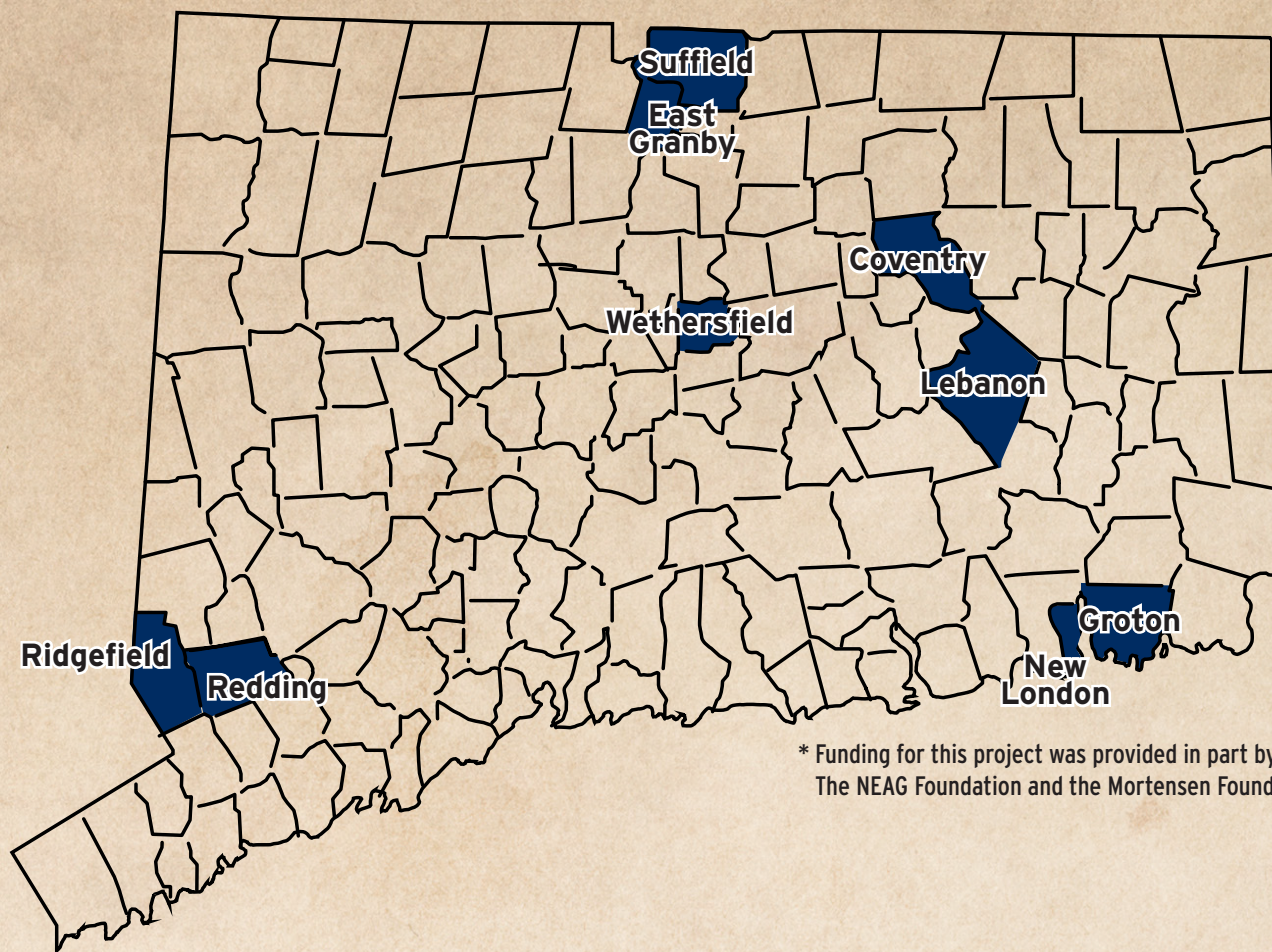
## Connecticut Revolutionary War Trail

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## Historic sites on the Connecticut American Revolutionary War Trail



### 1. Putnam Memorial State Park

499 Black Rock Tpke. (Route 58), Redding, CT

Named Connecticut's first State Archeological Preserve, it is the site of the Continental Army's 1779 winter encampment, known as Connecticut's "Valley Forge" where 3,000 soldiers camped

during the frigid winter of 1778 to 1779.

[www.putnampark.org](http://www.putnampark.org)

### 2. Fort Trumbull State Park

90 Walbach St., New London, CT

Governor Jonathan Trumbull recommended building the fort in 1775 to protect Connecticut. The fort was completed in 1777 and attacked in 1781 by the British, under the command of Benedict Arnold.

[www.ctparks.com/parks/fort-trumbull-state-park](http://www.ctparks.com/parks/fort-trumbull-state-park)

### 3. Joseph Webb House (Webb Deane Stevens Museum)

211 Main St., Wethersfield, CT



George Washington and Comte Jean-Baptiste Rochambeau met at Joseph Webb's House for five days when they planned the joint military campaign leading to the victory at Yorktown and the end of the American Revolution. The

house served as Washington's headquarters in May 1781.

[www.wdsmuseum.org](http://www.wdsmuseum.org)

### 4. Nathan Hale Homestead

2299 South St., Coventry, CT

The Nathan Hale Homestead is the site of the birthplace of Connecticut's State Hero, Nathan Hale, who was hanged as a spy during the Revolutionary War. Six of his eight brothers served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. The Nathan Hale Homestead has remained virtually intact since completion in 1776 and represents a colonial home during the Revolutionary War.

[www.ctlandmarks.org/properties/nathan-hale-homestead](http://www.ctlandmarks.org/properties/nathan-hale-homestead)



### 5. Phelps-Hatheway House

55 South Main St., Suffield, CT

Constructed in 1732, the house tells the story about the financial impact of the Revolutionary War on three families during that time period.

[www.ctlandmarks.org/properties/phelps-hatheway-house-garden](http://www.ctlandmarks.org/properties/phelps-hatheway-house-garden)

### 6. Lebanon Historical Society Museum

856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT

Called the "Heartbeat of the Revolution," Lebanon includes the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary War National Historic Trail, where the Continental Army and French troops joined together and encamped in preparation for battle against the British. Key buildings associated with the Trumbull family have been preserved in the Lebanon Historic District.

<https://historyoflebanon.org>



### 7. Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House

780 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT

The house includes elaborately carved woodwork and paneling, a sweeping central staircase with a cherry banister. With the outbreak of the American Revolution, Congress appointed Trumbull Jr. as paymaster for the New York Department in 1775, then as the first comptroller of the treasury. From 1781 to 1783, he served as George Washington's military secretary.

<https://www.lebanonct.gov/jonathan-trumbull-jr-house>

### 8. The Wadsworth Stable

169 West Town St., Lebanon, CT

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Wadsworth Stable was responsible for organizing, distributing, and supplying the troops. This 2,200 square-foot Palladian-style stable was originally built in downtown Hartford, Conn. on the estate of Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth. The stable was constructed before the American Revolution and housed the horses of many important dignitaries, including General George Washington.

<https://www.govtrumbullhousedar.org/wadsworth-stable/>



### 9. Gov. Jonathan Trumbull House

169 West Town St., Lebanon, CT

Gov. Jonathan Trumbull's home was the center of political and military strategy during the American Revolutionary War as he led the state's agricultural base to support the Revolutionary War, resulting in the name, the Provisions State.

<https://www.govtrumbullhousedar.org/>

### 10. War Office

149 West Town St., Lebanon, CT

Referred to as the Pentagon of the Revolution, Gov. Jonathan Trumbull held more than 1,100 meetings in the family's store to deal with the defense of the colony of Connecticut and to supply provisions to the Continental Army and French troops. The War Office was connected to Gov. Trumbull's house via a secret tunnel.

<https://www.sarconnecticut.org/historic-sites/trumbull-war-office/>



### 11. Beaumont House

844 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT

Visit the home of an ordinary Revolutionary War soldier. The furnishings of the house

are based on an 18th century inventory of the house and include a tall case clock and desk as well as a loom and spinning wheels.

<https://historyoflebanon.org/about-us/our-campus/beaumont-house/>

### 12. Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park

Park Ave. & Monument St., Groton, CT

Fort Griswold defended the port of New London, a supply center for the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary War. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Fort Griswold also is significant due to the Battle of Groton Heights in 1781, where British outnumbered American militia while New London burned, resulting in heavy colonial casualties. The battle was pivotal, igniting colonial fervor against the British for their ruthlessness and signaled the importance of protecting New London's port.

<https://www.fortgriswold.org/>



### 13. Ridgefield Historical Society/ Battle of Ridgefield/David Scott House

4 Sunset Ln., Ridgefield, CT



In one of the few Revolutionary War battles that took place in Connecticut, the Patriots were led by Benedict Arnold before his alliance shifted to the Loyalists. While the British destroyed the supplies in Danbury, the

event was a turning point for the British as they focused on battles along the shoreland and not inland. This Battle galvanized the Patriots' resolve. It taught them that their supplies needed to be more inland and also showed the British that they had underestimated the Patriots and local militias.

<https://ridgefieldhistoricalsociety.org/battle-of-ridgefield-documentary/>

### 14. Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

115 Newgate Rd., East Granby, CT

A National Historic Landmark, Old New-Gate Prison is the first state prison in the United States. During the American Revolution, George Washington sent court martialled soldiers, loyalists who fought against independence, and British prisoners of war there.

<https://portal.ct.gov/ECD-OldNewGate>



