The Revolutionary War Historical Trail

Located at the Northern tip of Manhattan in the Inwood-Washington Heights area, “The Revolutionary War Historical Trail” has been reopened after many years. It is a walking tour rich in the history of early Dutch colonists, the American revolution, the history of New York City, and the entire country. Some areas included on the tour will be:

- Dyckman Farmhouse
- Ft. Washington Park
- Morris-Jumel Mansion
- Inwood Hill Park
- The Cloisters
- Sylvan Terrace
- High Bridge Park

This is a four to five hour trail that promises to be both enjoyable and educational for all. The trail does involve climbing numerous steps and is somewhat hilly in parts.

There are some areas along the trail where lunch may be purchased. Washington Heights has an abundance of Dominican Cafés that you may want to visit for an exceptional eating and cultural experience. Spanish is the dominant language in some of the cafés. You can also bring a bag lunch to be eaten in any one of the parks.

There are restroom facilities in Inwood Hill Park and Highbridge Park that are open to the public.

We suggest that you do not stop at the Cloisters as you will not finish the trail the same day. The Cloisters is worth its own day trip.

General Information

The Man-A-Hattin Lodge Historical Trails are open to any individual or group. We suggest that hikers be at least 10 years old. Youth groups must have at least two adult leaders. Large groups should have at least two adult leaders for every eight youth. Boy Scout and Girl Scout units are encouraged to walk the trail in uniform.

The cost of each trail is $3.00 per person. The fee, payable in advance, covers the cost of one trail booklet and one patch per person. These items will be sent to you upon receipt of your application and payment. Please allow 10 working days for delivery. These items are not sold separately! The minimum order is three sets of booklets and patches (per trail).

Special offer: If you order sets for both trails at the same time, the price for the combined order is only $5.00 per person. It is not possible to hike both trails in the same day.

To order trail sets please complete the order form on the other side and mail it with your payment to:

Historical Trail Committee
Man-A-Hattin Lodge 82, B.S.A.
c/o Patricia Bain, Adviser
165 East 32nd Street, Apt. 11B
New York, NY 10016

Make checks or money orders payable to:

Greater N.Y. Councils, B.S.A.
The Old New York Historical Trail

New York City is the site of the oldest commercial center in the New World. The Dutch East India Company established a permanent settlement here in 1614. When the British assumed control in 1664, the settlement’s name was changed from Nieuw Amsterdam to New York. With the American Revolution a new government came to the city and, on April 30, 1789, New York saw the inauguration of George Washington. The Erie Canal was opened in 1825 and New York’s importance as a harbor grew with it. The turn of the 19th century was marked by massive immigration and great progress in industry. New York continues to grow as the commercial and cultural center of the United States.

Located in lower Manhattan, “The Old New York Historical Trail” is a very popular walking tour rich in the history of New York and the entire country. Some areas included on the tour will be:

• The South Street Seaport Museum
• Fraunces Tavern
• Washington Square in Greenwich Village
• Castle Clinton
• Wall Street, the financial capital of the world
• Chinatown & Little Italy
• Federal Hall, site of Washington’s Inauguration
• Trinity Church and graveyard

This is a six to seven hour trail that promises to be both enjoyable and educational for all. The trail is listed with and approved by the Camping and Engineering Service of the Boy Scouts of America.

Lunch may be purchased along the trail. We suggest you try a restaurant in Chinatown for an exceptional eating and cultural experience. You can also bring a bag lunch.

There are restroom facilities in most public parks, some churches (if they are open) and the public piers at South Street Seaport.

We recommend that you do not visit Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty or the Museum of the American Indian as you will not complete the trail the same day. These are worth another day trip.

If you wish a tour of South Street Seaport, please call 212-766-9062 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. weekdays for further details. All groups must have a reservation to tour the ships. There is a fee for the tour.

Notes for Both Trails

We advise you to purchase a Hagstrom’s map of New York City. We have found it to be the most detailed of the ones we have used.

There is no need to register for a date to walk either trail. We do ask you to observe the following guidelines:

1. B.S.A. units are reminded that they should file a Local Tour Permit with their own council before this or any other trip, other than trips to their council’s camps.

2. The trails should be walked in groups of no more than 10 people. Youth groups must have at least two adult leaders for every eight youth. The 10 person limit will help prevent congestion at some points along the trails.

3. The trails visit places where people live, work and worship. Remember that your group’s behavior will affect those who walk the trail after you.