

Battle of the Short Hills Historic Trail: Sites Along the Way

Following the troop movements on June 26, 1777, from Metuchen, up through Edison and into Scotch Plains and into the Bloody Gap through the Watchung Reservation

	Historic Sites	Weblinks
BotSH Historic TRAIL MAP METUCHEN RR STATION, 349 Main St, Metuchen, NJ 08840		https://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=349+Main+St,+Metuchen,+NJ+08840&daddr=40.5990859,-74.3725804+to:40.6220434,-74.3534422+to:40.6576439,-74.4006899+to:40.66208,-74.4015539+to:40.6763026,-
	For a brief history of the Battle:	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Short_Hills
	For a timeline listing the battles in New Jersey:	http://www.revolutionarywarnewjersey.com/revolutionary_war_timeline/index.htm
Head north on Main St toward Pennsylvania Ave	As you head away from the station, you will cross Middlesex Ave(NJ 27) which is also the Lincoln Highway, the first road across America	http://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/
	One more block up on your left is Durham Avenue, and just in from Main Street at 16 Durham Ave, is the Ayers-Allen House. Built in 1740, it was a tavern during the Revolutionary War. It was placed on the state and federal historic registers in 1985.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayers-Allen_House
Turn left onto Plainfield Ave to end		
Turn right onto Plainfield Rd		
Continue onto New Dover Rd		
Turn left onto Tingley Lane Turn right onto Inman Ave	On your right is Oak Tree Pond Historic Park. During the Revolutionary War, this was a 9-acre farm owned by Reuben Ayers, who was in the local militia. During the Battle of the Short Hills, the house was looted by the British / Hessian forces, and the barn was burned down.	http://www.revolutionarywarnewjersey.com/new_jersey_revolutionary_war_sites/towns/edison_nj_revolutionary_war_sites.htm
Turn left onto Rahway Rd Turn right onto Raritan Rd	You will soon cross the border from Middlesex County to Union County, although neither existed at the time of the Revolution. While walking Raritan Road, you will actually be walking along another chapter in American Revolutionary War history, for you are now on a small portion of the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail, which runs from Rhode Island to Virginia and marks the contribution of France to the American victory at Yorktown.	http://www.nps.gov/waro/index.htm
Turn left onto Martine Ave	Just before you reach Martine Ave, you will pass the Frazee House on your left, site of the legendary confrontation between Elizabeth "Betty" Frazee and a British general during the battle	http://www.frazeehouse.org/
	After passing through downtown Fanwood, you will cross over the railroad tracks. On your left is the historic Fanwood Train Station and home to the local historical society.	http://www.fanwoodnj.org/history/historic-train-station/
Martine Ave becomes Park Ave		
	Passing through downtown Scotch Plains, you will reach the light at Front Street, where there is a war memorial. Just a short walk west on Front Street will bring you to the Osborn House, home of the Scotch Plains Historical Society	http://www.historicalsocietyspfnj.org/museum/

	Also on that corner is the historic Stage House Inn, which is included on a much longer listing of some of the other historic homes along Park Avenue and Front Street	http://www.historicalsocietyspfnj.org/historic-sites/
Cross over Rt. 22 via overpass and continue straight on New Providence Rd		
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Turn right onto Union Ave		
Turn left onto Meadow St		
Turn right onto the Sierra Trail, a hiking trail in the Union County's Watchung Reservation		
Stay on Sierra Trail	In the gorge down to your left, the wounded were brought back to safety in the mountains. This area became known as Bloody Gap	http://newjerseyhills.com/echoes-sentinel/news/borough-s-roads-are-filled-with-untold-stories/article_b35178d0-0d05-11e4-9cb7-001a4bcf887a.html
Arrive Deserted Village		www.ucnj.org/dv
3 Cataract Hollow Rd, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922		