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***Still More to be Announced Soon***

## **Trenton Walks' Summer Season Will Feature At Least Eight Treks Around the Capital City**

**Trenton, N.J.** – Trenton has played such a pivotal role in the history of this country, especially with the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolutionary War literally days away, that it's by design that a number of this summer's **Trenton Walks** will feature the past. The role of churches in the Revolutionary War, the First and Second Battles of Trenton, and "The Revolutionary She," about the roles women played to keep Trenton functioning during wartime, are some historic topics of upcoming walks. The works of Architect William Poland, who designed more than 2,000 buildings in the downtown area around the turn of the last century, will also be featured.

Two other events sure to delight walkers include a stroll around the hills of Cadwalader Park along a new cross-country route for school-aged athletes and a much-needed clean-up effort along the lovely but littered D&R Canal State Park Towpath and Greenway.

### **The Architecture of William Poland**

**Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m.–noon, rain date Saturday, June 13 10 a.m.–noon**

The works of Trenton Architect William Poland, prolific building designer at the turn of the last century, will be the subject of this walk led by Karl Flesch, vice president of the Trenton Historical Society. Poland, who designed more than 2,000 buildings in and around Trenton, contributed mightily to the special character of the capital city's business districts and neighborhoods. He became the first president of the Trenton Architects Society in 1923.

A special treat will be an interior tour of the extraordinary Elks Lodge at 120 North Warren Street, a Poland creation. The interior tour is limited to 25 people, and advance registration is required to participate in it. Contact **Trenton Walks** leaders Tim Brill at [tim.brill@njconservation.org](mailto:tim.brill@njconservation.org) or Becky Taylor at [becky@btaylorpa.com](mailto:becky@btaylorpa.com) to register. Please bring a flashlight to explore dark stairwells on the upper floors and note that the Elks Lodge is not handicapped accessible.

The one-mile walk along West State Street will start and end at the New Jersey State Library at 205 West State Street. Plenty of free parking is available in lots adjacent to the museum and on the street in front

of the museum. More information about William Poland's work can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/4u7Fiz8>

## **Walk and Cleanup on the D&R Canal State Park Towpath & Greenway**

**Sunday, June 7 from 3-5 p.m.**

Co-hosts of this **Trenton Walks** Sunday afternoon event will be leaders from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, with all participants invited to enjoy the towpath and greenway while also helping clean up debris littering the otherwise wonderful walkway through downtown Trenton. DEP leaders of the "Special NJDEP Walk and Clean Up on the D&R Canal State Park Towpath & Greenway" include Emily Mendez-Lopez (intern), Jamilah Harris (Office of Brownfields & Community Revitalization in the Site Remediation Program), Tiffany Falcone (City of Trenton Municipal Liaison, Community Investment & Economic Revitalization in the Community Collaborative Initiative) and Mackenzie Piggott (State Trails Coordinator with the Green Acres Program). The 2.6-mile walk starts at the Trenton Battle Monument at 350 North Warren Street and continues to Olden Avenue and back. Trash bags will be provided to all clean-up volunteers.

## **Circuit Coalition Comes to Trenton; Special Walk and Ride Opportunities**

**Monday, June 8 from 1:30-2:45 p.m.**

A special walk and ride will be hosted in conjunction with the Circuit Coalition's Semi-Annual Meeting, which this year will take place at Cooper's Riverview in Trenton. Tim Brill, co-chair of Trenton Walks and member of the Circuit Coalition Steering Committee, will lead the walk he calls "Reconnecting Trenton's Riverfront & Revolutionary History Walk." The walk will start 1:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the Circuit Trails meeting, at Cooper's Riverview at 50 Riverview Plaza and will go to the Battle Monument and back.

Members of the Trenton Cycling Revolution and the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia will lead a bike ride from Cooper's Riverview along the Delaware River Heritage Trail towards Bordentown. Cyclists will enjoy South Riverwalk Park in the City of Trenton and the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Towpath through the Abbott Marshlands in Hamilton Township.

During the 2.7-mile walk, discover the sites of the First and Second Battles of Trenton, which took place December 26, 1776, and January 2, 1777, including the locations where General George Washington stood leading the Continental Army. Participants will also hear the latest developments regarding the transformational Reconnecting Trenton's Riverfront / NJ 29 Redevelopment Project which will replace the existing expressway with an urban boulevard, 20 acres of parkland and a multi-use trail along the city's Delaware River frontage.

## **Let's Take a Cross-Country Walk at Cadwalader Park**

**Wednesday, June 24 from 6-7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a fun evening at Cadwalader Park as the City of Trenton, in partnership with **Trenton Walks**, Cadwalader Park Alliance and other organizations, kick off the 2026 summer Fun Runs series on Wednesday, June 24 from 6-7:30 p.m. This inclusive, open-format event invites participants of all ages and fitness levels to walk, jog, run, or simply enjoy the park at their own pace, whether independently or

with others. **Trenton Walks** will offer a guided tour of approximately 1.1 miles along the park's newly established cross-country trail and enjoy a relaxed, supportive atmosphere focused on health and connection.

The event will take place in the Gully area near the cross-country field at the corner of Stuyvesant Avenue and Cadwalader Drive. It will include amenities such as water, light refreshments, on-site staff and first aid support, open restrooms, and optional route guidance. Whether you're a regular walker, a runner, just getting started on your fitness journey, or looking for a fun outing with family and friends, everyone is encouraged to join. This kickoff event is part of a weekly summer series, making it a great opportunity to build a healthy habit and connect with the community. Please note that all participants will be asked to complete a brief registration and waiver form upon arrival. Come for the walk and stay for the community.

## **Historic Churches Pivotal in the American Revolutionary War** **Sunday, July 5, at 2-4 p.m.**

**Trenton Walks** is teaming up with Mike McCormick, representative of the Kiwanis Club of Trenton, and Harry Jackendoff, founder of Trenton Cultural Castings and Office Administrator of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, to co-host a walk featuring the historic churches of Trenton, which reflected the politically divided Trenton community on the eve of the American Revolutionary War. Walkers will learn about St. Michael's Episcopal Church, whose congregation had mixed Loyalist and Revolutionary sentiments. In July 1776 the vestry voted to close the church. During the ensuing Battle of Trenton, Hessian mercenaries used the building as a barracks and stabled their horses in the church's cemetery. Walkers will also hear about First Presbyterian Church's pastor, Rev. Elihu Spencer, who was a notable patriot of the revolutionary cause. His church was damaged during the December 1776 military clashes. They will also learn about Quakers founding Trenton in 1679. Their Friends Meeting House was a critical community hub, and during the Revolutionary War it was used by both British and Continental troops.

The one-mile walk will start at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 140 North Warren St., after an Ecumenical Prayer Service at 2 p.m.

## **Special History Walk after Reading of Declaration of Independence** **Wednesday, July 8 from 3-4:30 p.m.**

During Trenton's Heritage Weekend, July 8 is a special day in downtown Trenton. At the site of the old Hunterdon County Courthouse, the Declaration of Independence was read 250 years ago - on July 8, 1776. Another reading will take place at noon, July 8, 2026, and it will be followed at 3 p.m. by a two-mile walking tour of Historic Downtown Trenton. Walkers are invited to join the sponsors from the Kiwanis Club of Trenton and the City of Trenton Recreation Department as well as **Trenton Walks** for the 3 p.m. trek that starts at 23 South Warren Street.

## **The Revolutionary She Tells Many a Tale** **Sunday, August 2 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

**Trenton Walks** is partnering with the non-profit 120 East State Street to present "The Revolutionary She: Women of the American Revolution in Trenton" on Sunday, August 2. This guided walking tour of

about a mile invites you to step into the past and explore the extraordinary stories of women who lived, led, and fought for survival during the Revolutionary era. Led by a prominent women's historian, Dr. Denise Rompilla of 120 East State Street, the tour brings these voices to life through rich storytelling and immersive visits to historic locations throughout Trenton. This 1.5-hour experience will cover approximately one mile, starting at 120 East State Street, and will include guided stops at key Revolutionary-era sites across the city.

Rompilla, who specializes in New Jersey women's history and is leading multiple public history projects, will share compelling stories of women who endured British and Hessian occupation, community leaders who helped keep Trenton functioning during wartime, early women voters and activists in New Jersey, and the important contributions of free Black women. The tour also includes a moving firsthand account of a young girl witnessing war unfold in her own home, offering a deeply personal perspective on history.

## About Trenton Walks

The Trenton Green Team is **Trenton Walks'** executive sponsor, and the other key supporters of the walking program are the Mercer County Action Team of the Circuit Coalition, the Tri-State Transportation Campaign and the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (GMTMA). Since **Trenton Walks** was launched in June of 2024, the program has hosted 73 Trenton Walks, with a total of 1,040 participants covering 2,259 person-miles, the distance from Trenton to Salt Lake City, UT.

To learn more about the walks, to view maps and get the latest updates, please visit the GMTMA "Trail Happenings" webpage: <https://gmtma.org/trail-happenings/>.

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