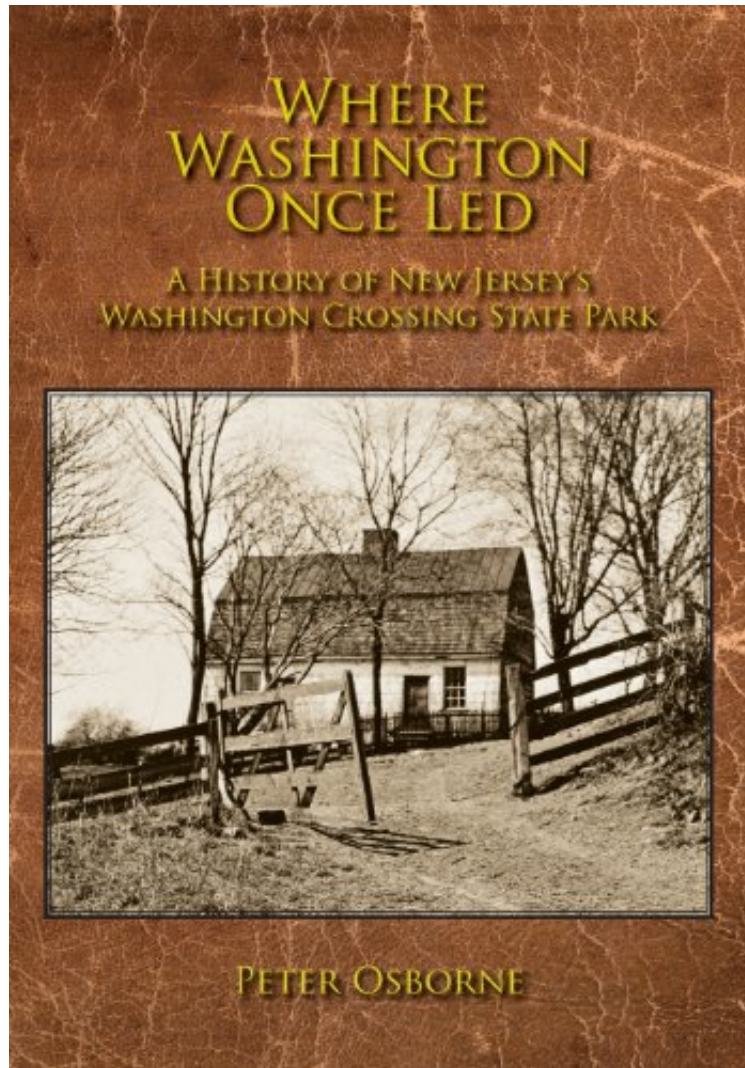


(Ebook free) Where Washington Once Led: A History of New Jersey's Washington Crossing State Park

Where Washington Once Led: A History of New Jersey's Washington Crossing State Park

Peter Osborne

*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



 Download

 Read Online

#4072096 in Books Yardley Press 2012-12-30 Original language: English PDF # 1 10.00 x 1.00 x 7.011, 1.88
#File Name: 0986030503496 pages | File size: 57.Mb

Peter Osborne : Where Washington Once Led: A History of New Jersey's Washington Crossing State Park
before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Where Washington Once Led: A History of New Jersey's Washington Crossing State Park:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Sense of History By Dogearred Bookmarker I think most people would readily agree that setting aside areas of natural beauty such as the National Parks so that we as well as future generations may enjoy them is a national priority. Far fewer, unfortunately, would agree that historical areas and

buildings should be preserved and honored. These places are our "landmarks" where we tell our American story to our own generation and preserve it for generations to come. This book is about the Washington Crossing Park in New Jersey which honors one of the pivotal points in the American Revolution - Washington's surprise attack on the Hessians at Trenton on December 26, 1776. This book is not about the attack itself. You can read about that in one of my all-time favorite history books - Washington's Crossing by David Hackett. This book is about how the park came to be. The story is full of quirks, characters and odd turns-of-events. It has been superbly researched and written by Peter Osborne who has a number of other historical publications to his credit. It is a lesson for all of us about how to guard the places and buildings which earlier generations have made historic by their actions. For this reason alone, the book is worth the time to read. Perhaps, more importantly, it is also the story about how the park evolved and was shaped by succeeding generations. A historical park is nothing if it does not tell its story afresh and invite people to share its story while enjoying the site which has been set aside. Peter captures the ongoing history of this park which continues to tell its story and involve people from far and near. Where Washington once led, we must now lead. This book will help us do it. One of those leaders is Bill Farkas who funded this project, to whom we are all indebted.

On Christmas night 1776 George Washington and twenty-four hundred men stepped ashore on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River. They went on to win decisive victories at Trenton and Princeton which changed the course of the Revolutionary War. Efforts to memorialize the heroic event were begun in 1895 and culminated with Washington Crossing State Park being formally dedicated in 1927. It took years to bring a dream of many to fruition as leaders and organizers proposed ideas, raised awareness, sought funding and then developed the properties. It is remarkable that these efforts continued moving forward given the logistical, legal and political challenges they faced. Over the years millions of visitors have come to the park and contemplated the crossing, visited the Johnson Ferry House, hiked the trails, played on the sports fields, attended park programs, picnicked at Sullivan Grove or walked their dogs. Find out why this park is one of the jewels in the crown of the state's park system and why so many find this place irresistible.