

Historical Places from Washington Crossing to Birmingham

1. Corner of Washington Crossing, Pennington-Lawrenceville Road and Bear Tavern Road. Close to this corner was the original Bear Tavern. The building on the far left corner is not the tavern, but it is the headquarters of the Park Police.
2. Look for Janssen Pharmaceuticals on the right side of Bear Tavern Road. The road is now beginning to dip into a ravine that crosses Jacob's Creek. Washington's soldiers took almost an hour to go down the hill, cross the creek, and climb out of the valley with horses, eighteen cannons and about 2,400 soldiers. It was now 6:00 am on December 26th.
3. On Bear Tavern Road between Jacob's Creek Road and Windybrush Way, there is a historical marker for Washington's March to Trenton. It is on the left side near address 1014 Bear Tavern Road.
Inscription: "All our hopes were blasted by that unhappy affair at Trenton."
Quote from Lord George Germain, British Colonel Secretary.
4. On Bear Tavern Road near Mercer Airport (left side after crossing Route 295) is a historical marker. It explains the naming of the airport after General Hugh Mercer, who died from wounds at the Battle of Princeton.
5. On Bear Tavern Road right before coming to Birmingham Park (corner of Bear Tavern and Lower Ferry Roads) there are two markers on the right side of the road, explaining the significance of the planned split of the soldiers into two columns as they marched to Trenton.
6. Birmingham Park: An incredibly significant Revolutionary War location. During the march to the Battle of Trenton, Washington divided his troops between Generals Sullivan and Greene, with instructions to attack the Hessians from two different directions simultaneously.