



## Famous New Jersey Battles

New Jersey had the most battles in a state during the Revolution. This meant there had to be a enormous amount of battles here, and there was large and small. For example, the Battle of Monmouth was fought in Freehold. General Lee and Washington saw their chance to harass the British when they are falling back to New York. Lee attacked the British but intelligence wasn't solid enough to go off of. Eventually the British broke the American lines and Lee ordered his men to retreat. George Washington came to the retreating soldiers aide with his own soldiers and they rallied together and fought off the British. The battle though was a stalemate. The Americans couldn't reach the huge baggage train and the British were delayed and lost many soldiers mainly to heat exhaustion. Another great and famous battle was the Battle of Trenton. George Washington's forces were forced out of New Jersey but they were determined to fight back the British. It was Christmas and George Washington crossed the Delaware River and attacked the partying Hessian mercenaries. He completely caught them of guard and was able to defeat them. He killed or captured some 3,000 Hessians. Another battle in southern New Jersey was the Battle of Morristown. Although we were not fighting the British we were fighting the weather. It was an encampment for the winter for the Patriots. During that long winter there was over 8 feet of snow. This was unbearable for the troops hundreds died from freezing to death. Supplies quickly ran out killing even more men and women.

## Events of the Revolution in New Jersey

- November 20, 1776 was the abandonment of fort Lee. The Americans were forced to leave their fort, which was the start of the retreat across New Jersey.
- December 25, 1776 the first Battle of Trenton occurred when George Washington crossed the Delaware and surprised the Hessians.
- January 3, 1777 the Battle of Princeton was fought against the Americans and the British General Cornwallis.
- The winter of 1777, the Americans were faced with about 8 feet of snow and low supplies at Morristown.
- June 28, 1778 General Lee attacked the British and retreated, but George Washington saved the day. The Battle of Monmouth ended in a tie.
- June 3, 1780 the Battle of Springfield began. It was one of the many ways of defending Connecticut Farms.
  - June 6, 1780 the Patriots were defending the town Connecticut farms from the loyalists.



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## Why New Jersey Played a Part in the War

New Jersey was a key battleground in the fight for our freedom. New Jersey is a coastal state so supplies were transferred there and also the side that controlled it was able to fish a vast region. Also New Jersey is in between New York City and Philadelphia, two very large cities in the colonies. As you can see by the map there were many key battles around the state. Also the battles above and below New Jersey the armies had to pass through the state to get there faster. The control over New Jersey was back and forth in the war. At first the British forced the Americans out of the state, but then George Washington reclaimed the majority of New Jersey. There were large battles and small battles in New Jersey all of which played a critical part in our war for freedom.



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