

Putnam Memorial State Park, Redding, Connecticut

November 3, 2018

This one-day event will commemorate the 240th anniversary of the arrival and encampment of Gen^l Putnam's Division in 1778.

On their march north to destroy the supply depot in Danbury, CT, Crown Forces were met with several ambushes by local militia and Continental troops. The Crown likewise gave back as good as they got.

The barricade at Ridgefield, CT was meant to stop the British, but that battle is said to have lasted only 15 minutes.

“Camp Reading,” today the site of Putnam Memorial State Park, was created the following year because of the Danbury Raid.

240th Anniversary Putnam Park Encampment, Redding, CT

Accurate returns are needed by October 15, 2018. This is to ensure that there is enough lunch for each registered participant, who will receive a period-style voucher when they sign in at registration. Also, the Park's Friends Group wants to prepare a brochure for the public in which they will recognize all units who participate. Your return is very important — the earlier you submit it the better!

The weather in Connecticut in early November can be very cool or warm and pleasant, if we have an Indian summer. If you are camping Friday and/or Saturday night, please plan accordingly.

Camping on site will be available both Friday and Saturday nights. Please indicate on your return form if you will be camping and which nights you will be camping. In the 18th century camp, only common soldier's wedge tents will be used.

All local units are asked to bring a common soldier's wedge tent to set up on the tent line. Please indicate on the return how many tents you will be bringing.

Emergency contact numbers:

Park Visitor's Center: 203-938-2357

Redding Police Dept: (203) 938- 3400

For more information on the park's history, please visit the Friends and Neighbors website:
<http://putnampark.org>.

Directions

Off I-95: take Exit 17. Take Route 136 north for 9 miles. At the intersection of Route 136 and Route 58, take Route 58 north and drive 8.8 miles. Putnam Memorial is at the intersection of Route 107 and Route 58.

Off the Merritt Parkway Southbound: Take Exit 42. Take Route 136 north for 5.2 miles. At the intersection of Route 136 and Route 58 take Route 58 north and drive 8.8 miles. Putnam Memorial is at the intersection of Route 107 and Route 58.

Off the Merritt Parkway Northbound: Take exit 44. Take Route 58 north for 12.4 miles. Putnam is at the intersection of Route 58 and Route 107.

From the East: Off I-84 westbound, take Exit 10. Go right off the exit and follow to Route 25 south. Take a right onto Route 302 west and follow approx 6 miles to Route 58 south. Take a left onto Route 58 and follow south for 2.8 miles. Putnam Memorial is at the intersection of Route 58 and Route 107.

From the West: Off I-84, take Exit 10. Go left off the exit and follow to the Route 25 south. Take a right onto Route 302 west and follow approx 6 miles to Route 58 south. Take a left onto Route 58 and follow south for 2.8 miles. Putnam Memorial is at the intersection of Route 58 and Route 107.

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Registration for 240th Putnam Park Anniversary Event

PLEASE RESPOND BY OCTOBER 15, 2018

Complete an online registration at <https://tinyurl.com/PutnamPRegistration>

OR contact David Solek, soleranger@hotmail.com or 203-268-7940.

Unit Name:

Contact person:

Number attending:

Email:

Telephone:

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