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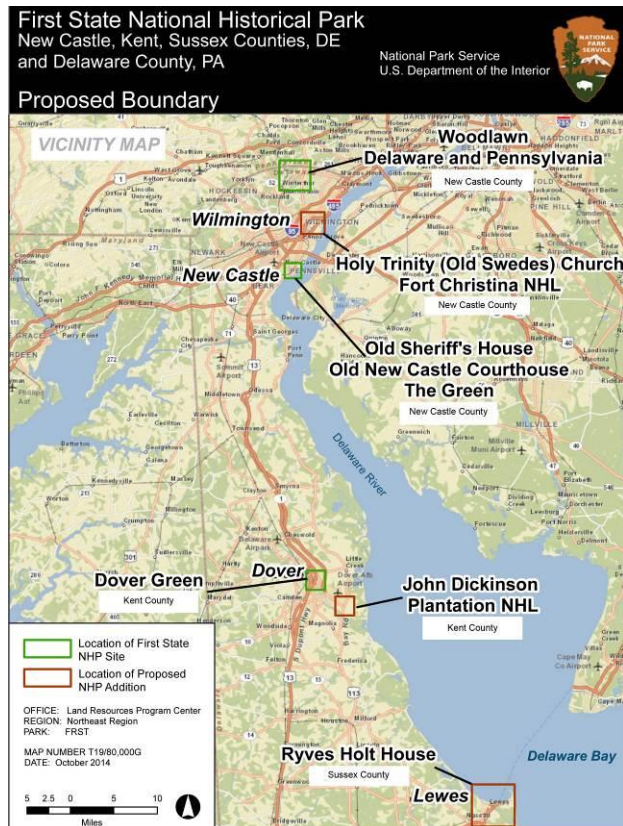
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News

First State National Historical Park to be created

Legislation passed in Congress in December 2014; awaits President Obama's signature.

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Proposed sites of the First State National Historical Park.

Division to sponsor 12 special events during January 2015

Heroes of the War of 1812, Abraham Lincoln's compensated emancipation plan and the salvage of the DeBraak to be featured.

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Ed Gillespie named Department of State Employee of the Third Quarter

Division's physical-plant maintenance supervisor commended for outstanding service and leadership.

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Division gets help for improvements at historic Darley and Hale-Byrnes houses

Delmarva Power, state Rep. Dennis E. Williams, the Delaware General Assembly and the Delaware Society for the Preservation of Antiquities thanked for their efforts.

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Division to offer programs at the Dover Public Library

Activities include first-person historical interpretation, lectures, children's programs and a display of artworks.

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13th annual Delaware Day competition winners announced

Program encourages students to study the U.S. Constitution.

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Division salutes staff, volunteers, partners and friends at end-of-the-year success event

Agency celebrates an award-winning year.

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Jenna Reynolds to leave division employment

Dec. 31, 2014 is the last day on the job for the exhibit-arts specialist.

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Help Save Delaware History

Preservation

National Park Service on-line brochure explores preservation work being conducted in America's nearly 400 national parks.

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Historic Leasing in the National Park System

National Trust for Historic Preservation report explores how leasing can be a useful tool in maintaining and revitalizing historic structures.

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Colonial dam removed on White Clay Creek

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 15, 2014

Section of historic structure removed to allow fish to swim upstream.

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Sussex groups work to save historic buildings

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Nov. 26, 2014

County's population growth puts stress on historic properties.

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“Preserving Our Past for a Better Future: Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2013–2017”

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware's preservation community.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

Delaware museums to offer special programs beginning Jan. 3

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del. —Dec. 13, 2014

Article spotlights division events in Dover and Lewes.

No clues in 37-year-old theft of Delaware's Apollo 11 moon samples

Dover Post, Del.—Dec. 10, 2014

Article on space travel features the moon rock in the state's collections.

Delaware Day spawns tours, competitions

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Dec. 9, 2014

Article on the celebration marking the date when Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

Articles on the First State National Historical Park

Congress authorized the renaming and expansion of the First State National Monument in December 2014.

[Delaware celebrates national park...finally](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 18, 2014

Delaware celebrates state's first national park

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 18, 2014

Delaware Officials Celebrate National Park

ABC News, New York, N.Y.—Dec. 18, 2014

Delaware's long road to a National Park

Newsworks, WHYY TV 12, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 18, 2014

[Unknowns In Terms Of Funding And Personnel Await New Units Of National Park System](#)

National Parks Traveler, Park City, Utah—Dec. 15, 2014

[Delaware national park expansion clears Congress](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 12, 2014

First State now to be home of a National Park

WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—Dec. 12, 2014

[Sen. Carper Addresses Defense Policy Bill](#)

WBOC TV, Salisbury, Del.—Dec. 12, 2014

[For Delaware, a national park upgrade](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 8, 2014

Events

Jan. 2

Civil-War-era folk music – The Old State House

Jan. 3

Delaware's Heroes of the Forgotten War – The Old State House

The Star Spangled Banner: Then and Now – Johnson Victrola Museum

Follow the Drinking Gourd – The Old State House

Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28

Weaving Wednesdays – John Dickinson Plantation

Jan. 10

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

Lost By One Vote – Dover Public Library

Jan. 17

Delaware's Decades—the 1980s: Salvage of His Majesty's Sloop DeBraak – Zwaanendael Museum

Jan. 19

Local Profiles of Courage for the Struggle for Freedom – Dover Public Library

Exhibits and Displays

Thru Feb. 8, 2015

Dress for Success: The Edwardian Gentlemen's Wardrobe and Accessories – Legislative Hall

Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – The Old State House

Thru April 12, 2015

Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – Zwaanendael Museum

Thru spring 2015

[Middletown Goes To War](#) – Middletown Historical Society

Ongoing

A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World – Zwaanendael Museum

Simple Machines – John Dickinson Plantation

Ongoing

[Delaware and the War of 1812](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Items From the Permanent Collections – Laurel Heritage Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation



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