

Small Historic Towns across America

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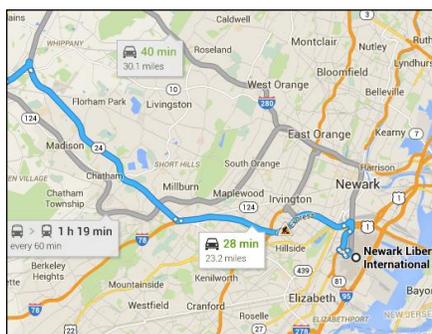
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Brief History of Morristown, New Jersey

Morristown was founded by English Presbyterians in 1715. Because of the town's location and connecting roads it gained a seat in the newly formed county (Morris County). It also was known as "the military capital of the American Revolution." At one point in the Revolutionary War, Washington had set up his headquarters there. Also, in the winter of 1779 the Continental Army camped there.



Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport(s).



The closest major U.S. airport to Morristown is Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR). In order to get to Morristown you get on I-78 W from Newark International Airport St. Then take NJ-24 W to

Lafayette Ave. in Morristown and take exit 36 from I-287 S.

Who was President when this town was founded and, what was the political environment in America at that time?

Morristown was founded in 1715, so at the time there was no president. America at the time didn't exist and it was still under British rule.

Oldest/Largest buildings today.

One of the oldest buildings in Morristown is the Presbyterian Church in Morristown. It was founded in 1733 by members of the Presbyterian Church in Whippany, New Jersey. In 1869 the church built a chapel which is still used to this day. They also have a graveyard where some soldiers from the Revolutionary War are buried.



City Government.

Morristown is governed by a Mayor-Council municipal form of government. There is the mayor and 7 council members who serve 4-year terms and there is an election every 2 years.

Historic Attractions in the Area.

Since George Washington and the Continental Army camped at Morristown there are many attractions to see. You can go visit Jokey Hollow where the Army camped in December of 1779. Also, you can visit the Ford Mansion where George Washington stayed that winter. There are many other historical attractions such as the Morris Museum and Fort Nonsense. My personal favorite is Carlo's Bakery, which has a store on the square (the eclairs are delicious!) as seen on the hit TLC TV show *Cake Boss*.



Where can we stay when we visit Morristown?

When you come and visit Morristown you can stay at the Hyatt Morristown at Headquarters Plaza. It is right in the middle of town with very easy access to lots of activities. It has a pool, a fitness center, and there is a AMC theater in Headquarters Plaza. You can find more information at: <http://morristown.hyatt.com>

Why would I want to visit this historic small town?

I would like to visit Morristown because that is where my Dad grew up and where my grandma and the rest of my Dad's family live. I don't get to visit them very often so I cherish the time I get to spend with them. When I did this project I learned a lot about the town my family lives in and I can't wait to go back and visit Morristown again.

Links:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morristown,_New_Jersey
- <http://www.townofmorristown.org>
- <http://www.morristown-nj.org>

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