

BRADDOCK'S CAMPAIGN, 1755

★ A Tick-Tock of Events on the Road to the Monongahela

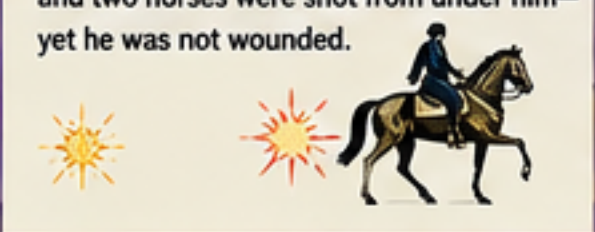
★ From Alexandria, Virginia to the Battle of the Monongahela and Washington's Return Home ★

TICK-TOCK OF KEY EVENTS

- 1 Mar 1755 – Washington joins Braddock in Alexandria, VA as volunteer aide-de-camp
- 2 Apr 1755 – Expedition leaves Alexandria for Fort Cumberland (MD)
- 3 Apr–May – Benjamin Franklin helps obtain wagons & horses in PA
- 4 May 1755 – Army concentrates at Fort Cumberland
- 5 May 29 – Advance party (St. Clair) leaves Fort Cumberland
- 6 May 30 – Washington returns to Fort Cumberland
- 7 Jun 7 – Washington writes from Fort Cumberland
- 8 Jun 10–14 – Main army moves west, widening the road
- 9 Jun 14 – Washington becomes seriously ill (Georges Creek area)
- 10 Jun 19 – Braddock divides the army; advances with ~1,300 men
- 11 Jun 23 – Washington left behind at Bear Camp (too ill to continue)
- 12 Jun 24–30 – Washington recuperates while army moves ahead
- 13 Jun 29 – Braddock crosses the Youghiogheny River
- 14 Jun 30 – Washington asks for help getting forward to rejoin
- 15 Jul 5 – Supplies (oxen & flour) reach Braddock's advanced force
- 16 Jul 8 – Washington rejoins Braddock (Still weak; arrives in wagon)
- 17 Jul 9 (AM) – Washington rides with Braddock; army crosses Monongahela
- 18 Jul 9 – **BATTLE OF THE MONONGAHELA (3 hour battle)**
- 19 Jul 13 – Braddock dies near Fort Necessity / Great Meadows
- 20 Jul 17 – Survivors reach Fort Cumberland
- 21 Jul 26 – Washington returns home to Mount Vernon, VA

WASHINGTON'S MIRACLE!

Four bullets passed through his coat and two horses were shot from under him—yet he was not wounded.



MODERN DAY REFERENCE
The campaign crossed the Allegheny Mountains on Braddock's Road—following the path Washington blazed during his 1754 expedition to Fort Necessity.

ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA

PENNSYLVANIA

13 Jun 29
Stewart's Crossing – Braddock crosses the Youghiogheny River

Fort Duquesne
(Present Day Pittsburgh)
Ultimate British objective

PITTSBURGH
(Modern Day)

Ross
Monroeville Mall

Pittsburgh International Airport

West Mifflin

McKeesport

Destination of Braddock's
Broadway

Monongahela River

West Newton

Braddock Grave Site

16 Jun 38
Washington rejoins Braddock (Arrives in wagon)

16 Jun 30
Washington asking for help get forward

15 Jun 23
Washington rejoins Braddock get forward

11 Jun 23
Bear Camp – Washington left behind (too ill)

10 Jun 19
Braddock divides army; advances with ~1,300 men

Fort Necessity / Great Meadows
19 Jul 13
Braddock dies here (wounded in battle)

5 May 29
Advance party (St. Clair) leaves Fort Cumberland

4 May 1755
Fort Cumberland (MD)

1 Mar 1755
Washington joins Braddock in Alexandria, VA

2 Apr 1755
Expedition leaves Alexandria, VA

Meadowlane Shopping Center

Cumberland
(Modern Day)

Uniontown
(Modern Day)

Uniontown Mall

WEST VIRGINIA

SHANKSVILLE
(Flight 93 Memorial)
Sept. 11, 2001
A lasting reminder of courage and sacrifice.

MARYLAND

Shanksville

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Somerset
(Modern Day)

Somerset Collection Shopping Center

21 Jul 26, 1755
Washington returns home to Mount Vernon, VA

FRENCH & INDIAN ROUTE
→ (From Fort Duquesne)
French & allied Native forces left Fort Duquesne and moved down the river valleys to ambush Braddock.

BATTLE OF THE MONONGAHELA
July 9, 1755
British army ambushed by French & Native forces in the woods near present-day West Newton, PA

THE CAMPAIGN IN PERSPECTIVE

- Braddock's army traveled over 120 miles from Fort Cumberland to the Monongahela.
- Goal: Capture Fort Duquesne and control the Ohio Country.
- Result: A devastating ambush that cost over 900 British & colonial casualties.
- Legacy: Washington's courage under fire helped build his reputation and experience for the future.



LEGEND

- Braddock's Route (British Army)
- Washington's Delay (illness)
- Return to Fort Cumberland & Home to Virginia
- French & Indian Route
- Fort / Key Location
- Battle / Engagement
- Shopping / Mall
- Airport
- Recreation
- Modern City / Town



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