

The American Friends of Lafayette (AFL) was established in 1932 with the mission to honor the entirety of Lafayette's legacy through civic engagement, education, and scholarship. The society is one of the original sponsors of the Yorktown Day Celebration held every October 19th, and since 1946, has participated in the annual July 4th ceremony at Lafayette's gravesite in Paris. Throughout 2024–2025, the AFL will host educational programming across the United States and in France to commemorate the Bicentennial of Lafayette's return to America as the "Guest of the Nation."

Our Bicentennial Committee has been established to plan and promote the recreation of many of the events related to the Farewell Tour of Major General Lafayette. The committee is made up of 200 individuals, representing the 24 states Lafayette visited in 1824-1825 (with Washington, D.C. and West Virginia included as well).

There will be hundreds of planned events, both in large cities such as New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Charleston, St. Louis, New Orleans, and Savannah, as well as in the multitude of small towns Lafayette visited, still brimming with pride that America's favorite fighting Frenchman came through their municipality. Our goal is to educate the public about the role played by both Lafayette and France in our war for independence with planned festivities, informative programing, and meaningful remembrances.

Beginning on August 16, 2024, we will start the thirteen-month bicentennial celebration of Lafayette's triumphant return tour of the United States in New York City. During the next thirteen months, we will follow Lafayette's footsteps through the then existing 24 states in the exact order he traveled in 1824-1825. For example:

**August 16, 2024:** In New York City, we will commemorate Lafayette's return to the United States after forty years. This event will kick off our 13-month celebration.

**October 17, 2024:** We will gather at George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon to commemorate Lafayette's somber visit there two centuries prior.

**November 4, 2024:** We will be at Monticello to honor Lafayette's visit with Thomas Jefferson.

**March 4, 2025:** We will be in Fayetteville, NC and rejoice with the only city Lafayette ever visited that was named after him.

**April 11, 2025:** We will be in New Orleans, LA.

**April 29, 2025:** We will be in St Louis, MO

**September 8, 2025:** We will end our 13-month celebration in Washington D.C. where we will board a boat to sail down the Potomac River - past Mount Vernon, just as Lafayette did 200 years earlier on his way back to France.

## TOUR STOPS

New York City • Connecticut – Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk, Fairfield, Bridgeport, New Haven, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, New London • Rhode Island – Providence, Pawtucket • Massachusetts – Walpole, Dedham, Roxbury, Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, Chelsea, Lynn, Salem, Marblehead, Beverly, Ipswich, Rowley, Newburyport • New Hampshire – Hampton Falls, Hampton, Greenland, Portsmouth • Massachusetts – Boston, Lexington, Concord, Bolton, Worcester, West Boylston, Sturbridge, Charlton • Connecticut – Tolland, Hartford, Middletown • New York – New York City, Fort Lafayette (Brooklyn), West Point, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Albany, Troy • New Jersey – Bergen, Newark, Elizabeth, Princeton, Trenton • Pennsylvania – Bristol, Philadelphia • Delaware – Wilmington • Maryland – Baltimore • Washington, D.C. • Virginia – Arlington, Mount Vernon, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Monticello, Charlottesville, Montpelier, Fredericksburg, Baltimore • Maryland – Annapolis, Frederick • Pennsylvania – Harrisburg • Virginia – Norfolk, Suffolk, Somerton • North Carolina – Murfreesboro, Conway, Jackson, Halifax, Enfield, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Rogers Crossroads, Raleigh, Fayetteville • South Carolina – Camden, Columbia, Cheraw, Charleston, Edisto Island, Beaufort • Georgia – Savannah, Augusta, Warrenton, Sparta, Milledgeville, Macon • Alabama – Fort Mitchell, Montgomery, Selma, Cahawba, Claiborne, Mobile, Mobile Point • Louisiana – New Orleans, Baton Rouge • Mississippi – Natchez • Missouri – Carondelet, St. Louis • Illinois – Kaskaskia • Tennessee – Nashville, The Hermitage • Illinois – Shawneetown • Kentucky – Louisville • Indiana – Jeffersonville • Kentucky – Frankfort, Lexington, Georgetown • Ohio – Cincinnati • Kentucky – Maysville • Ohio – Gallipolis, Marietta • (West) Virginia – Wheeling • Pennsylvania – Washington, Uniontown, Point Marion, Farmington (Fort Necessity), Braddock, Pittsburgh, Butler • New York – Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Albion, Rochester, Canandaigua, Syracuse, New Lebanon • Massachusetts – Pittsfield, Bunker Hill Monument, Charlestown, Reading, Andover, Methuen • New Hampshire – Salem, Derry, Pembroke, Concord, Northwood, Durham, Dover • Maine – Old Berwick, Kennebunk, Saco, Biddeford, Scarborough, Portland • New Hampshire – Concord, Hopkinton, Warner, Bradford, Newport, Claremont, Cornish • Vermont – Windsor, Royalton, Woodstock, Montpelier, Burlington • New York – Whitehall, Schuylerville, New York City • New Jersey – Morristown, Elizabeth, Princeton • Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, Germantown, Chestnut Hill • Delaware – Wilmington • Pennsylvania – Chadds Ford, Brandywine Battlefield, West Chester, Lancaster • Maryland – Baltimore, Port Deposit, Havre de Grace • Washington, D.C. – The White House • Virginia – Oak Hill, Leesburg, Woodlawn, Mount Vernon



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2024-2025*



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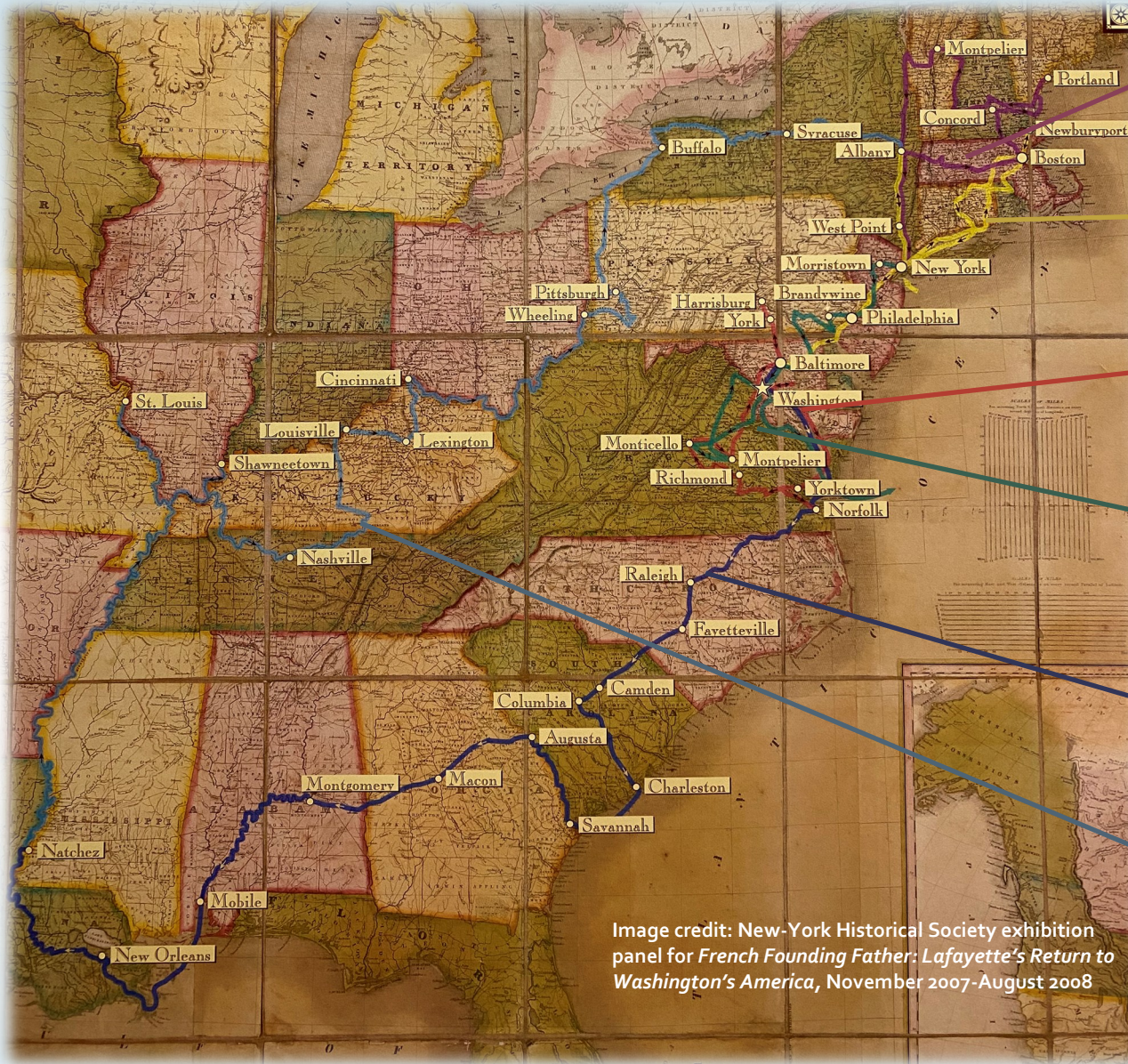
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# BICENTENNIAL OF LAFAYETTE'S FAREWELL TOUR AUGUST 2024—SEPTEMBER 2025

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### JUNE—JULY 2025

Through New England

### AUGUST—OCTOBER 2024

Through the Northeast

### OCTOBER 2024—FEBRUARY 2025

In and around Washington D.C.

### JULY—SEPTEMBER 2025

New York, Philadelphia, Brandywine,  
Monticello, Mount Vernon

### FEBRUARY—APRIL 2025

Through the South

### APRIL—JUNE 2025

Inland and along the Waterways

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