

UPPER HUDSON

Haver (Peebles) Island

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Historical Description:

Haver Island was in Lieutenant General John Burgoyne's planned line of advance to Albany in 1777. According to traditional narratives of the Revolution, Colonel Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the military engineer who would later oversee the construction of the fortifications at West Point, built three earthwork batteries here in August 1777. Their remains are still visible. The works were never tested because the Americans, under the command of Major General Horatio Gates, stopped Burgoyne at the Battle of Saratoga in October 1777.

The Site:

Haver Island, presently called Peebles Island, is a 138-acre state park and the headquarters of New York State's preservation offices and resource center. A trail showcases the remaining earthworks. The park offers picnic and restroom facilities on a seasonal basis.

Directions:

Take I-787 North to Route 470, or Ontario Street. Turn right on Route 470, and proceed .7 of a mile to Delaware Avenue, which is signed Peebles Island State Park and is the last street before the bridge. Turn left on Delaware Avenue, and proceed to the end of the road into the visitors parking area.