

“The Venango Path – Then And Now”

Free one-hour visual exploration of the region’s history via Zoom

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The Venango Path was a Native American pathway that ran from the Forks of the Ohio (present-day Pittsburgh) north to the village of Venango at the mouth of French Creek, and through the French Creek Valley to Presque Isle near Lake Erie. The Venango Path was an important north-south “landscape of movement” for Native Americans and Europeans alike, facilitating trade, migration and settlement, and military activities. During George Washington’s 1753 journey to oust the French from their forts in the French Creek Valley, the Venango Path provided access to the backcountry vital to his mission. This presentation will focus on the forgotten landscapes and historic environments traversed in the 18th and 19th centuries, especially in the French Creek Valley, and how natural and human factors have changed these landscapes over time.

Limited to 100 registrants. Pre-registration required; deadline Feb. 4.

Send name and email address to leigh@visitbutlercounty.com with “WT 1753” in the subject line. Registrants will receive an email from Leigh with the Zoom meeting invitation. Questions? Please dial (724) 234-4619.



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From Thomas Hutchins’ 1778 map for Venango Path along French Creek.