

## Colonel Tadeusz Kosciuszko



[Pronounced Tha-day-use Kosh-chu-sko.](#)

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Some heroes are forgotten because they died young. Others are unfairly ignored by historians. A few received scant recognition because their names are too difficult to pronounce. One such hero is Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

In America, his name is usually pronounced Kos-ki-os-ko. In Poland, it is pronounced correctly as Tha-day-use Kosh-chu-sko. That is with only three syllables. Hear correct pronunciation on webpage [http://www.forvo.com/word/tadeusz\\_ko%C5%9Bciuszko/](http://www.forvo.com/word/tadeusz_ko%C5%9Bciuszko/).

Kosciuszko was a Polish military engineer. He designed fortifications at West Point on the Hudson River. He was at Camp New Providence during 22-27 November 1780 and in Charlotte in early December.

On 8 December 1780, in Charlotte, Major General Nathanael Greene ordered Kosciuszko to locate an alternative camp location:

You will go with Major Polke [William Polk] and examine the Country from the Mouth of Little River twenty or thirty Miles down the Peedee and search for a good position for the army. You will report the make of the Country, the nature of the soil, the quality of the water, the quantity of Produce, number of Mills and the water transportation that may be had up and down the River. You will also Enquire respecting the creeks in the Rear of the fords and the difficulty of passing them, all of which you will report as soon as possible. (Greene 1780 in Buchanan 1997, 291).

In 1794, Kosciuszko led an uprising against Russian occupation of Poland. Kosciuszko Mound in Krakow, Poland, was built during 1820-1823. The tallest mountain in Australia is named for him.

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