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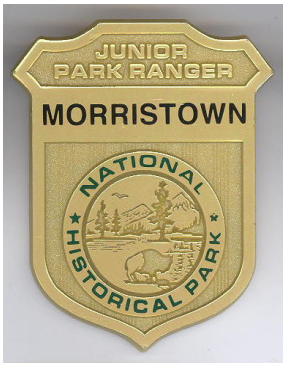
JUNIOR RANGER BOOKLET

Becoming a Junior Ranger



Anyone can become a Junior Ranger if they are ready to learn about Morristown National Historical Park and have fun! As a Junior Ranger, your responsibility is to enjoy and protect all the national park sites you visit. Almost every national park site has a Junior Ranger program. See how many badges you can earn!

Use the illustrations below to figure out which activities you need to complete to earn your Junior Ranger badge. When finished, take your book to the Park Ranger at the Washington's Headquarters Museum or the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

Musician: Ages 0-6

Complete 3 activities

Continental Soldier: Ages 7-10

Complete 3 activities and the National Park Service Activity on the next page

Officer: Ages 11 & Up

Complete 4 activities and the National Park Service Activity on the next page

PSST... The fun doesn't have to stop when you leave the park. You can become a Web Ranger online and connect with other Web Rangers throughout the world!

Visit www.nps.gov/webrangers

National Park Service

How do you know you are in a place that is cared for by the National Park Service? **Look** for the arrowhead! You might find it on signs, buildings or park rangers. The arrowhead is a symbol that reminds all of us to protect special places like Morristown.

Draw a line between the parts of the arrowhead and what they represent.

History

Plants

Recreation

Animals

Landscapes

Bison

Sequoia Tree

Arrowhead

Mountain

Lake

New Jersey has 8 National Park Service sites. Can you name any others besides Morristown NHP?

Have you been to any other national park sites? Which one is your favorite?

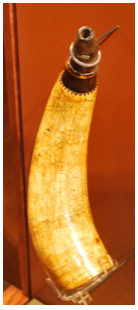
Museum Match-Up

The museum was completed in 1935. It is where we display many artifacts about the American Revolution and George Washington. The museum has three main exhibit galleries, the Military Gallery, the American Style Gallery and the Smith Gallery. Find the items shown below in the museum and draw a line to the gallery that they are found in.

The Military Gallery

The Smith Gallery

The American Style Gallery



Museum Scavenger Hunt

The museum was completed in 1935. It is one of the first buildings ever built in the National Park Service to house a museum. It is where we display many artifacts about the American Revolution and George Washington. The museum has three main exhibit galleries, the Military Gallery, the American Style Gallery and the Smith Gallery. Look throughout the museum to find the answers to the questions below.

1. How many times can you find George Washington's face in the exhibits?

2. Which room is the painting pictured below located in?

3. Who uses a Shoe Last?

4. How much did one link of the West Point Chain weigh?

5. Name one game that people played in the 18th Century?

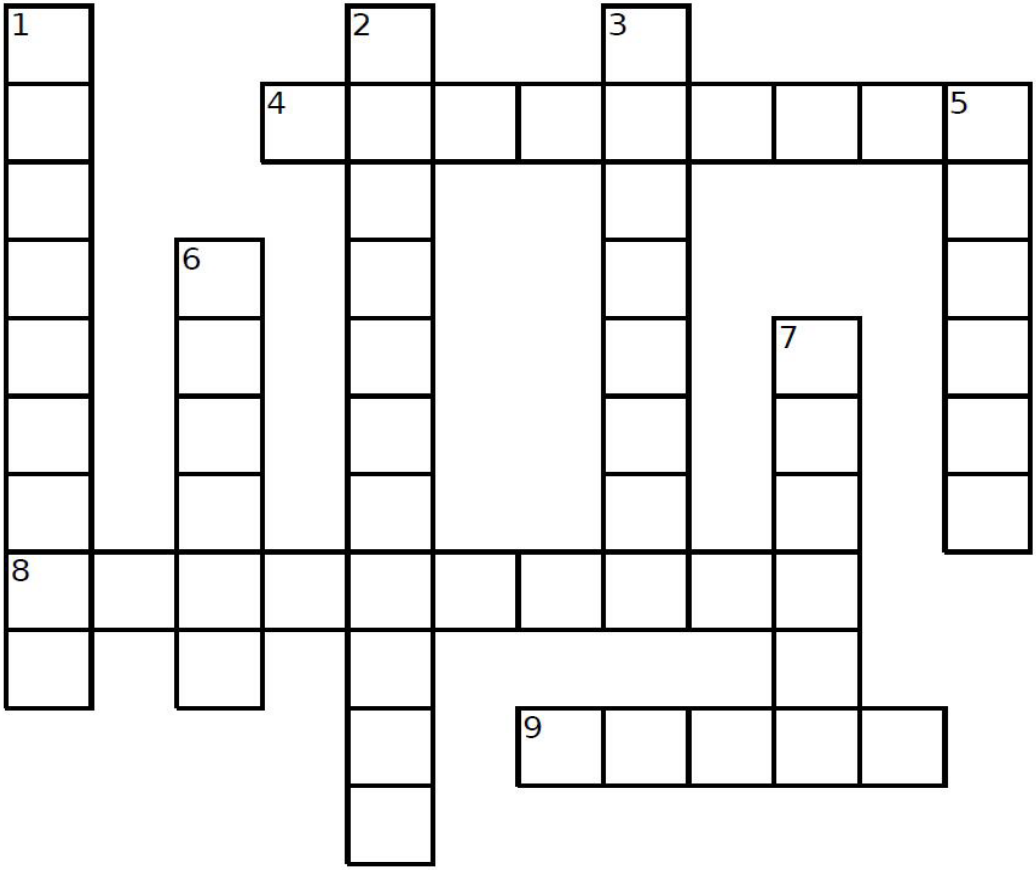
Have you ever played this game?

6. Draw the Society of the Cincinnati badge in the box

7. What is your favorite artifact in the museum?

Museum Crossword

The museum was designed by John Russell Pope, the same man who designed the Jefferson Memorial. The museum is where we display many artifacts from the American Revolution and George Washington. The museum has three main exhibit galleries. To complete this activity you have to fill in the crossword puzzle, the answers to the questions can be found throughout the museum.



Across

4. Lloyd W. Smith Collection: _____ of Protest.
8. The _____ of Washington is a reverse painting on glass.
9. Thomas _____ wrote Common Sense and American Controverse.

Down

1. George Washington's _____ sword he wore when he became president in 1789.
2. _____ was prized for their musical quality.
3. Backgammon and _____were popular games in the 18th Century.
5. Gilbert _____ painted three portraits of George Washington from life.
6. This field _____ was captured at the Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777.
7. The West Point chain protected the _____ River from the British.

Publishing Rebellion

Pamphlets are short books that could be published quickly and distributed throughout a town, colony or even the whole country. They were used to get citizens excited about a particular event. Design your own pamphlet cover about your visit today. Use your imagination! For hints, look at the documents on display in the Smith Gallery.

Supplying the Army

During the winter the roads were almost impossible to travel. Can you get the supplies from town to the soldiers in Jockey Hollow?

Start

Finish

Sometimes soldiers bought items from the camp sutler, a person who sells food and supplies to the soldiers in camp. What extra food or supplies would you buy during a cold winter?

The officers and soldiers in Jockey Hollow didn't hunt for animals, why do you think this was?

Build-A-Park

Did you know that regular citizens of Morristown were the first to preserve the Ford Mansion and Jockey Hollow? In 1873, a group known as the Washington Association of New Jersey bought the Mansion and turned it into a museum and later bought Jockey Hollow. They donated it to the National Park Service in 1933. Use the symbols below to make your own national park. Don't forget to draw hiking trails, parking lots and what ever you want. Let you imagination run wild!

Campground

Rock Climbing

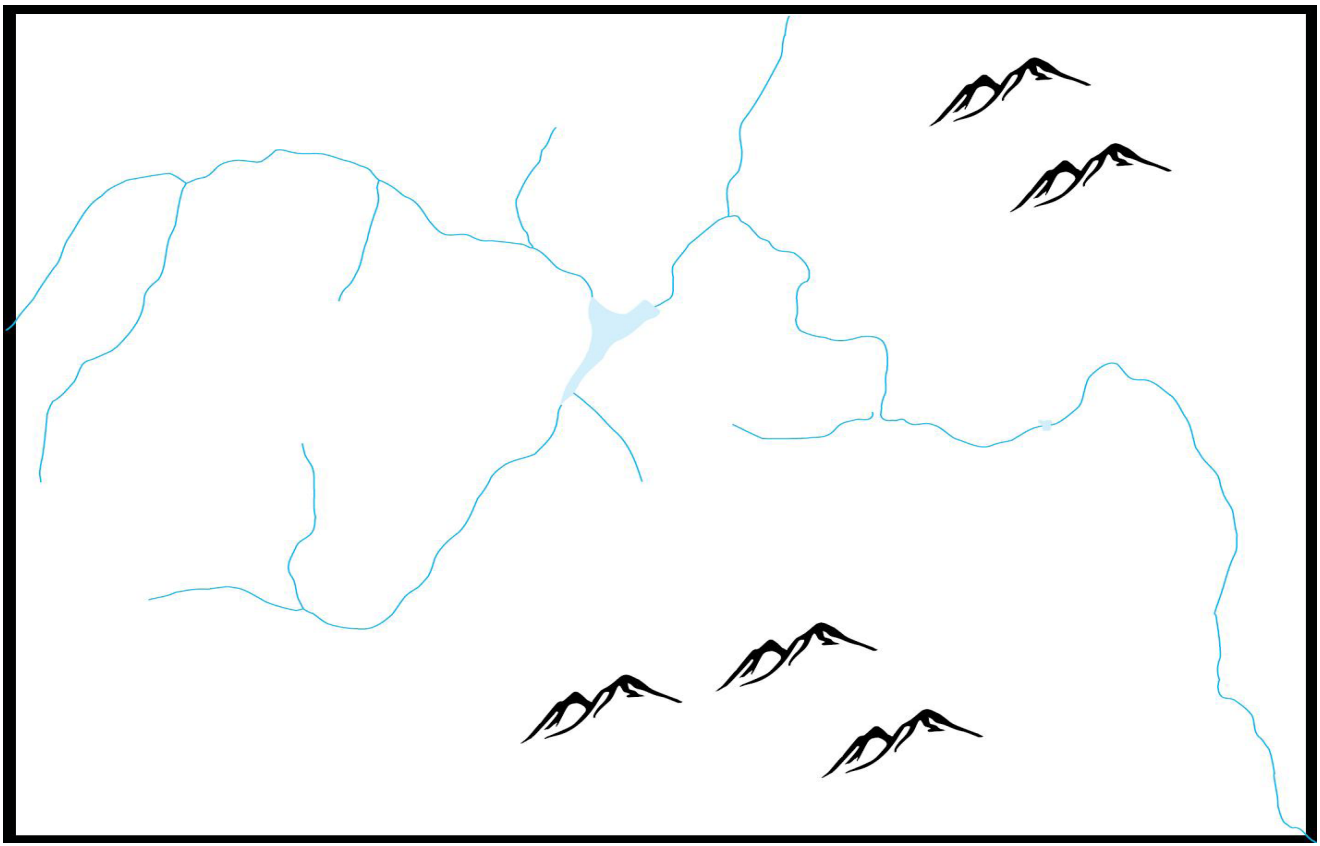
Picnic Area

Driving Tour

Ranger Station

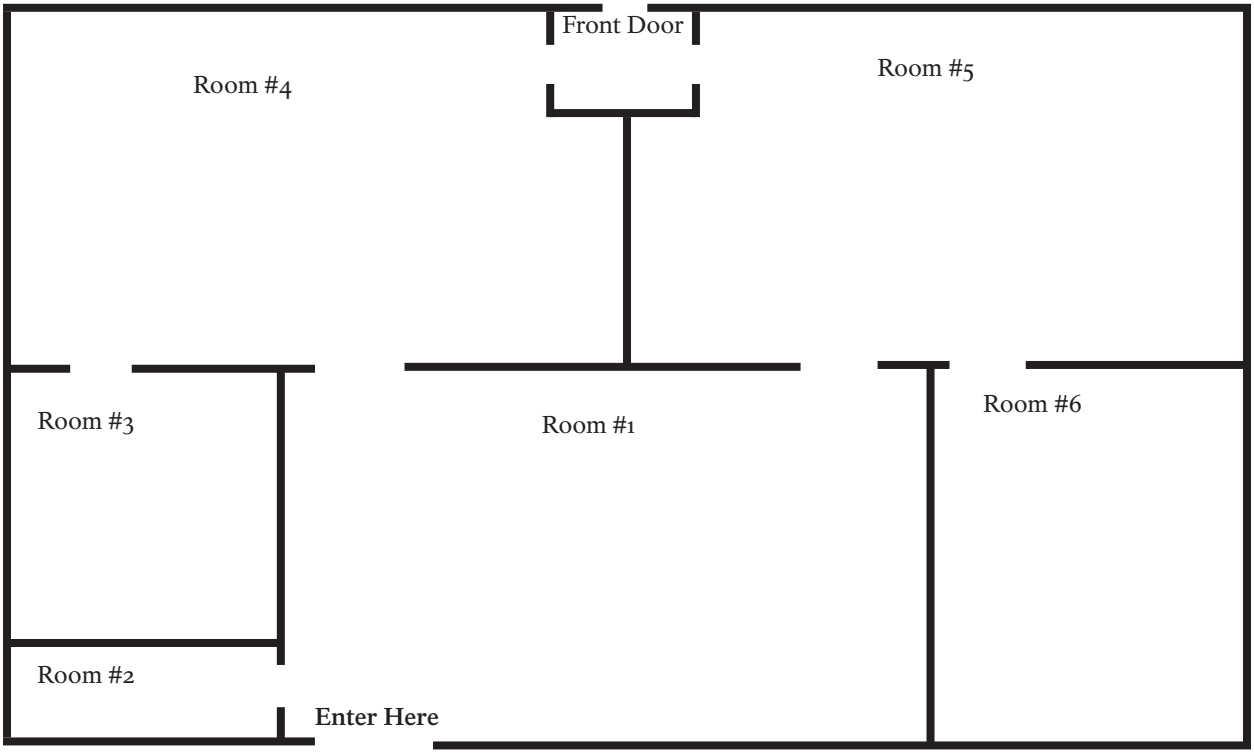
Horseback Riding

What is the name of your park?_____



Wick House Investigation

The Wick house was built in the early 1750's. As you tour the home answer the questions below. If you need any hints ask the Park Ranger inside.



How many fireplaces do you see?

What room did the family cook their meals in?

If you were an aide to General St. Clair which room would you sleep in?

As a soldier in the army, what sacrifices would you have to make?

If you were General St. Clair, which room would you sleep in?

What are some advantages for the Wick Family to have General St. Clair stay in their home?

Hiking Tic-Tac-Toe

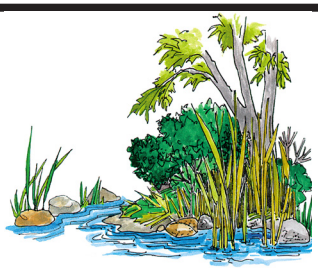
Jockey Hollow and the New Jersey Brigade area have 27 miles of hiking trails. Hiking is one of the best and most popular ways to experience the wonders of nature. Pick any trail in the park and while you are hiking place an 'X' over each item you see while hiking.

Get 1 Tic-Tac-Toe

Get 2 Tic-Tac-Toes

Get 3 Tic-Tac-Toes

What trail did you hike?_____

Leafy Tree	Trail Marker/Blaze	National Park Service Arrowhead
Mammal	Park Ranger	Animal Tracks
 Stream	Bird	Acorn

Writing Home

In a world without computers or the internet the only way soldiers could communicate with their families was through letters. The soldiers would sometimes write letters and poems or draw pictures of their surroundings to send home to their parents and siblings. While at the Soldiers Huts follow the directions on the left hand side for your activity.

Musician: From the bottom of the hill at the soldiers huts draw what you see when you are looking at the soldiers huts.

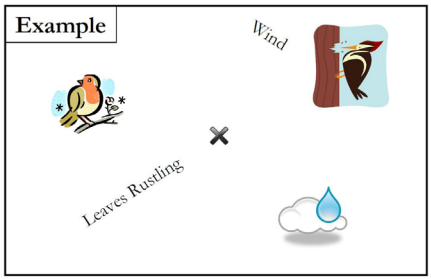
Continental Soldier: While sitting in one of the soldier huts, write a letter to a friend or family member about what you see and feel inside the hut.

Officer: Investigate both the soldiers huts and the officers hut. Then write a letter or poem explaining the advantages to life as an officer.

Cross Estate Gardens

The Cross Estate Gardens go back to the early 20th century when wealthy people built grand country mansions as summer retreats in the "Mountain Colony". One purpose of the gardens was for relaxation and getting in touch with the sounds of nature. Many people today walk around the garden and enjoy the sounds of nature.

Find a spot in the garden where you can sit still for up to 5 minutes. Stay very quiet and listen for any noises that you can hear. Maybe it's a bird singing, a woodpecker drumming, something rustling in the leaves, the wind, or trickling water. Draw where the sounds are coming from using the box below. Pretend you are the X in the middle of the box so that all the sounds are in relation to where you are sitting. If you hear a sound in front of you, draw a picture or write down what is making the noise above the X. If it's behind you, draw it below the X. Pretty soon, you should have a map of all the interesting things you've heard surrounding you. Look at the example to get started.



IN FRONT OF YOU

TO YOUR LEFT

TO YOUR RIGHT

BEHIND YOU

Fort Nonsense

Fort Nonsense was called Kinney Hill during George Washington's stay in Morristown. The name was changed to Fort Nonsense by local residents in the late 1800's because they thought it was unimportant. As you walk around you will discover the many uses of Kinney Hill during the American Revolution.

As you walk around you probably have noticed the granite blocks that are in the ground. These are the outline of what the fort looked like. Walk around the fort and in the box below draw what you think the fort would have looked like.

Since the American Revolution, Morristown has grown a lot. During the war the town had a population of only 250 people. From the lookout draw what you see in town today in the box below.

Kinney Hill was also a lookout so the Continental Army could see if the British were marching to Morristown from New York City. A signal beacon was placed on the hill. Answer the following questions in the box below.

1. *Why is it important for the signal beacon to be on top of the hill?*
2. *What were some of the resources the Continental Army was trying to protect in Morristown and the surrounding area?*

Official Junior Ranger Commission

Upon completion of all tasks as assigned, his excellency George Washington bestows the rank of Junior Ranger upon:

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With this commission the above mentioned Junior Ranger receives all privileges and honors of the position.

G. Washington

_____
Junior Ranger

_____
Park Ranger

Seal of Morristown NHP

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