

Hike America's Historic Triangle

# Jamestown Colony Trail



Colonial Virginia Council  
Boy Scouts of America

# "Historic Jamestowne"

The Colonial Virginia Council is proud to offer you the opportunity to hike through Jamestown, part of America's Historic Triangle.

During your visit to Jamestown, you will retrace the steps of those who established the first permanent English settlement in North America. You will learn about the history, struggles and successes of those who lived here many years ago.

Completing the requirements of this award will take you through three different areas of this historic site; the Visitor Center, the Townsite (Old Towne and New Towne), and Island Drive.

This location is part of the National Park Service's Colonial National Historical Park and does have an entrance fee (sometimes waived for Scouts in uniform).

Begin your journey at the Visitor Center where you start by watching the orientation film *Jamestown - America's Birthplace*. From there, exit the back of the Visitor Center and proceed around the Townsite where you will find answers to the questions on the monuments and interpretive signs. Finally hike (or bike) the five mile loop of Island Drive obtaining answers from the signage along the route.

Upon completion of the hike and answering the questions from the three areas, unit leaders may obtain the award patch from the Colonial Virginia Council Scout Service Center located at:

11834 Canon Blvd. Suite L  
Newport News, VA 23606

Please call (757) 595-3356 for current hours, cost and availability.

## *Jamestown - America's Birthplace*

1. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1607, how many English men and boys landed at the location that was later to be known as Jamestown?  

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2. What was the first English structure at Jamestown?  

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3. What three items did the English bring to trade for food?  

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4. What nearly wiped out the Colony in the first few years?  

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5. During the winter of 1609, hundreds died. CAPT John Smith reported the size of the Colony went from 500 to \_\_\_\_\_ survivors.  

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6. John Rolfe perfected a product that turned out to be Jamestown's single profitable export. What was that product?  

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7. In 1619, people from what continent arrived at the Colony?  

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8. Also in 1619, what did the Virginia Company send to the Colony to help it prosper?  

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9. Chief Opechancanough of the Powhatans led two major attacks against the Colony. As a result, what happened to Chief Opechancanough?  

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10. In 1676, Nathaniel Bacon led a rebel army into Jamestown and demanded that Governor Berkley suppress the Virginia Indians. When the Governor refused, what did Nathaniel Bacon do?  

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11. In 1699, the colonial leaders moved the General Assembly from Jamestown to where?  

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## *Old Towne - New Towne*

1. What was the Tercentenary Monument erected to commemorate?  

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2. Who kidnapped Pocahontas and brought her to Jamestown?  

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3. The artifacts recovered from beneath the water table in the well were in pristine condition. What contributed to this?  

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4. One of the excavated burial shafts from 1607 revealed an item suggesting the person buried here was the first Jamestown settler killed in battle. What is the item?  

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5. The large wooden cross by the Archaerium marks the earliest what?  

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6. What is the historical significance of the spoon handle found in the yard of the Marable House?  

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7. What was John Jackson's profession?  

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8. What stamped "HH" was excavated at the Mary-Hartwell site?  

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9. What was the size of the Jamestown row house as prescribed by *The Town Act of 1662*?  

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10. What did Governor John Harvey receive as a reward for serving as a member of a royal commission investigating conditions in Virginia in 1624?  

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## *Island Drive*

1. Early African Residents: Who is the Governor referenced on the sign?  

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2. Plants from the Past: What is pictured on the right side of the sign?  

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3. A Site of Habitation: What revealed evidence of buried cornfields cultivated by American Indians long before the English arrived?  

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4. American Bald Eagles: What did CAPT John Smith call the bald eagle?  

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5. “Soile Fit to Produce”: What survived from the 1930s as reminders of Jamestown’s agricultural past?  

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6. Precious Plants: What did colonists describe to be “four times bigger and better than ours in England”?  

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7. The Changing Land: Today, what two factors continue to crumble Jamestown’s riverfront?  

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8. Jamestown During the Civil War: What military unit is pictured on the sign?  

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9. Jamestown Suburbs: What was Mr. William Clayborne’s profession?  

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10. Jamestown Island Drive: How many new archeological sites were discovered during the winter of 1994-1995?  

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## Answer sheet

### Jamestown America's Birthplace

1. 104
2. the fort
3. iron tools, copper and beads
4. starvation
5. 60
6. tobacco
7. Africa
8. 90 women
9. he was arrested, imprisoned and then assassinated
10. Bacon set fire to Jamestown
11. Williamsburg

### Old Towne - New Town

1. the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of settlement here
2. Captain Argall
3. the low oxygen level of the water
4. a Virginia Indian stone arrow point
5. known burial ground of the English in America
6. oldest, dated pewter artifact of North American origin in existence
7. gunsmith
8. wine bottle seal
9. "forty foot long, twenty foot wide"
10. land at the east end of New Towne

### Island Drive

1. Sir George Yeardley
2. ragweed pollen
3. Soil core samples
4. "the greatest devourer"
5. remnants of plow rows
6. strawberries
7. natural erosion and waves from river traffic
8. 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Colored Cavalry
9. a surveyor
10. 58

Interested in earning the Historic Trails Award also?

Camping is available at the following locations:

- Newport News Park, Newport News, VA  
(has a primitive camp site just for Boy Scouts)  
<http://www.nngov.com/parks-and-recreation>
- Gosnold's Hope Park, Hampton, VA  
<http://www.hampton.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/2>
- Anvil Campground, Williamsburg, VA  
<http://www.anvilcampground.com/index.html>
- Williamsburg KOA, Williamsburg, VA  
<http://koa.com/>



Contact the National Park Service Ranger at the site to inquire about opportunities to complete the specific volunteer requirements of the award.

Jamestown Visitor Information – (757) 856-1200.

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Continue your adventure at America's Historic Triangle by hiking the Yorktown Battlefield. Complete those requirements to earn the Yorktown Battlefield Trail award patch.

Hike both the Jamestown Colony and Yorktown Battlefield Trails and you will be eligible for the Jamestown/Yorktown Trail patch

