

Hike America's Historic Triangle

Yorktown Battlefield Trail



Colonial Virginia Council
Boy Scouts of America

Yorktown

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

The Yorktown Battlefield is where General George Washington's Army joined forces with the French to defeat the British in the last major battle of the American Revolution.

Completing the requirements of this award will take you through the Visitor Center and Allied Encampment Area of the Battlefield.

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 *Siege at Yorktown*. Before leaving the Visitor Center, ensure you pick up a National Park Service brochure which contains a map of the Allied Encampment Area (the yellow roads on the map). Start your hike (or bike) at the Visitor Center and head first to the Yorktown National Cemetery. From there, use the map to guide you to each additional point of interest where you will find answers to the questions at the location or 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.

Siege at Yorktown

1. When Clinton takes half of his army and sails south and captures Charleston, how many American soldiers were taken prisoner?

2. When Clinton returns to New York, who did he leave in charge (with 5,000 regulars)?

3. After a series of losses at King Mountain, Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse Cornwallis had to seek relief and rest. Where in North Carolina did he refit before moving on to Virginia?

4. When the French embraced the American Cause, how many French soldiers did French King Louis XVI send to help the Americans?

5. What were two tricks Washington used to convince Clinton that he will attack New York?

6. The British fleet of 19 ships leaves New York and heads for the Chesapeake Bay, how many French ships were waiting for them at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay?

7. When Washington issues the Order of Battle and the French and American Forces leave Williamsburg for Yorktown, what was the size of the combined army?

8. Once the allied forces were in position, who began firing first, the French batteries or the American batteries?

9. When Cornwallis attempts to retreat across the river and a storm arises, how many boats were lost?

10. Which treaty ends the American Revolution?

Allied Encampment Area

1. At the Yorktown National Cemetery, who is buried in grave nbr 56?

2. Untouched Redoubt - This British redoubt is the sole (only) what?

3. French Encampment Area - At the Egenios Encampment, what material was the men's uniforms made of?

4. At the French Artillery Park, "incoming cannon" and what other two pieces of artillery "and their accouterments were made ready to move up to the siege line"?

5. At the French Cemetery, what is the first line on the plaque at the base of the cross?

6. At Washington's Headquarters, what was the smaller tent used for?

7. What did Beaver Dam Creek generally divide?

8. Surrender Field - The lower level of the pavilion contains only a fraction of the "Trophies of War". What was the total number of artillery pieces accounted for in General Washington's official report to the Continental Congress?

Answer sheet

Siege at Yorktown

1. 5,000
2. Lord Charles Cornwallis
3. Wilmington
4. 5,000
5. troop maneuvers and empty tents
6. 24
7. 17,000 men
8. the French battery
9. over 20
10. the Treaty of Paris

Allied Encampment Area

1. Three Unknown U.S. Soldiers
2. original earthwork remaining from the siege of Yorktown
3. linen
4. howitzers and mortars
5. ICI REPOSENT (“here rests”)
6. his private office and sleeping quarters
7. the French and American encampments
8. 244

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.

Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Information – (757) 898-2410.

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

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

