

**BOOKER T. WASHINGTON  
NATIONAL MONUMENT  
PATCH PROGRAM**



**JUNIOR, CADETTE, AND SENIOR GIRL SCOUT  
QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Welcome to Booker T. Washington National Monument

Go to the visitor center and check in at the center's desk. View and read the exhibits in the center. Watch the video. Most of the answers to this questionnaire can be found in the brochures, exhibits, and the video. When you complete the hike be sure to check out at the visitor center so the park rangers will know you are no longer in the park. Please remember the park closes at 5:00 p.m.

1. What year was Booker T. Washington born?
2. When was Booker T. Washington freed?
3. What is the title of Booker T. Washington's autobiography?
4. Who were James and Elizabeth Burroughs?

(You may wish to visit the Burroughs' family cemetery on the hill above the parking lot.)

5. Where did Booker go to school after he left Malden?
6. What school did Booker T. Washington start and where is the school?
7. Name two important beliefs held by Booker T. Washington.
8. What was Booker T. Washington's most famous speech?

After viewing the film and exhibits, exit the visitors center through the back doors and proceed to the site of the Big House.

9. What type of structure was the Big House?
10. List two jobs that Booker had at the farm.
11. What was the primary use of his cabin?
12. Where did Booker sleep?
13. In Booker's cabin there is a hole in the middle of the floor; what was the purpose of this hole?

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Why was the kitchen separate from the main building?

14. What was the purpose of the smokehouse and what kind of meat was stored there?

Walk down the hill to the spring.

15. What was the spring box used for?

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Why were these methods of storing food used?

16. What job requiring large amounts of water, other than cooking and washing dishes, and was done at the spring?

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Why is the sign posted warning people not to drink the spring water?

Walk over to the blacksmith shop.

17. What did the blacksmith on a small farm do?

You can walk over to the garden area and see what is growing, or return to the Big House and follow trail to the animal and storage barns and on around to the tobacco barn.

18. What types of animals were kept on the farm and what was each used for?

19. Name three major crops grown on the farm other than tobacco.

20. Name three major vegetables that were grown on the farm?

21. How and why is the corn crib constructed differently from the other farm buildings?

22. How was tobacco cured and what was it used for?

DISCUSSION TOPIC: What is the term used in farming when different crops are planted in the same field each year and why is this done?

From the tobacco barn proceed to the start of the Jack O'Lantern Branch Trail. Hike the approximate 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile trail. This will take approximately 1 hour at a leisurely pace.

23. What is one possible reason Jack O'Lantern Branch was named what it is?

24. What direction does Gills Creek flow and where does it flow?

25. Why are some portions of the creek bank above the trail covered with sand and matted-down vegetation?

26. Name four species of trees seen on the trail. (We suggest that you read this question at the beginning of the trail)
27. If you have seen any signs of wildlife, what are they?
28. What signs of man's presence have you seen on the trail?

Walk into the cemetery.

29. Do any headstones have dates on them? What is the oldest legible date?
30. At the large meadow, a dirt road runs off to the left. This is a "fire road." Why does the National Park Service have and maintain fire roads?

The building you see at the end of the meadow is the National Park Service Headquarters at Booker T. Washington park. It was originally an elementary school, built to educate black children when schools were segregated. Follow the trail to the right across the meadow to return to your starting point.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:** Why does the National Park Service maintain such areas as Booker T. Washington National Monument?

Check to be sure you have completed all 30 questions and have your name on the questionnaire. Give the answered questionnaire to the person in charge of your troop.

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