



Hunting for History in Loudoun County

NOVA Parks Historic Sites Scavenger Hunt

Part I Aldie, Middleburg Area

A. Mt. Zion Historic Park

1. How many doors does Mt. Zion Church have? Make sure to walk around the entire building!
2. Find the African American cemetery among the trees to the south of the walled cemetery. How many tombstones can you find?

B. Old Carolina Road

1. Read the interpretive sign along the old roadbed. Who were the first people to use this area as a pathway?
2. On the sign, you will find information about a famous person who visited this area in August of 1825. What was his name, and why was he famous?

C. Gilbert's Corner Regional Park

1. Read the interpretive sign near the parking lot. What two roads intersected here?
2. What is the name of the man who had a gas station built nearby in 1927?

D. Aldie Mill Historic Park

1. Read the interpretive sign in the back yard of the mill. What is the name of the river that provides water to the mill?

2. How many water wheels does the mill have?

E. Mt. Defiance Historic Park

1. Find the Civil War Trails sign located just west of the parking lot. What was the date of the Civil War battle fought here?
2. Find the monument honoring one of the cavalry regiments that fought here. Do you know what “cavalry” means? (If not, ask an adult!) From what state was this cavalry regiment?

F. Goose Creek Historic Park

1. Read the Civil War Trails sign that is located near the meadow, below the parking area. On what date was a battle fought here?
2. What is the bridge made of, and how many arches does it have?

Part II North of Leesburg

A. Ball’s Bluff Battlefield Historic Park

1. Read the information posted in the kiosk. On what date was the battle fought here during the Civil War?
2. What Union commander died here?

B. Temple Hall Farm Regional Park

Visit the exhibits in the Exhibit Barn and answer these questions:

1. What were two of the first crops that the Symington family planted when they ran Temple Hall Farm?
2. What is the machine called which separates the grain from the straw of a stalk of wheat?

C. Piscataway Crossing Regional Park

Read the Civil War Trails signs and answer these questions:

1. Name a notable wartime activity that took place here during the Civil War.
2. What is the name of the river here at Piscataway Crossing Regional Park?