



## Explore Yorktown

When planning your trip, go to [visityorktown.org](http://visityorktown.org) or call the National Park Service Visitor Center at (757) 898-2410 or the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (757) 253-4838.

**GUIDELINES:** Visit Yorktown. Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level.

	DISCOVER	CONNECT	TAKE ACTION	ANY ACTIVITY UNDER ANY KEY	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
Girl Scout Daisy	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout Brownie	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout Junior	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout Cadette	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	5	8

### DISCOVER

- At the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown:
  - Find a copy of the Declaration of Independence printed on July 19, 1776. This is a Broadside version. What is a broadside and why was this a good way to communicate news in 1776?
  - Visit the recruitment area of the Continental Encampment and find out three reasons men joined the army to fight for the new United States during the Revolutionary War. Why do people join the military today?
  - Learn who donated the land for its construction and why. Go to the encampment outside—see the revolutionary experience from the viewpoint of a woman, and of a medical practitioner.
- Stop by the Yorktown's National Park Service Visitor Center. Tour the ship, examine General Washington's personal tent, and watch the movie. [Take a walking tour with a Park Ranger](#). Tours are available at the Visitor Center on select days. (Several of the other patch requirements can be fulfilled with this tour!) Include in this tour either one of the following (or both if you like):
  - Tour the Thomas Nelson House. Find the cannon embedded in the side of the house. How did it get there? What was the builder's nickname?
  - Visit the Moore House. What important agreement was drawn up in this house?
  - Younger Girl Scouts (12 and under) can vie to become a Junior Ranger. Pick up a booklet and then take the two-hour tour of the Yorktown Battlefield. Successful completion of the program earns a Certificate of Merit and a badge.
- Visit the Victory Monument. Who built this monument and when? Why was the victory here so important?

### CONNECT

- In the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown encampment, find out why families of the enlisted men were sometimes allowed to travel and camp with the army during the Revolutionary War. What jobs did the women do?

- Visit Historic Grace Church. Scan the QR code outside the building to learn more about its history. Explore the cemetery and look for the grave of Thomas Nelson, Jr. What famous document did he sign and what role did he play in the American Revolution? (Schedule a guided tour by calling the church office at 757-898-3261 or learn more at [Grace Historical Church Preservation Foundation](#).)
- Drive one of the two Battlefield Tour Routes ([download the app](#) for guidance): The Battlefield Tour and the Allied Encampment Tour, or take the self-guided walking tour of the town. If you drive one of the routes, learn about Yorktown's role in the Civil War by visiting the Yorktown National Cemetery.
- Find redoubts in each area of the Battlefield. What are redoubts and what is significant about their location?
- In the 1780s farm at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, talk to a costumed interpreter about the lives of enslaved African Americans on a small farm. Find out where they slept, the jobs they had to do, and how they earned extra money to buy things for themselves.

## **TAKE ACTION**

- Find out which rights are promised in the first amendment of the Bill of Rights, and then make a poster or flier showing how these rights benefit you and your friends every day. Share what you've written with your troop or service unit.
- In the farm, ask an interpreter what work needs to be done in the kitchen, garden, or fields. It might be hoeing, raking, weeding, watering, or even picking tobacco worms off the plants! Spend at least ten minutes working in the garden, with the interpreter's permission and adult supervision.
- Watch "Siege at Yorktown" at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. Write a review of the short 4D film, including the emotions you experienced about the Battle of Yorktown.
- Create a brochure on video promoting Yorktown to share with friends, family, and other Girl Scouts.