



# EXPLORE YORKTOWN

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**GUIDELINES:** Complete the starred two (\*) activities plus four others that are listed. Daisy Girl Scouts may receive a patch for participating in any activities and are not expected to complete a set number.

- \*1. Visit Yorktown's National Park Service Visitor's Center. Tour the ship, examine General Washington's personal tent, and see the movie. Take a walking tour with a Park Ranger (several of the other requirements can be fulfilled with this tour). Reservations for these guided tours are made from September to end of May. During the summer months join the regularly scheduled tours. (757) 898-3400.  
  
Include in this tour either one of the following (both if you like): Tour the Thomas Nelson House. Find the cannon ball 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?
- \*2. Visit the Yorktown Victory Center - learn who donated the land for its construction and why. Walk through the "town" inside and see the movie. Visit the encampment outside — see the revolutionary experience from the viewpoint of a woman, and of a medical practitioner. (757) 887-1776.
3. Visit Cornwallis' Cave on the waterfront. Listen to the recorded message and learn about its history.
4. Visit the Waterman's Museum on the waterfront. Learn about the economic and cultural benefits and history of this water based area. Charge for admission. Call (757) 887-2641.
5. Visit Historic Grace Church and listen to the recorded history in the vestibule area. Look for the grave of Thomas Nelson, Jr. in the cemetery. What famous document did Thomas Nelson, Jr. sign and what role did he play in the American Revolution? Find layers in the outer wall of the building that show evidence of the "great fire" of 1814. Please do not make any rubbings of the tombstones unless you first check with the workers in the Gift Shop for permission.
6. Visit the "Victory Monument." Who built this monument — why and when? Why was victory here so important to those who gave it? Also, visit the "Freedom Shrine" on Water Street. What countries have flags represented there?
7. Visit the Colonial Herb Garden located behind the Custom's House. Identify six different herbs. How would a Colonial woman have used them?
8. Drive one of the two Battlefield Tour Routes (maps available from Visitor's Center) or take the self-directed walking tour of the town. If you drive one of the routes, find out about Yorktown's role in the Civil War by visiting the Yorktown National Cemetery.
9. Go to Surrender Field. Listen to recorded message. What children's nursery song was played by the British at the Surrender?
10. While driving or walking through the town, notice the street names. Identify the persons or places for which at least three streets are named. What contributions did these persons or places make to the "revolutionary history" of Yorktown?