



Explore Washington County

Check out the Washington County Historical Society's website at portoplymouthmuseum.org before planning your trip to Washington County.

GUIDELINES: Visit Washington County. 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

- Look at a map of Washington County and locate three cities and two bodies of water within the county. In addition, determine the size of Washington County. How many square miles does it cover? What is the population?
- Identify some historical landmarks in Washington County. When was Washington County established? Is there any significance to its name?
- Given Washington County's history, research some of the most successful agricultural products in the region. What crops were these? How was this affected after the Civil War?
- Washington County is home to a significant amount of wildlife. Which animals and species are most common? Describe their natural habitat. What efforts are being made in Washington County to preserve the wildlife?
- Investigate basic information about Washington County's economy. What is the unemployment rate? How does that compare to the entire state of North Carolina? Has there been any recent job growth? Look into their tax system. How much is sales tax? How about income tax? How are these numbers different from your home county?

CONNECT

- Visit the Port O' Plymouth Museum (302 East Water Street, Plymouth, N.C. 27962) and [CSS ALBEMARLE IRONCLAD](#) to learn more about Washington County's role in the Civil War as well as the history of Native Americans in the area. Notice the battle artifacts displayed, especially given that the last Confederate victory of the Civil War took place in Plymouth. Also, make note of some of the contributions of Daniel Davenport, Washington County's first senator. For more information, see livinghistoryweekend.com.
- Tour Somerset Place State Historic Site (2572 Lake Shore Road, Creswell, N.C. 27928), one of North Carolina's largest antebellum plantations. Take note of the crops that were grown and which were the most successful agricultural products. How did the Civil War influence Somerset Place? Consider going on a tour to have in order to attain important pieces of information from a tour guide. To learn more, see <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/somerset-place>.
- Find out about Washington County's natural resources and history by visiting Pettigrew State Park (2252 Lake Shore Road, Creswell, NC). Consider having a picnic in the cypress grove or going for a walk on one of the nature trails. How is this region significant to the area? In the context of the Civil War, how did this region affect the Confederacy? Before your trip, be sure to check out <https://stateparks.com/nc.html> and <https://www.nchpad.org/Directories/Parks/1186/Pettigrew~State~Park>.
- Visit [Davenport Homestead](#), the home of Daniel Davenport, Washington County's first state senator. The house was built over 200 years ago and is less than 600 square feet. What stands out to you the most about the house? What indicators are there of everyday life during that period from the house?

TAKE ACTION

- Create a diorama of one of the historical sites you visited. Include as many details as possible, to the best of your ability. Once finished, present your diorama to your Girl Scout troop and explain the significance and a brief overview of the historical site.
- Organize a litter pick up in any area of the county. Be sure to follow safety guidelines. (This activity is not appropriate for Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies.)
- Contact one of the museums in the county to find out what supplies they may need. Organize a drive to gather supplies and make the donation.
- While visiting Washington County, take photos and notes. Create a booklet, poster, or flier for potential visitors. Share your work with local museums you visited or other Girl Scouts in the council.