



Historic District Scavenger Hunt Directions

Congratulations! You have just embarked on a Scavenger Hunt to discover the unique, unusual and Historic sites of Tappan. Grab a parent, a camp counselor or jump on your bike to have an opportunity to win a gift certificate to *Piermont Creamery* and a one-year family membership to the Tappantown Historical Society.

You will need to visit the 8 sites highlighted on the map and answer the questions about the associated locations. All registrants who answer **all the questions correctly** will be eligible for the prize. You have the month of August to make all your discoveries. Submit your completed forms to the Library by September 1, 2021 to be eligible. A Historical Society member will contact you at the end of first week of September to inform you of your results.

Good Luck! Have fun.

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Tappan's Historic District was established to preserve and maintain the many historic symbols of the past. Using the map, locate one of the Historic Area designation signs.

1. Land Patents were granted to sixteen families by the Tappan Indians and the Governor of New York. What year was the patent for Tappan issued? _____

A. DeWint House Grounds: The DeWint House was used as George Washington's headquarters several times during the Revolutionary War. The Masons acquired the house, and it is now a museum dedicated to the American people as a shrine of patriotism and an altar of citizenship. Find the dedication sign at the entrance to the property.

2. The Masons designated this site as a memorial to George Washington. What year was it?

Find the sign that welcomes you to the George Washington Headquarters and Shrine:

3. What year was the DeWint House built? _____
4. What year was the Carriage House built? _____

Enter the Carriage House. In the front parlor, find the tools on the left side of the room:

5. What is the "C" shaped tool used for? _____

In the rear parlor, find the authentic model of a sailing vessel. The ship was the meeting place of General Washington and Sir Carlton, Commander of the British Armies. They met to discuss the peace treaty between the two countries.

6. What is the name of this ship? _____
7. What was this ship the first vessel to do? _____

Walk towards the DeWint House:

8. Locate the Well Sweep. What purpose did this serve? _____
9. Locate the blue flag with 13 white stars. What did this flag represent?

10. Find the Franklin Alatomaha tree. This species was discovered in 1765 by Philadelphia botanist John Bartram and named after his great friend. Who it named in honor of? _____
11. Find the Mill Stone. What was it used for? _____
12. Locate the burial markers from the slave burial grounds. Where were the markers originally found?

Trial of Major John Andre: Major John Andre of the British Army and General Benedict Arnold of the American Continental Army conspired to provide the British with the plans for West Point during the American Revolutionary War. Andre was captured and tried for his involvement. Benedict Arnold fled and never was punished for his crimes against his nation.

B. The '76 House (The Mabie House): This structure was built in 1755 by Casparus Mabie. It has been used as a tavern since the 18th century.

13. What was this building used for during the Revolutionary War?

14. Go inside the restaurant. Find the fireplace where the portrait of Benedict Arnold hangs on the right side. What is unusual about this portrait?

C. Tappan Reformed Church and Old Burial Ground: The original church was established by the earliest settlers of Tappan. The second church which stood on this site was used for Andre's trial. This building is the third church on this site. It contains several plaques and signs.

15. What year was the original church on this site established? _____
16. What year was Major Andre tried and convicted of spying? _____
17. What date was the current church built? _____

Go to the Old Burial Ground. Many Tappan residents who experienced the tragic tale of Major Andre are buried in this section.

18. Find the gravestone of Cornelius Bogert. How old was he when Major Andre was tried and hanged in Tappan? _____

D. Tappan Village Green: This was the site of the first Orange County courthouse and jail.

19. Look at the plaque in front of the flag pole. Who does it commemorate?

20. Why was he important?

21. What was the first courthouse built of?

22. What year was the courthouse built?

E. The Manse: The Manse was built in 1729 and it is the oldest parsonage in continuous use in the U.S. It was built by the Reverend Samuel Verbryck, friend of George Washington.

23. What else was he responsible for establishing? _____

F. Andre Monument: Either walk or drive to Andre Hill, the monument that marks the site of Andre's hanging on October 2, 1780. Several smaller markers, one just a pile of stones, were erected on the site before the present one erected in 1879 by Cyrus Field.

24. What did Washington say about Major Andre?

25. What year were Andre's remains removed from this location? _____

26. Where were they taken? _____

27. How many years after his hanging was this monument erected? _____

G. Tappan Memorial Park: The Tappan Memorial Park was created in 1971 by the Town of Orangetown, its residents and local contractors. It was designed by landscape architect Bernard Albin. Originally, the site was about to become a shopping center, when the Tappan Civic Association urged the town to purchase the site for a park, which it did in 1966. Construction began in 1971, and the park was dedicated in May, 1972.

28. Tito Puente was a world-renowned musician specializing in Latin-Jazz music. He was a long-time resident of Tappan, and his children went to school in the SOCS. When he died, a tree was planted in the park in his honor. Find the plaque beneath this tree. How many years did he live in Tappan? _____

H. Tappan Library: The present site of the Tappan Library at 93 Main Street was originally a home and store.

29. Who owned this store? _____

30. When was it in use? _____

The latest addition to the library was built for use by patrons of Borchers' Hotel, which is now Il Portico Restaurant.

31. What was the purpose of this structure? _____

32. What year was it built? _____

Go into the Local History Room in the library and locate the book "**Tappan 300 Years**". Open it to page 40.

33. What picture is on that page? _____

