

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine  
2400 E. Fort Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21230



# Junior Ranger Activity Booklet



# Welcome to Fort McHenry!

Welcome to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine! We're so glad you have chosen to become a Junior Ranger. This park explores centuries of history and is proud to be the inspiration for our National Anthem. Inside you will find many activities aimed to help you explore the park and learn more about the many important roles it has played since its inception.

## What is a Junior Ranger?

A Junior Ranger is someone who helps the park rangers and volunteers preserve a national park site. Junior Rangers can do this by being a good steward of the park, setting an example for park visitors by following Leave No Trace principles and educating others about what they learned when they return home.

So as you **explore** Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine be sure to **learn** about the people who lived here and remember to **protect** the site so you and others can visit again soon.

Please complete three pages if you're 6 or younger, four pages if you're age 7 to 10, and complete them all if you're older than 10!

**Explore. Learn. Protect.**



For more information go to [www.nps.gov/fomc](http://www.nps.gov/fomc). To download the NPS app and take an online tour of the site, scan this QR code.



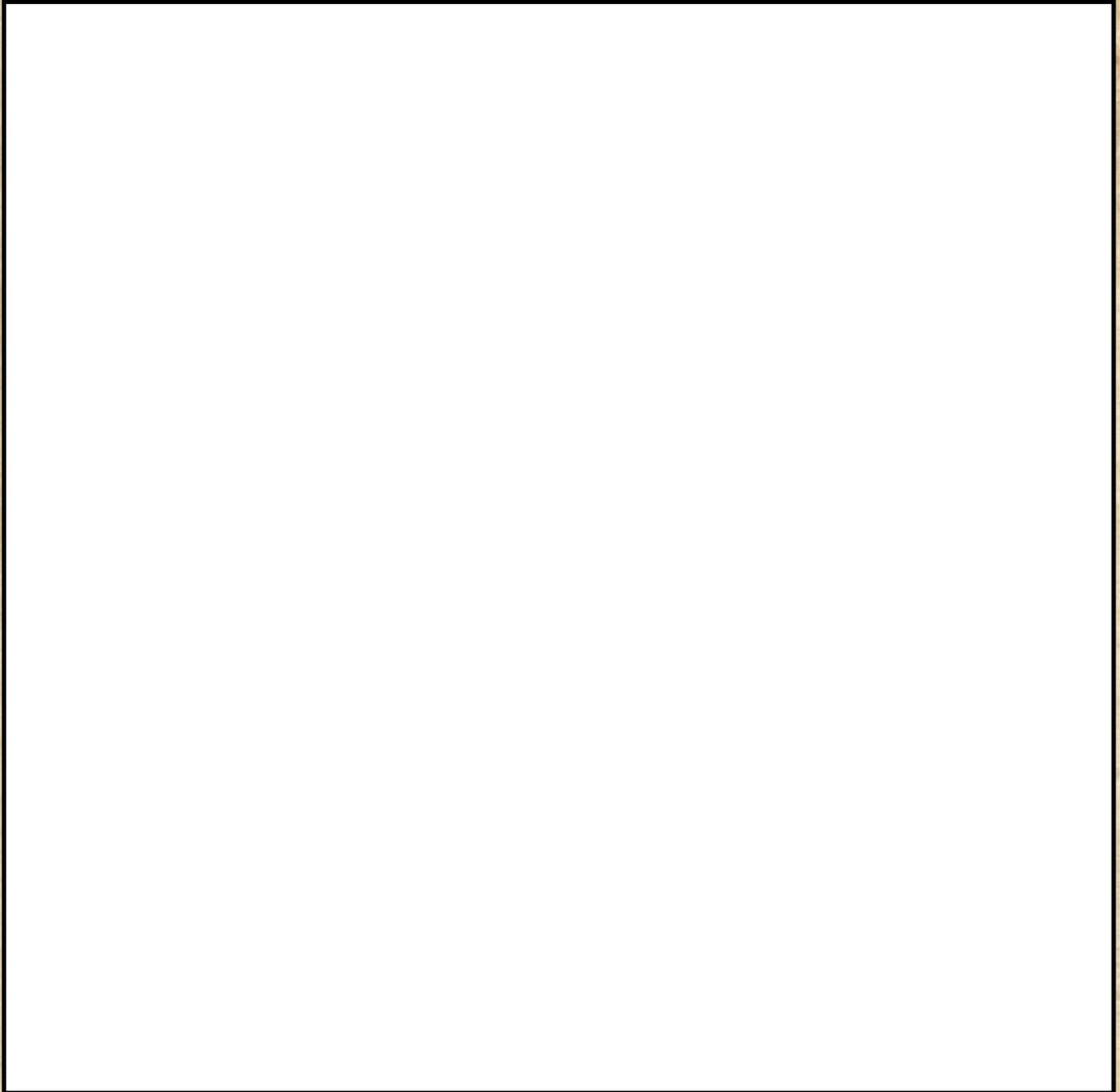
# BINGO

Welcome to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine! As you find your way around the grounds, keep an eye out for these objects or locations and mark them off as you go. Try to find two BINGOS and if you're feeling ambitious, try to find them all!



# Draw Your Own Fort

Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine is the only national park in the country designated as a historic shrine. Fort McHenry protected Baltimore from the British bomb ships for 25 hours in September 1814. Draw your own version of a fort that you think can stand up to a British bombardment.



# Who made the Star-Spangled Banner?

Major George Armistead was the commanding officer here at Fort McHenry. The citizens of Baltimore were certain that the British would attack the city. Armistead made sure the soldiers were ready to defend the fort and to protect Baltimore. However, there was no suitable flag to fly over the fort. Major Armistead desired a flag to be made so large that the British would have no trouble seeing it from a distance.



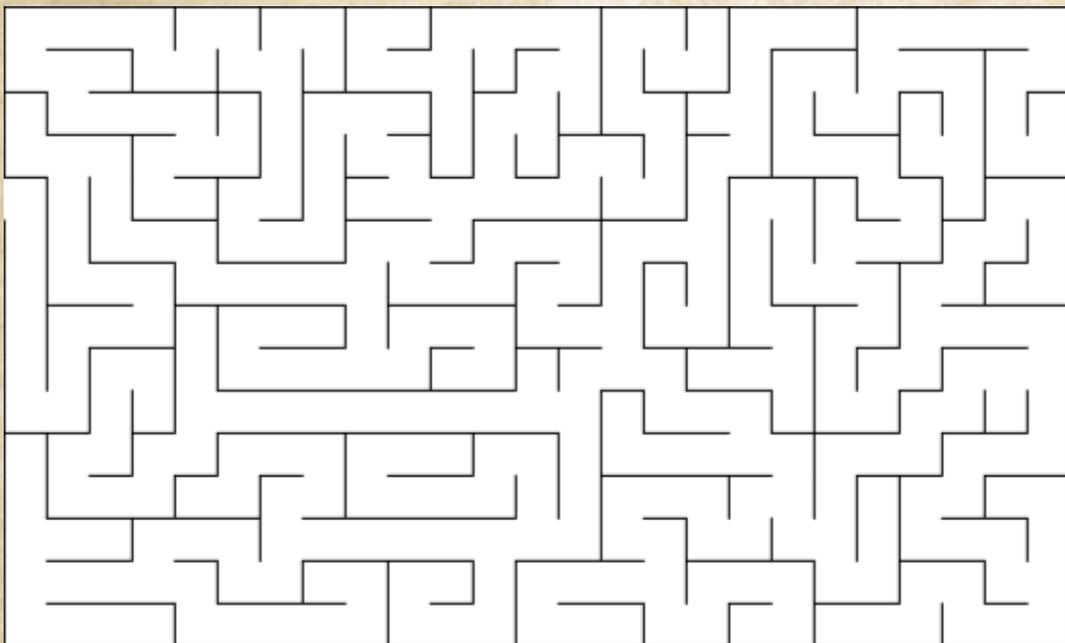
Image courtesy of the Library of Congress

This is where I came into the picture. I'm a local flag maker, and Major Armistead asked that I make two flags. I worked relentlessly with my mother, niece and African American indentured servant Grace Wisher, stitching two American flags, one of which was to be the largest battle flag ever flown. What is my name?

Hint: Visit the Star-Spangled Banner Trail sign located near the Chesapeake Bay map.

Hey defenders! Can you be the messenger and travel to Mary's house (today known as The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House and Museum) to give her work to make two flags?

**MARY'S HOUSE**



**FORT**



For more information visit: [www.flaghouse.org](http://www.flaghouse.org)

# Wayside Scavenger Hunt

Please visit the informational signs scattered around the park to learn more about the history of the special place. Please find the wayside with each of these titles and read it to answer the following questions.

## 1. O'er the Ramparts We Watch! - Which Flag Flies Today?

A. What size was the Star-Spangled Banner Flag seen by Francis Scott Key?  
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B. Which flag is flown on rainy days? \_\_\_\_\_

C. In 1948 President Harry S. Truman issued a proclamation that the flag should fly how long at Fort McHenry? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. The Guns that Won the Battle

A. What is 'Hot Shot'? \_\_\_\_\_

B. How many men were in the gun crew? \_\_\_\_\_

C. What was the maximum range of the fort guns in 1814?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Army "Sailors," Navy "Soldiers"

A. Who were the "Civilian Sailors"? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Which unit has included Free African Americans? \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. A Vast Hospital Once Stood Here

A. How many buildings did the Army build around the Star Fort during World War I? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Who was Emily Raine Williams? \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Welcome! "You are now on Post!"

A. The brick foundations are from what 1814 buildings? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# The National Park Service

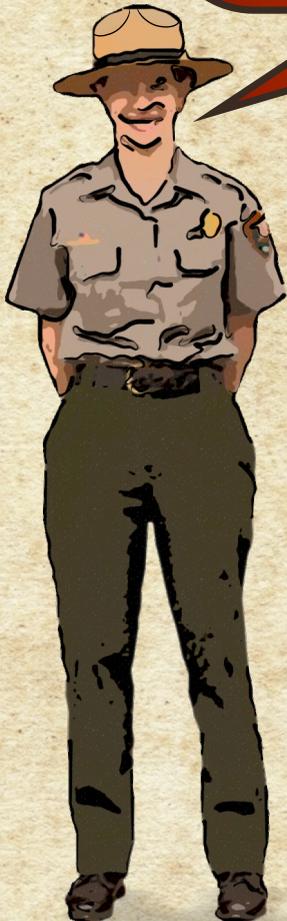
## The Reason for the National Park Service

The National Park Service was created in 1916. By that time, there were already many National Parks in the country, but there was no agency to protect and care for them. The creation of the National Park Service put everyone under one team name and combined all the parks under one mission.

## The Mission of the National Park Service

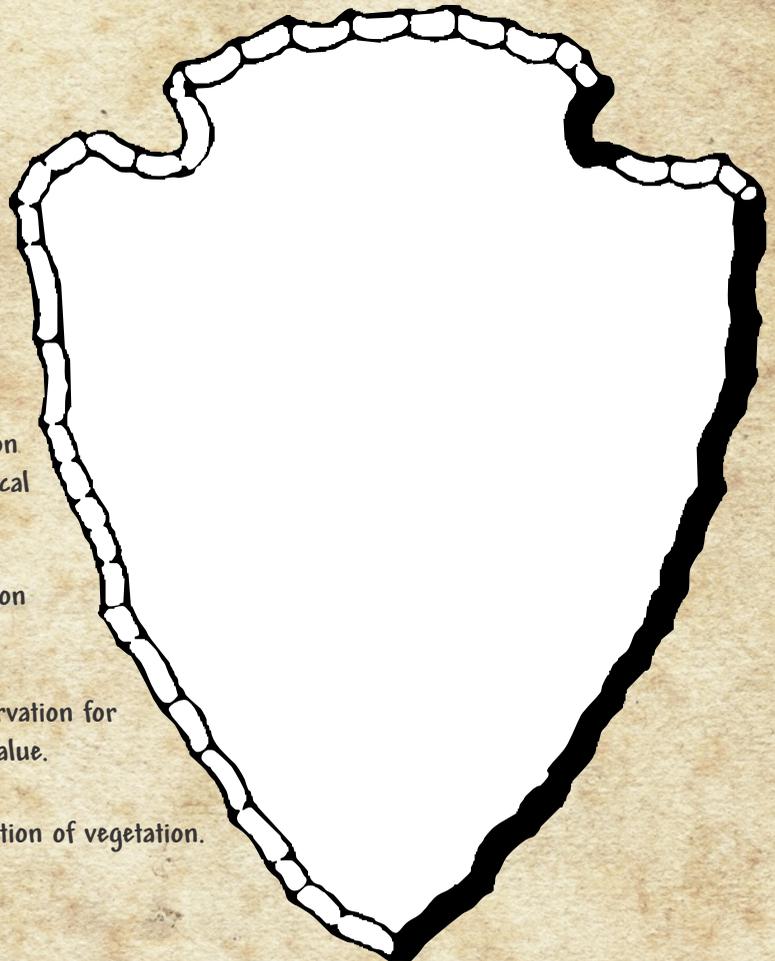
The Park Service was created to help preserve and protect the best parts of our country. There are mountains, forests and lakes that need to be cared for. There are many endangered animals and other wildlife that live in these great areas that need to be guarded. There are also places where important historic events occurred, and those areas need to be protected so their stories can be told. In 1951, the team known as The National Park Service got an official logo.

Let's fill in the blanks! The Arrowhead is the logo of the National Park Service, and you'll see it in every National Park you visit. Each item in the Arrowhead represents a feature protected within all National Park sites. The Arrowhead is outlined below, but it is incomplete. Find an Arrowhead in the park and complete the drawing. By filling in the blanks, you will get hints as to what must be included within the outline.



### HINTS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ : Preservation of archaeological and historical artifacts.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ : Protection of wildlife.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ : Preservation for scenic and recreation value.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ : Protection of vegetation.



# Junior Ranger Certificate

I pledge to be the best Junior Ranger and to honor, protect,  
and learn more about Fort McHenry and other National Parks.

This certifies that

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Has demonstrated all of the qualities and completed all of  
the activities necessary to become a Junior Ranger of  
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine  
Baltimore, Maryland



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Date

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Ranger

