

HISTORIC BETHABARA PARK

Visit Historic Bethabara Park for an imaginative journey to the Carolina backcountry of nearly 250 years ago. A small group of Moravians settled this religious village and trade center in the 18th century wilderness. Today's Bethabara evokes this era. A National Historic Landmark, this 1753 site of the German-speaking, Protestant settlement nestles in a picturesque, wooded 183-acre wildlife preserve with 126 species of birds.

HOURS

Bethabara's Visitor Center is open from April through November at the hours listed below. Tours may be arranged by appointment for December through March.
Monday-Friday - 10:30 am - 4:30pm
Saturday-Sunday - 1:30 pm - 4:30pm

ADMISSION

The cost of admission to the Park is \$1.00 per child, \$2.00 per adult (scout leader is free). Please bring \$1.55 for each girl for the patches. Advanced reservations are required. Please call at least two weeks in advance to schedule your tour. Your visit will be arranged with Education Director Diana Overbey.

INFORMATION

Call Diana Overbey at (336) 924-8191 ext. 26 (or email doverbey@triadbiz.rr.com)
Or write to:
Historic Bethabara Park
Patch Program
2147 Bethabara Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

DIRECTIONS

Bethabara is located in Winston-Salem, N.C. From Business 40, take Cherry Street north towards the Coliseum, Cherry turns into University Parkway. Follow the Parkway until you reach Bethabara Park Boulevard. Turn left, After you cross the railroad tracks, turn left on Bethania Station Road. At the stop sign, turn left. Turn left into the visitors' center.
From Highway 52, go south on University Parkway. Turn right on Bethabara Park Boulevard. Follow the above directions to the Park,
From Reynolda Road, go to Old Town. Turn on Bethabara Park Boulevard at the Hardee's intersection. Turn right on Bethania Station Road. Follow the above directions to the Park.

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Some of the activities below may require outside research and work.

Brownies must complete 6 activities, including the one starred.

Juniors must complete 8 activities, including the one starred. Cadettes and Seniors, and Ambassadors must complete 9 activities, including the one starred.

*1) Visit Historic Bethabara Park.

2) Watch the video on Bethabara in the Visitor's Center. What do the terms Moravian, Wachovia, and Bethabara mean, and where do they come from?

3) Learn about Moravian History. Where were the Moravians founded, and why did they leave? Who helped them reform? Where are other major Moravian towns in America? And, how important was mission work to the early Moravians?

4) Visit the Gemeinhaus. When was the Gemeinhaus built, and what purposes did it serve? What is a lot box?

5) Visit Bethabara's God's Acre. Find the oldest grave, and try to find the different sections of the graveyard (ie. single sisters, married brothers, little girls, etc. Why were Moravian graveyards arranged the way they were? Explain the significance of the flat gravestones. (See Notes)

6) Walk through the gardens. Try to find the various herbs and determine their uses in Bethabara. What is so unique about Bethabara's gardens?

7) Go on a walk through the palisade, either alone or with a guide. Look at as many buildings as possible to determine their purpose, when they were built, and how archaeologists may have determined what they were for. Also, find the three wells and the bell tower.

8) Visit the barn and learn about the different jobs that Bethabara men had to do, and what tools they used to help them in their work.

9) Go to a Bethabara band concert. How significant a role did music play in Moravian life?

10) Go to a reenactment or special event at Bethabara.

11) Learn about weaving at the Potter's House (offered during Celtic Festival and Apple Fest).

What materials did the Moravians make their clothing from? What were the steps in this process?

12) Learn about the parts of Moravian clothing for men, women, and children. How many sets of clothing did the typical Moravian own?

13) Ask about the games that children at Bethabara might have played. What toys might they have had? (See Notes)

14) Go on a hike through the nature trail at Bethabara. Identify at least four different trees and find out what Moravians might have used them for.

15) Learn about the Great Wagon Road. Where did it go past Bethabara, and what creek did it follow? Why did Moravians eventually build a bypass past Bethabara? If possible, visit a part of the Wagon Road.

16) Learn about the sleeping house and grist mill. How did each contribute to Bethabara?

Notes

Activity #5: Moravians believed that all church members were part of one big family, instead of several smaller ones, and that all of these members were equal in death. Moravians, both then and now, are not buried in families, but according to sex, age, and marital status, in groups called choirs. Little girls are buried with little girls, single women are buried with single women;-married women with married women, and so forth for the men. In each choir, Moravians are buried in the order that they die. To symbolize the equality in death, each person has a headstone uniform in size to the others. This showed that in death, it didn't matter if you were rich or poor.

There is one exception in the Bethabara God's Acre: a monument to one of the original settlers. In other Moravian graveyards, however, monuments are not allowed.

Activity #13: Bethabara Park is offering a special session for Girl Scout troops on colonial games and toymaking. Since guides may be busy when your troop wants to do this, *you are asked to pre-arrange a game and toymaking session to ensure the availability of guides and supplies.* If your troop would like to participate in this activity, please call the Bethabara offices at (910) 924-8191 to arrange a time for the session. Be sure you know how many girls will be going, and bring \$1.00 per girl to pay for supplies.

Bethabara Patch Program

Please turn in this form when purchasing patches. **Patches** can *only* be purchased at the Visitor's Center Gift Shop. Patches must be asked for as they are not available to the general public. The price is \$1.55 per patch.

Leader's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Council: _____ **S.U.#:** _____

Troop Number: _____ Level of Scouting: _____

Number of Scouts: _____ Number of Adults: _____

Number of Patches Purchased: _____

Activities Completed (please list activity number):

I promise that Troop # _____ has completed these requirements and earned the Historic **Bethabara Park Patch.**

Leader Signature _____