



Fort Smith National Historic Site

Wayside Walkabout

Junior Ranger Activity Book

Wayside

A sign or outdoor exhibit placed at or near the side of a path.



Complete the activities in this book to earn a Fort Smith National Historic Site Junior Ranger badge. Answers can be found by looking at the waysides located around the park grounds.

Some of the answers will be used to solve the puzzle at the end of the book.

(W) Answers can be found on a wayside

(T) Thinking Questions based on information presented on waysides.

Hint: If you like to go in order you might find it easier to start at the Trail of Tears overlook.

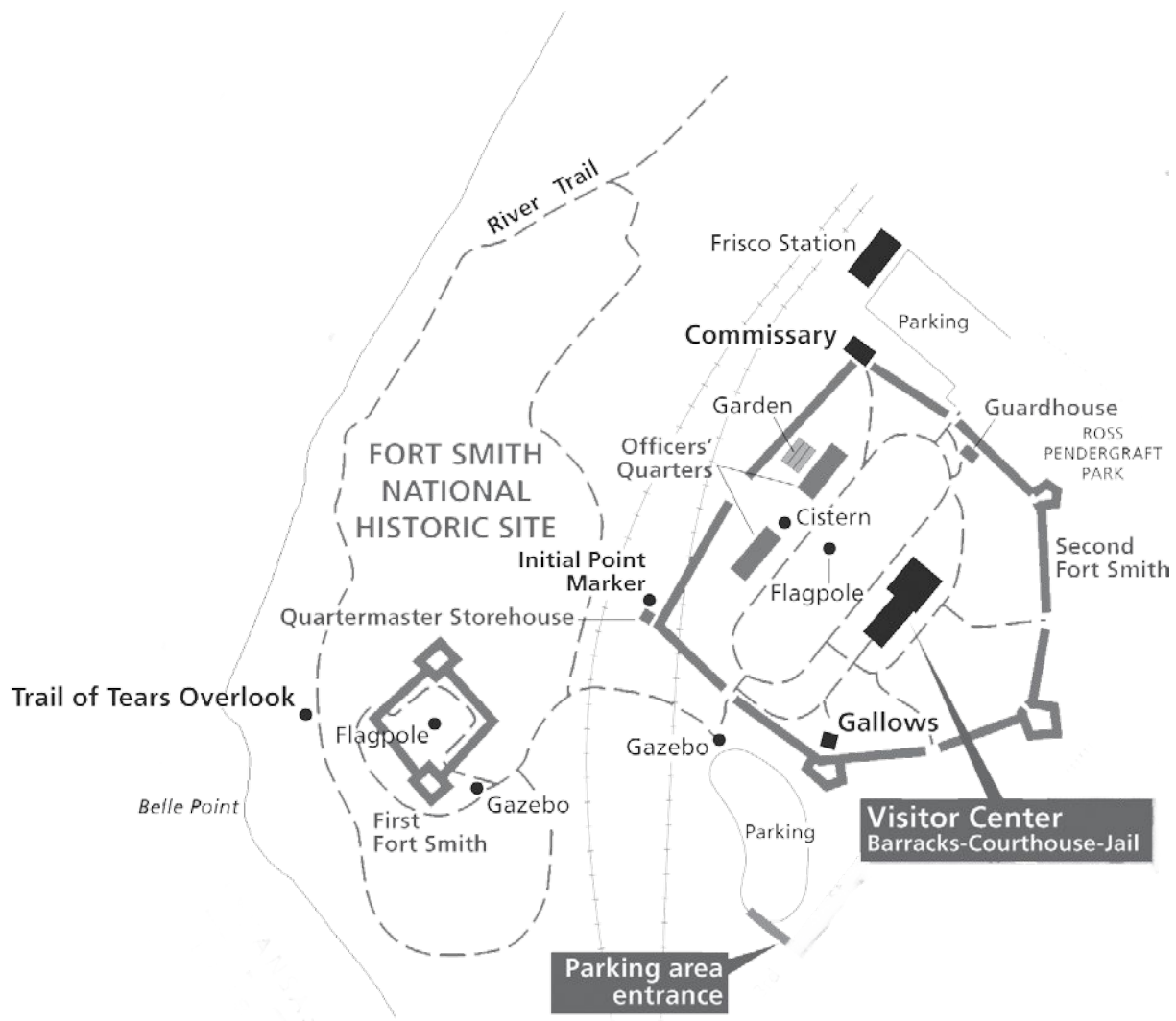


What is a wayside?

A sign or outdoor exhibit placed at or near the side of a path.

Where do I find waysides?

Waysides are found all around the park grounds. Headings in the book will help you know where to look.



Safety - Please be careful near the railroad tracks and watch for trains.

Trail of Tears Overlook

(W) List the five tribes found at the Trail of Tears overlook.

(T) Name three states they were removed from.

(W) Who is the artist of “He Traveled with Us and Called Us Many Names.”?

1

(W) Which Tribe never signed a peace treaty?

(T) How do you think the Indians felt when they were forced to move?

Moving On

(W) Which tribe lived in this area over 250 years ago?

11

(W) How many times was Fort Smith fired on during the Civil War?

First Fort Area

(W) What day did the Rifle Regiment arrive at Belle Point?

(W/T) Which button do you like best ?

Rifle Regiment

7th Infantry

Artillery Cops

(W) What did soldiers use to attack the saloon in the Whiskey War?

18

Parade Grounds

(W) What were the Dimensions of the Fort Wall?

tall and wide

(W) What does USCT stand for ?

5

(W) How was the Fort Commander's son (Jack) hurt?

(W/T) Why was there a garden behind the Officer's Quarters?

(W) Name three (3) plants they grew in the garden.

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2 -----, & -----
16

Commissary

(W) What are some of the foods soldiers ate?

_____, _____, &
_____ 17

(W) Where did Fort Smith send supplies?

Forts in _____ &
_____ 14

(W) What was the commissary originally as a...

_____ 13 6

(W) Who used the commissary's second floor as his office?

_____ 4 15

(T) Court employees lived on the 1st floor of the commissary. What do you think it would have been like?

Did you see that?

See how many different parts of the park you can find.



Did you find all them?

Guard House & Front of Building

(W) How many cells were in the guard house?

(W) What did the guard house become after the military left in 1871?

12

(W/T) Why was being a Jail guard a good job?

(W) Name three ways the main building (now the Visitor Center) was used between (1838 and 1896)?

9

3

7

Parade Grounds

Closer to the building

(W) How tall was the original flag pole?

(T) Why was it so tall?

(W) How many tribes met for the Council of 1866?

(W) What does the word "Oklahoma" mean?

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----- 10 -----

Gallows

(W) How many people did Judge Parker sentence to hang?

(W) When was the last execution?

Which wayside was it on?

Draw a line from the image to the title of the wayside.



Whiskey War



Defending Freedom



Defending Fort Smith



Who Served Here?

Establishing Fort Smith



The artist for the five wayside listed on this page is Michael Haynes.

Crack the Code

Using the answers from the other pages break the code.

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4 5 6 7 8 9 9 10 6 11 3 9

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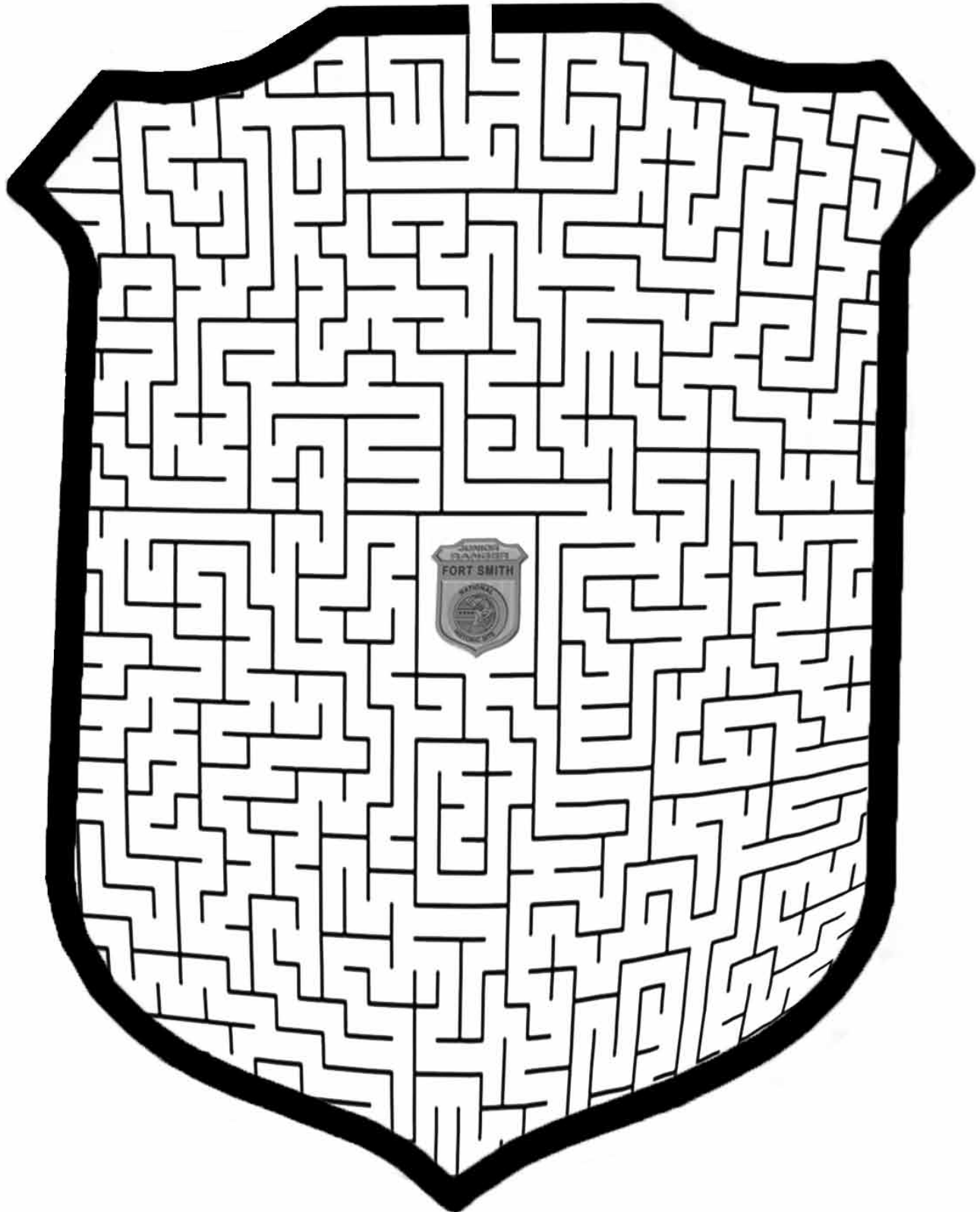
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Fort Smith National Historic Site is one of many national park sites that have Junior Ranger programs. As you explore other parks make sure to ask about their Junior Ranger Programs too.

Maze Craze

Complete the maze to reach the Junior Ranger Badge.

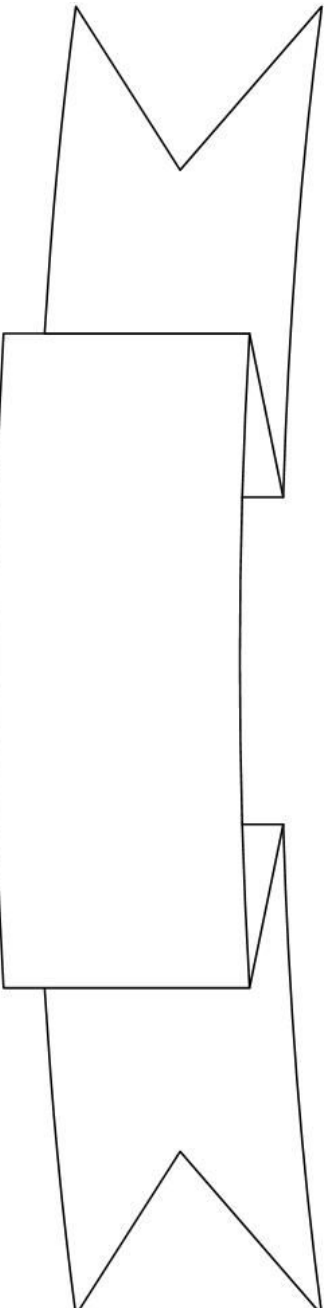




As a Junior Ranger, I promise to teach others about what I learned today, explore other parks and historic sites, and help preserve and protect these places so future generations can enjoy them.



This certifies that



is granted the title of **Junior Ranger** for taking an active interest in **Fort Smith National Historic Site.**

Park Ranger

Date

