

GATHLAND STATE PARK

FAMILY ACTIVITY BOOKLET



Welcome to Gathland State Park! We are glad you decided to visit us today and hope you enjoy your time with us. This family activity book is for very special people like you and your family. We need your help to spread the story about Gathland State Park so other can enjoy it. Grab your family and let's search the grounds of the park to find out more about George Alfred Townsend and the Battle of South Mountain. As you explore you will find clues that will help you answer some questions. We will start at the *National War Correspondents Memorial* located in the middle of the intersection. **Be careful of the cars and only cross when it is safe to do so!!** From there we will travel in a clockwise direction around the park, making stops at buildings, signs, and several other important locations. Make sure to bring a clipboard, something to write with, water, a snack, sunscreen, insect repellent, a camera, and comfortable, sturdy footwear! The activity book should take one hour to two hours to complete. See the last page for more information about a bonus stop which includes a hike to a historic shelter on the Appalachian Trail.

Stop #1 War Correspondents Arch

Who is this Arch dedicated to? (Circle the Correct Answer)

Civil War Correspondents George Alfred Townsend

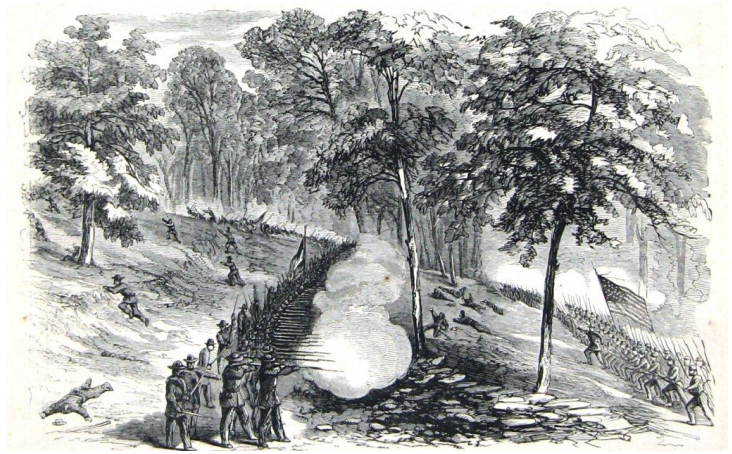
President Abraham Lincoln General Robert E. Lee

What two words do you see written on the shields under the faces on the front of the arch?

Who or what is the small, stone marker in front of the arc dedicated to?

IN THE BOX BELOW DEIGN YOUR OWN MEMORIAL

Before moving on, take a walk behind the arch and look down the hill. Try to imagine what it would have been like to fight a battle on the steep slope of a mountain.



Stop #2 The Battle of South Mountain - Crampton's Gap

Across the street there are signs along the stone wall. Use these information boards and markers to look for clues to help answer the questions.

What did soldiers find at an abandoned campsite near Frederick that allowed the Union to discover General Lee's plans in Maryland?

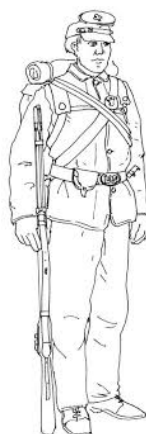
What were the names of the two cannons used by the Confederate Troup Light Artillery to defend Crampton's Gap?
(Circle the Correct Answers)

- "Susan" "General Lee" "Jennie" "Sallie Craig"

Two soldiers received Medals of Honor for their bravery at the Battle of South Mountain. Name one.

Civil War soldiers needed to carry a lot of supplies during the Maryland Campaign. Can you help the soldier find and pack his gear?

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| BAYONET | KEPI | SUSPENDERS |
| BROGANS | KNAPSACK | |
| CANTEEN | PANTS | |
| COFFEE | PLATE | |
| CUP | RIFLE | |
| HARDTACK | SHIRT | |
| HAVERSACK | SOCKS | |



C Z U B S E W R U G N Z E G S
O I X P A E R X S E S T O U J
F K E P I Y J S E T A U S K J
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K C A S R E V A H U F B F V U
Q Q D M A H C V G Q P C V K V
X Q S I H Q F A H H S E B L W

Walk the hill behind you to the outside of the red stone building with green trim. This was the Lodge, or summer cook-house, of the estate. Take a walk around the building and look for clues to help answer the question. Don't forget to look up!



Stop #3 Gath Lodge

Who was this building dedicated to?

Why do you think the kitchen was not inside the main house?

Continue to walk up the hill toward the large stone house. This was the main house for George Alfred Townsend. The sign in the front of the home will help you answer the next questions.

Stop #4 Gath Hall

What job did George Alfred Townsend do?

What was George Alfred Townsend's pen name?

When was Gathland Hall built?

What was the name of Townsend's wife

In what year did Townsend leave his Gathland estate?



Townsend fell in love with this area because of its natural beauty.

Perhaps the many different birds that live here in Gathland State Park was one of the reasons GATH decided to build his summer retreat here.

As you explore today circle the birds as you find them to see how many you can find.



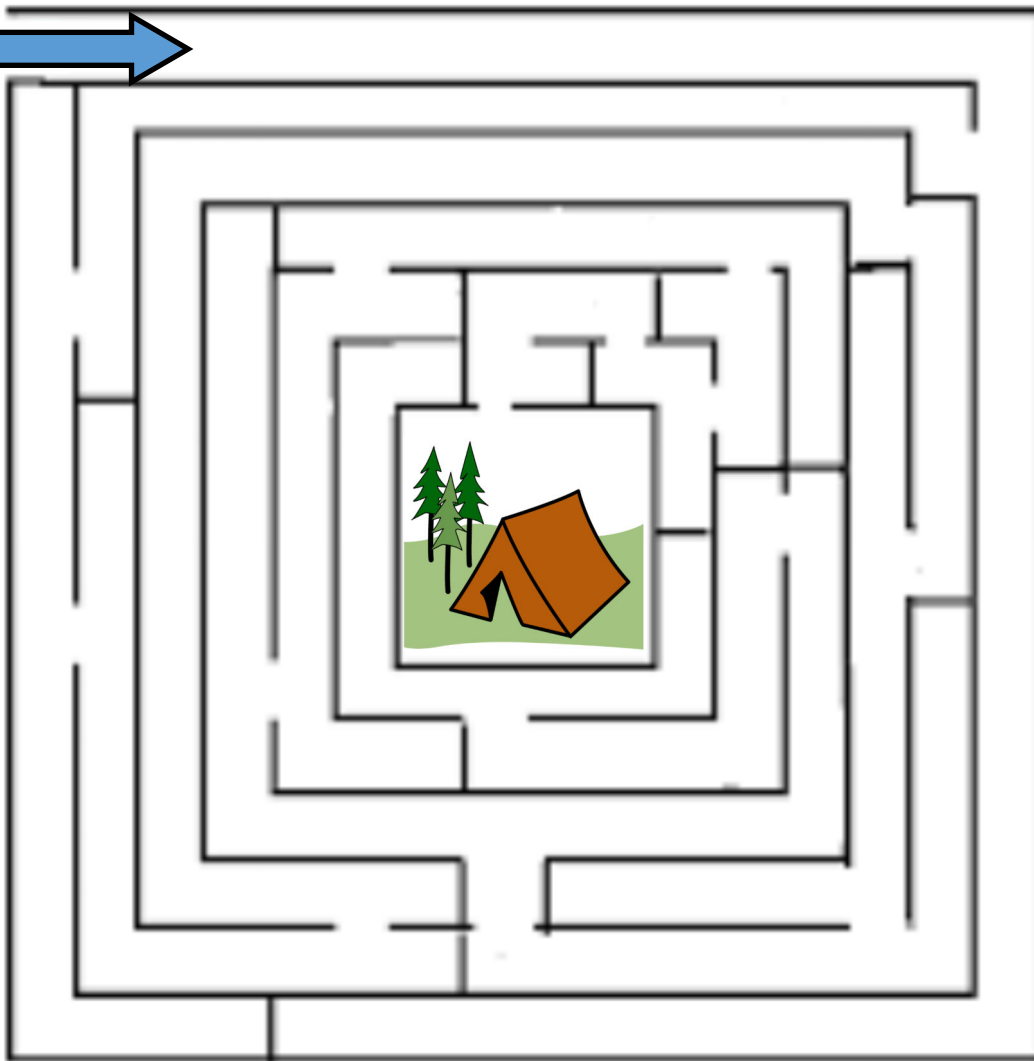
Travel down the paved driveway beside Gath Hall to you come to the parking area. On your left you will see a a sign and stone-wall. The sign will help answer the next questions.

Stop #5: AT South Trailhead

Notice the signs next to the entrance of the Appalachian Trail headed south. How many miles is it to the next scenic overlook, Weverton Cliffs?

About one mile South of Crampton's Gap is another important location of the battlefield called Brownsville Pass. Who was the Confederate General that mistakenly guarded this pass because he believed the Union forces would pass through the mountain there instead of at Crampton's Gap?

During the battle of South Mountain some of the fighting was done in the late evening. As the confederate soldiers were pushed off the mountain some of them could have lost their way. Help this soldier find his way back to camp.



Continuing down the hill, use the pedestrian crosswalk to cross Gapland road. PLEASE USE CAUTION! CARS TRAVEL VERY QUICKLY ON THIS ROAD! Walk the short distance through the field to the ruins of the barn. Please do no go inside of the fenced area. Look around for clues to help answer the questions

Stop #8: Barn Ruins

In what year was the barn built?

While facing the barn ruins, look to the right of the fence. The trail you see is part of the national scenic Appalachian Trail. Notice the markings on the fence post and trees along the trail. What color blazes are used to designate the path of the Appalachian Trail? (Circle the Correct Answer)

Red Yellow Blue White

FUN FACT: The Appalachian Trail is 2,190 miles long and runs from Georgia to Maine!

BONUS STOP:

Hike to Historic Crampton's Gap Shelter

Travel to the barn ruins and take the Appalachian Trail headed North (the trail starts to the right of the barn fence). Follow the trail (Remember to look for the white blazes!) to the top of the ridge, then look for the blue blazes off to the right-hand side. These blue blazes designate the side trail that leads to Crampton's Gap Shelter, a historic, chestnut log shelter built in the early 1940's by the Civilian Conservation Corps for overnight backpackers. When you get to the shelter, you can sign your team name in the log book and take a team photo. It will take about fifteen to twenty minutes to hike to the shelter. The trail has a gradual incline and is a little rocky, but generally passable for a sturdy, jogger-style stroller.

Congratulation
you completed
your activity book

Great job on completing your activity book. We salute you! . Don't forget It is up to you to help share everything you have learnt about Gathland State Park. Thank you for visiting and we hope you will come back soon!

