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NATIONAL MONUMENT**

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George Washington Carver National Monument was established in 1943 as a public memorial to George Washington Carver in recognition of his outstanding achievements as a scientist, artist, educator, inventor, and humanitarian. Although Dr. Carver spent only 10 to 12 years on the Diamond Grove farm, the area and community greatly influenced the course of his life. It was here that Carver was born into slavery and orphaned as an infant. Yet, he grew up with a love and appreciation of nature that would sustain him throughout his life. Dr. Carver was most famous for the by-products he produced from peanuts and sweet potatoes, helping to revolutionize southern agriculture.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

The Carver Trail winds its way through woodlands and tall grass prairie, passing the Carver Birthplace Site, Carver Boyhood Statue, and the Moses Carver 1881 house. This $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile-long trail is only partially handicapped accessible. The Visitor Center provides a museum and a 30-minute film on the life of Dr. Carver. The Carver Discovery Center, an interactive learning center for children of all ages. Superintendent, George Washington Carver National Monument, 5646 Carver Road, Diamond, Missouri 64840, (417) 325-4151.