

Booker T. Washington

National Monument
Virginia

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Booker T. Washington National Monument commemorates the life and accomplishments of Booker Taliaferro Washington. He was born here on April 5, 1856, one of ten slaves on the Burroughs tobacco farm.

Booker left the farm at the age of 9, uneducated and newly freed. When he returned for a visit in 1908, he was a college president and influential statesman. By the time of his death in 1915, Booker T. Washington, was an internationally recognized educator, author, orator and spokesman for his race.



Washington frequently wrote and spoke of his slave existence and the effect of that experience on his life. The realities of life as a slave in nineteenth-century Piedmont Virginia, the quest by black Americans for education and equality, and the post-war struggle over political participation all shaped the life, options, and the choices of Booker T. Washington.

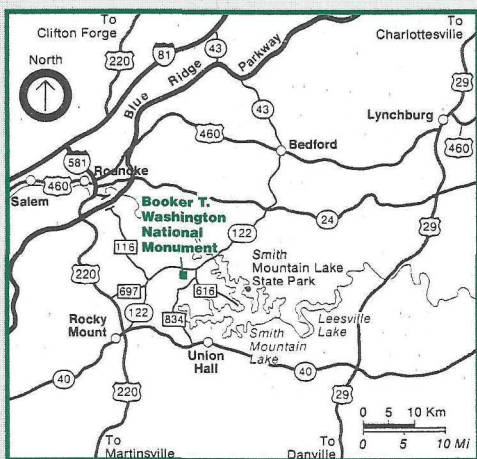
ABOUT YOUR VISIT

The visitor center offers an audio-visual program, exhibits and a bookstore. Park rangers are on duty to answer questions and provide information. The park includes most of the Burroughs's original 207 acres as well as reconstructed farm buildings. Trails lead you through the park's historic area. Guided tours and special events are scheduled throughout the year. A picnic area is also located in the park.

HOURS AND LOCATION

9:00 - 5:00 Daily, Year-Round
Closed January 1, Thanksgiving
Day, and December 25

The monument is located on VA. 122 (Booker T. Washington Highway), 22 miles southeast of Roanoke, VA and 45 miles southwest of Lynchburg, VA.



Booker T. Washington National Monument is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. For more information, contact the Superintendent, Booker T. Washington National Monument, 12130 Booker T. Washington Highway, Hardy, VA 24101 or phone 540-721-2094.