

Saint Paul's Church National Historic Site

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Not everyone who works in a National Park is a Park Ranger. Some people belong to groups that help the NPS care for its sites.

Welcome to St. Paul's Church National Historic Site

This book is your guide to becoming a **JUNIOR PARK RANGER** at St. Paul's Church National Historic Site.

To earn your badge:

- 1 Explore the site
- 2 Complete all of the activities
- 3 Find an NPS representative to sign your certificate

Let the fun begin!

St. Paul's Church National Historic Site is one of the many National Parks in the United States.

The National Park Service protects and preserves places that are special to the American people.

Park Rangers care for National Parks. **Describe** what else a Park Ranger does:



You can use this space to stamp your book with the official St. Paul's Church stamp.



did you know?

St. Paul's Church National Historic Site is one of nearly 400 National Parks across the country and one of 23 special destinations in the 10 parks that make up the National Parks of New York Harbor.

Spell It Out

Look around *The Storm of War* exhibit inside the museum. Write down the answers to the questions in the space provided. Unscramble the letters that appear in the boxes to form a word that says something out this site.

1. The enslaved woman left behind by the family she worked for at Crawford's Tavern.

2. Last name of the author of the pamphlet *Common Sense*.

3. Hometown of the man who made the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Westchester County

4. Name of the German principality that supplied most of the soldiers hired by the British to help fight the colonists.

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5. Date of the paper in which there appeared an article about the Battle of Pell's Point.

_____, _____, _____

6. Rank of the British officer who died from wounds received at the Battle of Pell's Point

7. Scene of the heaviest fighting at the Battle of Pell's Point.

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8. What were Revolutionary War canteens made of?

What's the word? _____

Cemetery Scavenger Hunt

The answers to these questions can be found in the historic cemetery at St. Paul's Church.

1. Walk into the cemetery by taking the path around the right (western) side of the church. Look at the side of the church, just over the door, for the cornerstone. What year do you see?



2. As you walk around toward the back of the church, look for a metal plaque that is titled, "In Memory of the Patriots of the American Revolution Who Lie Buried in this Churchyard." How many soldiers are named on the plaque?

3. Walk around to the back of the church, and look at the tall windows. How many panes of glass go across a single row?

4. Walk a few rows back, and look for a sandstone (brownish red) grave marker for an officer in the American army during the Revolutionary War who died in 1786 at the age of 32. The design at the top is called the Trophy of Arms. What is his last name?



Did You Know?

The cemetery at St. Paul's Church contains 8,000 burials. The earliest date from the beginning of the 18th Century. In addition, the cemetery is the final resting place of local soldiers from every war America participated in up through World War II.

5. Look for another sandstone grave marker — just one row behind the one in Question 4 — with a skull and crossbones. What is the last name of the woman buried there?



6. Walk to the right (west) about 30 yards and locate a large underground burial vault. What is the name of the family buried there?



7. Just to the left (facing the rear of the cemetery) of the vault from Question 6 is a granite stone marker for the Benson family. How many people are buried there?



Visit the National Park Service Web site at www.nps.gov. Find the page with the national map on it. See what other National Parks are in your home state. Do any of those parks relate to the Revolutionary War?

Now that you are becoming a **JUNIOR PARK RANGER**, why not also become a WebRanger? Visit www.nps.gov/webrangers to learn more. There is even an activity about the National Parks of New York Harbor.

try this later!



Exploring St. Paul's Church

Try to answer these questions while you tour historic St. Paul's Church.

1. Name two kinds of materials that were used in the construction of the exterior of the church?

2. How was the church used during the Revolutionary War?

3. Why were the pew walls so high in 1787?

4. Who sat in the gallery, or balcony?

5. When was the pipe organ built?



6. When was the church bell made?

7. Where was the bell made?

8. Name three Presidents who attended a service at St. Paul's Church.

9. In what year was the last regular Sunday service held at St. Paul's Church?



Did You Know?

St. Paul's Church served as a field hospital following a Revolutionary War battle. Hessian and American soldiers are buried in the churchyard.

During the Revolutionary War, Hessian troops seized the original wooden church and tore it down for firewood.

Experience Your America...

The National Park Service began to care for *St. Paul's Church National Historic Site*, in 1980. This site is now a place to reflect on the story of the development of colonial society and the road to the American Revolution.

The National Park Service cares for all National Parks, but it is a job we cannot do alone. The *stewardship* of the American people is vital to the well-being of our national treasures.

What are some things *YOU* can do to help care for our National Parks?



Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to a person or community's care.



Color in the arrowhead when you get home!

The arrowhead is the symbol of the National Park Service.

The sequoia tree and the bison represent nature, the mountains and water represent recreation, and the arrowhead represents history and archeology.

The emblem symbolizes the values of National Park Rangers.

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Congratulations! You have completed the JUNIOR PARK RANGER guide for St. Paul's Church National Historic Site. Present your completed booklet to a National Park Service representative to receive your badge.

*St. Paul's Church
National Historic Site
Junior Ranger Certificate*



I, _____,
**promise to share what I have learned
today with others. I will explore,
preserve and protect America's
National Parks, so that through my
stewardship, they will be preserved
for future generations.**

JUNIOR RANGER

CERTIFYING NPS REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

