



Dobbs Ferry Historical Society
Presents
A 15th Annual
Road to Freedom Event



DO-IT-YOURSELF SCAVENGER HUNT

Instructions

The Road to Freedom Scavenger Hunt is designed to help everyone learn about and appreciate the local history of the Revolutionary War and Colonial time periods – and have some fun!

There are no prizes for entering the contest. Everyone is a winner! Winners will be recognized on social media (with their permission).

The hunt begins October 1 and ends October 15. Please read the rules below.

- ❖ Download the clues to your cell phone. If you don't have access to a cell phone, you can download the clues to a computer or simply print them out.
- ❖ Read each clue and locate the item written in **boldface** type. All items can be found within the village of Dobbs Ferry.
- ❖ Answers must be in the form of a photograph*. Each answer must appear with the corresponding clue.
- ❖ Some or all of the team must appear in at least one of the photographs.
- ❖ Upon completion of the hunt please email the answers to DobbsFerryRTF@gmail.com. Please include first and last names of all the participants.
- ❖ Remember to social distance... and wear a mask.

Happy hunting!

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The Clues

1. This **avenue** is named for the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. His decisive move to march troops to Virginia instead of New York City on August 19, 1781 resulted in the defeat of the British Redcoats at the battle of Yorktown on October 19, ending the War. In 1789 he would become the first President of the United States.
 2. Besides being the site of many Civil War soldier graves, this **burial ground** is also the location of Revolutionary War veteran Jacob Kniffin's final resting place.
 3. This **headstone** collectively honors the veterans who are buried in the Little White Church Cemetery.
 4. This **monument** details the Road to Freedom march, where the combined troops of Washington and Rochambeau moved 400 miles to Virginia and victory.
 5. A **street**, not far of the Gateway, lends its name to the Commander of the French army who came to the United States to aid the American cause in fighting the British. His French troops joined forces with the American troops on the march to Yorktown.
 6. **Milepost 26** from the original Albany Post Road, an early mail route that ran from New York City to Albany, is still standing but the street has since been renamed. The brick-colored marker, which stands about three feet high, is encased in a portion of what was an original grey stone wall. The markers indicated to travelers their location in miles north of New York City.
 7. This **church**, currently being considered for national historic landmark status, wasn't built until 1833, but it boasts ties to families connected to the Colonial period. Founder Peter van Brugh Livingston was the brother of Philip, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. James Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, was a founder and vestryman. Author Washington Irving, named for our first president, also served as a vestryman.
 8. The Betsy Ross flag, named for a Colonial seamstress and flying from the veranda of the **Mead House**, headquarters of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, was one of the earliest flags used. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress resolved that the flag contain 13 stripes and 13 stars displayed on a field of blue. This flag differs from the one of today. Every June 14, America celebrates Flag Day.
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9. Not opened until 1936, this **building**, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, houses the United States mail delivery system that traces its roots to 1775 when Benjamin Franklin was named first Postmaster General. The current American flag flies over the building (note the difference from our country's early flag).
10. During the Revolutionary War, control of this natural **waterway**, which can be seen from different village vantage points,* was crucial to both the Americans and the British. Continental troops often fended off the British along the waterway's shoreline. Americans even placed chains across it to hinder British troop movement. In 1783, the first gun salute honoring George Washington and the newly formed United States of America was fired by the British from a sloop on the opposite side of the waterway.

* any photo of the waterway is acceptable
11. **Two side-by-side plaques** acknowledge the importance of the area and its Revolutionary history. One plaque relates the importance of preserving the deception that Washington would attack New York City, such as having troops crossing the Hudson River and setting up camp on the opposite shore. The other recounts the route of the Continental forces and provides mini biographies of George Washington and Lieutenant General Comte de Rochambeau.
12. This **monument** marks the site of a redoubt, part of an important line of defense against the British.
13. This **monument**, which was erected by the Sons of the American Revolution, a group dedicated to commemorating and providing memorials for the people and events of the Revolutionary War, recounts the importance of the area to the war effort.
14. This **townhouse complex**, fronted by a brick wall, is named for the first president of the United States but has no designated signage to the fact.
15. This **street** is named for the man who commanded troops during the Revolutionary War stationed at what is today's Children's Village. He marched to Yorktown, taking part in the battle there. He was the first Secretary of the Treasury. A very popular, and pricey, Broadway musical (recently aired on Disney+) "tells his story."
16. These three identical **signs*** located at three different sites depict the profile of the first U.S. President, the same silhouette that appears on the Purple Heart military medal the United States bestows upon soldiers who have been wounded or killed in battle. A precursor of this medal was given by the first president. Dobbs Ferry is a designated Purple Heart village.

* only one sign photo is necessary

