

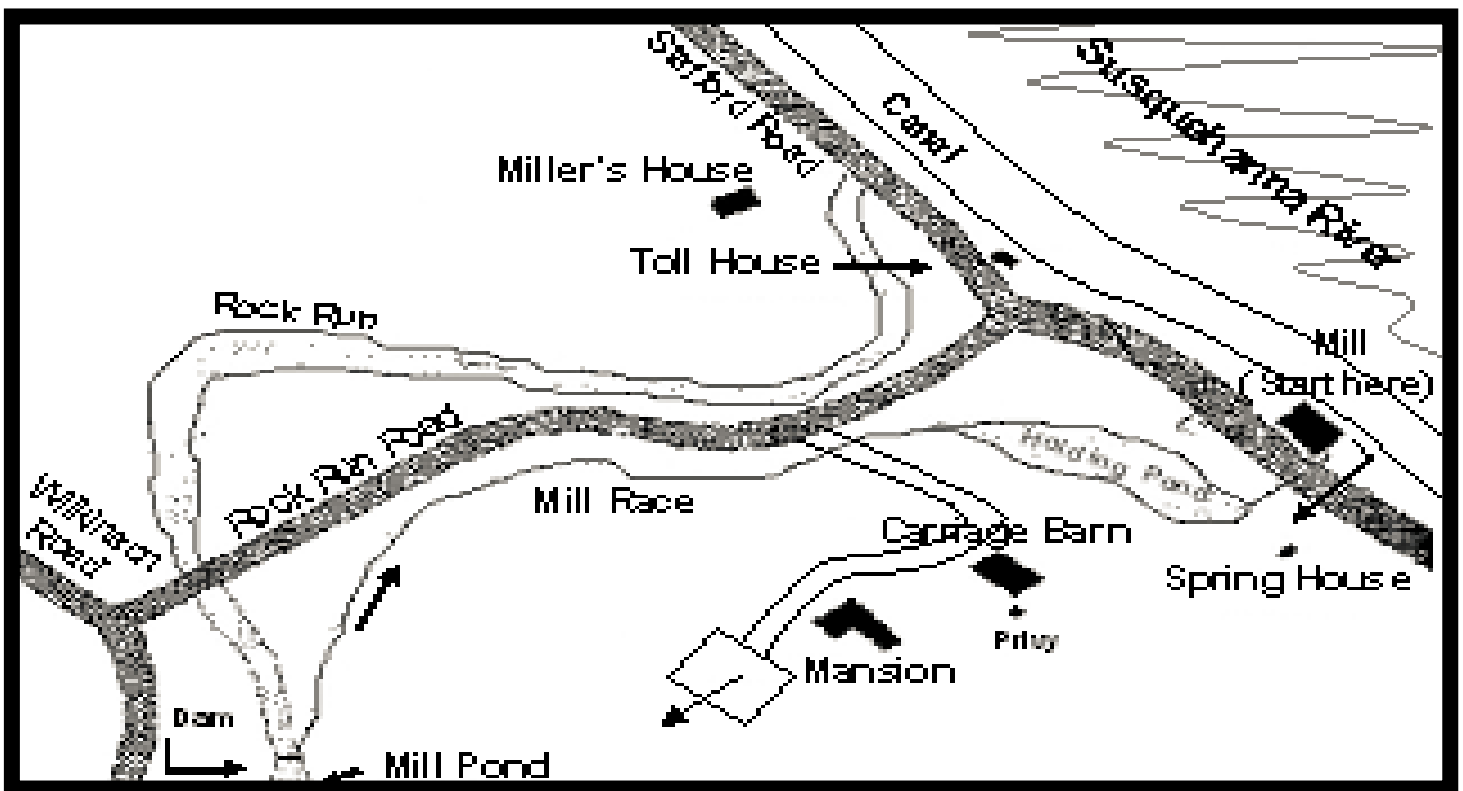
Through the Eyes of the Past



2019 Park Quest
Susquehanna State Park

Introduction: During your quest at Susquehanna State Park, you will be taking a look at the history of the area through the eyes of people that lived and worked here. As you walk the Historic trail, reflect on the past. Remember that each character that you meet through this journey made a contribution not just to their time, but also to the present day Harford County.

Map of the historic walking trail-Purple Blaze



Directions: Let your imagination run wild! Imagine that you were here in the late 1700 and early 1800's . Imagine the hustle and bustle of a town. Begin at the Mill (801 Stafford Road) and follow the purple blaze to each numbered historical location. Stop and read about the location from your packet as the history that surrounds you unfolds. Answer the scavenger hunt questions on the sheet to get your stamp.

Rock Run Gristmill



Welcome to the Rock Run Gristmill! I'm the miller here and you won't find anyone else that knows as much as I do about how this place works. My job here is the grind wheat into flour and corn into meal. I send finished products as far away as the Carribean. Luckily this building has 34 windows to provide light while I'm working. Flour dust can catch fire easily, so working by candlelight is not a good idea!

Everyday I walk the path you will be taking today. I send water from Rock Run to the pond across the road, to the pipe that drops it on the 12 ton water wheel attached to the mill. When the water fills the buckets, the wheel rotates. The rotating wheel then turns a series of gears, belts, and pulleys to turn the millstone inside the mill. The turning millstone grinds the wheat into flour or corn into cornmeal.

I need to watch closely to make sure the corn bins on the top floor stay full, the moving parts remain greased, water is flowing over the wheel, all the parts are turning at the proper speed, and all the finished products are being bagged and ready to go.

What do you think? Would you like my job? What if your pay for the job was some of the flour or corn you just ground?



if the mill is open come inside and take a look. Open on weekends (Memorial Day-Labor Day) from 10-4, with corn

Fun fact: The water wheel on the side of the mill weighs as much as 2 elephants! (about 12 tons)

Question: What was on the 2nd floor of the mill from 1827-1856? (Hint: the answer can be found on the small plaque posted outside the mill.) Write your answer on the spaces below.

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Springhouse



Hello visitors to the Rock Run Mill area! My name is Ann Archer and I live in that giant mansion to your right. It's 1804 and we just got a great solution to a big problem here. When we first built the house over there, we had no way to keep our food from going bad. Can you imagine having food ready to make a big meal and then having it go bad? Very frustrating. That's why this small building in front of you was built. We can put our food in small containers and put them in the water that stays about 50 degrees. It might not be freezing, but it keeps the food cool. We also get water here to drink and use for cooking. Brilliant!



Question: Directly below the springhouse at the road is a stone engraved with "In Memory of" whose name is listed on this placard?

Fun Fact: The water that ran through this trough was for everyone to enjoy!

Carriage Barn



Hello! Ann Archer again. I see that you are interested in learning more about this wonderful place! Well this building is called the Carriage Barn. Any guess what it was used for? Carriages, good guess. Actually, it has many purposes from housing animals and animal food to a safe place for tools and carriages. I think this well built, solid building will last for many years!



Fun Fact: The carriage barn has been in existence and in use for close to 120 years!

Question: On the side of the Carriage Barn facing the river is a very important modern day use of the building. What park facility is located there?

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Rock Run Mansion



Anne Archer here again. This lovely mansion is my home and a grand one it is! About 5 years after my home was built, 1809 or so, the kitchen was made a part of the house. I guess I don't need to tell you how rare that is! That means, my servants can cook a meal without having to leave. We even have multiple living and dining rooms, that way servants, the kids, and guests can all gather and eat separately. Not to brag, but I guess you can tell that the mill helped us to maintain and grow our wealth.



Fun Fact: The house has 13 rooms and 4 chimneys!

Question: (Answer found on the plaque in front of the mansion) Which one of the 11 children of John and Ann Stump Archer is featured on the sign?

Millpond



Hello travelers! John Stump's my name and I am responsible for much of what you see today. I got this piece of land in 1794 and began to build my legacy. I chose this location to build a mill because Rock Run, the small stream you see, is great to run the water wheel at the mill. The millpond behind the dam is the way to collect water and make it go where you want it to go, over the dam, to the mill race, to a holding pond, across the road, and over the wheel.



Fun fact: After the water leaves the wheel at the mill, it travels back to the Susquehanna River!

Question: What is the iron pipe that carries the water to the mill wheel called?

Miller's House

Hello, this is the Miller once again and this is my house. It was built about the same time as the mill. Sometimes I use my house as an inn for travelers along the road and the canal.



Fun fact: To pay him for his work, the miller took about $\frac{1}{8}$ of each bushel of corn or wheat that was ground!

Question: What is the Miller's house made of?

Jersey Tollhouse



Hello and welcome to the Tollhouse. My job as the tollkeeper is to watch out that window there for boats coming up the river. After they pay their toll, I help them get up the river. Take a look at the sign on the porch to learn more.



Fun Fact: The locks in the canal allowed boats to go from 20 feet above sea level to 1000 feet above sea level by the end.

Question: What city in Maryland did the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal start?

Susquehanna River and Tidewater Canal



This is the last stop on your quest! Make sure to take a minute to reflect on the history all around you. I hope that you enjoyed your journey through the past.



Your passport stamp is available in the box on the Tollhouse porch, along with the answer sheet to double check your answers.

Additional Opportunities



Many additional opportunities exist to continue checking out the history of the area.

Bonus Quest: Lower Susquehanna Greenways Trail. This easy trail extends 2.5 miles from the Stafford Road Bridge at Deer Creek to the Conowingo Dam. It is located on the historic towpath of the Tidewater Canal and the remains of the railroad tracks built during the construction of the Conowingo Dam. Many exciting opportunities for wildlife watching abound, as do more historical signs about the area, such as the Stafford Flint Furnace pictured above.

Native American Petroglyphs: Check out the display featuring Native American Petroglyphs removed from the Susquehanna River during the construction of the Conowingo Dam. Display can be seen in the Mill during open hours.

Steppingstone Farm Museum: Susquehanna State Park is also home to the privately-run Steppingstone Museum. Located on the former farm of J. Gilman Paul, the museum preserves and interprets the rural heritage of Harford County - particularly the period of 1880 to 1920. Exhibits feature a wood-wrights shop, blacksmith shop, and restored Paul farmhouse. Artifacts include domestic arts, skilled trades tools and farm implements.