



# THE OLD DOMINION TRAIL LEADER'S GUIDE

The purpose of the Trail is to promote an understanding of the historical and cultural role involving great Americans beginning with Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech through the development of our country. The hiker will hear the names of many famous people and their contributions to this new nation.

The guide will enable you to provide your Scouts with additional facts throughout the trail, as well as basic instructions. Please read it thoroughly before leading your Scouts through this activity.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Heart of Virginia Council, Boy Scouts of America (804) 355-4306.

Good Scouting as you lead your Scouts back into history.

## Trail Instructions

The Old Dominion Trail begins at St. John's Church, located at 24<sup>th</sup> and East Broad Streets.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH:** 2401 East Broad Street. The phone # is 649-7938.



You must make your own arrangements for visiting St. John's Church. It was in this church in 1775, during the meeting of the Virginia Convention (numbering among its members George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and a host of other well known patriots) that Patrick Henry made the famous "Liberty or Death" speech which so enthused and fired the hearts of those present. Leave the church and go south on 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Follow 25<sup>th</sup> and make a right on Main Street. Stay on Main until you reach 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

**17<sup>th</sup> STREET MARKETPLACE:** 100 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Phone # 646-0477



The 17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market has been a gathering place since 1737. The Farmer's Market has always been at the intersection of local commerce for two reasons – the proximity to the river and the fact that Main Street served as the main road between Richmond and Williamsburg. Nearby Shockoe Creek was used by small boats bringing shellfish to waiting customers. Here you can get the freshest, best-tasting and nutritious produce, eggs, meats, cheeses, baked goods and other prepared foods, as well as local handmade crafts. Stay on Main Street to the 1500 block.

**Main Street Station:** 1500 E. Main Street

Historic railroad station originally built in 1901. The station was flooded in 1972 when Hurricane Agnes caused the James River to overflow its banks. It also suffered some damage by a fire in 1976. The top three floors were renovated in 2006. It is often referred to as “The Clock Tower”. It is a United States National Historic Landmark and is currently served by Amtrak. Follow Main Street to the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street.



**Richmond Slavery Reconciliation**

**Statue:** Corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street

Here you will find the “Richmond Slavery Reconciliation Statue” – depicting two people in an embrace. This statue is part of the plaza opened in 2007. The statue is not far from Richmond’s former slave market and Lumpkin’s Slave jail, said to be where the parking lot is under 195, between Main Street and Broad Street. Continue west on Main Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Take a right and proceed to Bank Street.



**Capitol Square:** 1000 E. Bank Street, phone #698-1788



In this area, known as “Capitol Square”, you will see the **Virginia State Capitol** building. It houses the oldest legislative body in the United States, the Virginia General Assembly. Although it was completed in 1788 and is over 215 years old, the current State Capitol building is the eighth built to serve as Virginia’s State House. Check to see if the Capitol is open on the day of your visit. If a tour is arranged,

you will then be conducted on a guided tour of the Capitol Building. Phone (804) 789-4484 to make arrangements.

The **Governor’s Mansion** is also within this area. The mansion is the oldest, most continuously occupied governor’s residence in the United States, and has been the home of Virginia Governors and their families since 1813.



The **Bell Tower** is on the corner of Franklin Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. It has stood since 1824 and was used as a guard house and the bell was used to warn of fires in the area. Continue north on 9<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed to the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Marshall Street. Turn left on Marshall Street.

**John Marshall House**: 818 E. Marshall Street, phone # 648-7998



The only surviving 18<sup>th</sup> century brick dwelling in Richmond, this stately but simple house was built by John Marshall in 1788-91 and remained his home until his death in 1835. Appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1801, Marshall shaped federal law for more than 30 years, forging the Supreme Court into an authority equal with the Presidency and the Congress. In this house, America's greatest jurist wrote some of his most important decisions and frequently entertained associates at his "lawyer's dinners." Go east on Marshall Street, then turn right (south) on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Follow 12<sup>th</sup> Street down to the river. You will be able to enter the Canal Walk at the end of 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

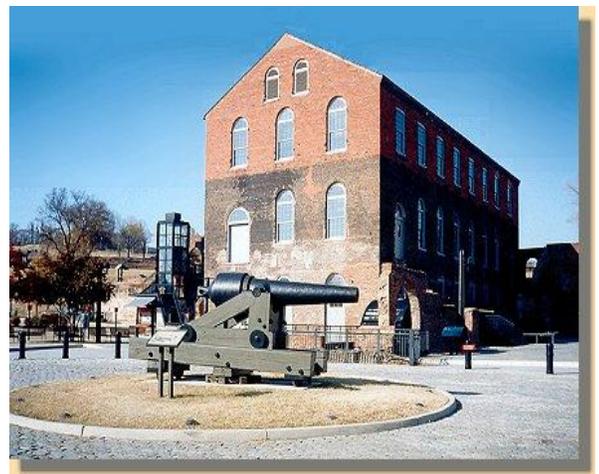
**Canal Walk**: Runs from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Belle Isle.  
For canal boat ride info, call Richmond Canal Cruises, 804-649-2800



The 1.25 mile Canal Walk is part of the canal system began in 1784. The digging of these canals was surveyed by George Washington. The canals underwent some restorations, beginning in 1998, so now you may enjoy canal boat rides, walks along the river and many other activities throughout the year. Markers along the river will tell some of the historical elements of Richmond's waterfront area. Towards the end of the Canal Walk you can visit the American Civil War Center and Tredegar Iron Works.

**Tredegar Iron Works**: 500 Tredegar Street

During the Civil War, sheet iron and cannon were produced at this facility. The CSS Virginia, an ironclad ship used in the war, was covered with armor plating that came from the iron works. The plant was captured by the Union during the fall of Richmond.



## **American Civil War Center**

490 Tredegar Street, 804-780-1865

Adjacent to the Tredegar Iron Works, the Civil War Center is a National Historic Landmark. It is next to the main visitor center for the NPS Richmond National Battlefield Park. Here you can get the perspective of Union, Confederate and African American participants. A must stop for Civil War buffs.



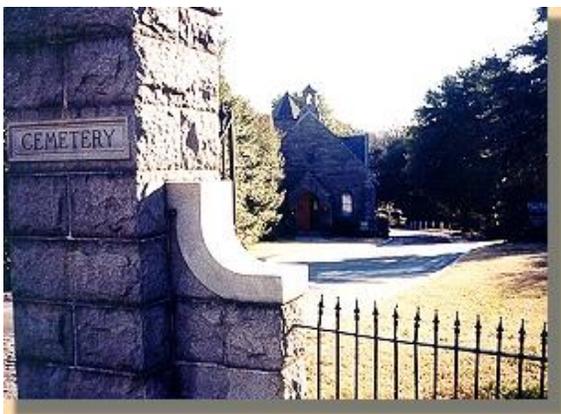
After leaving the American Civil War Center go back up Tredegar Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Go up 5<sup>th</sup> and make a left onto Byrd Street. Proceed up Byrd Street and make a left onto S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

## **War World II Memorial:** 620 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Originally designed in the early 1950's this memorial honors those who fought for our country during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. Sometime in the future, names will be added honoring those who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Turn down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and take a right onto Belvidere Street. Follow Belvidere Street up to China Street. Make a left on China Street, then a right onto S. Cherry Street. Enter Hollywood Cemetery at S. Cherry Street and Albemarle Street.



## **HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY:**

412 South Cherry Street, 804-648-8501

The Hollywood Cemetery, dedicated in 1849, is the burial site of two American Presidents: James Monroe and John Tyler. Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States, and many other notables are also buried here. Throughout your visit you can observe many examples of mortuary art and decorative cast iron.

**Scouts and Leaders can be picked up outside the gates of the cemetery or you can pick another location to meet. Thanks for taking your group on this Trail.**

## Trail Regulations

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, or Venturers who hike the Trail must hike it as a unit and be under adult supervision.

The Scout uniform should be worn, if possible.

Troops, Crews and Posts must complete the hike in one day. Cub Scout Packs may take two days to complete it.

This will satisfy the 5 mile hike requirements for 1<sup>st</sup> Class rank.

Each Scout is a reflection of the Boy Scouts of America and should act accordingly.

Do not litter the Trail.

Respect all property.

The Trail may be taken 7 days a week, with the exception of holidays. If you plan to take inside tours, then you will need to call ahead to determine when they will be open.

This activity is provided as a direct result of your financial support to Scouting. All materials are being provided by the Heart of Virginia Council at no charge, with the exception of the patch.

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## OLD DOMINION TRAIL PATCH ORDER FORM

**Pack #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Troop #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Crew #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Post #** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ patches at \$3.00 each. I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts and adults successfully completed the Old Dominion Trail on \_\_\_\_\_.  
I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of these patches.

Mail checks, made payable to: Heart of Virginia Council, PO Box 6809, Richmond, VA 23230

Mail patches to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

