

Girl Scout and World History

A Timeline Walk at the Lancaster County Park
on the Scout Trail

You may use this guide to find various points of interest along the Scout Trail. Once you have located the noted feature, please take a minute to read about Girl Scout and world history for the particular point on this timeline walk.

We hope you enjoy using GPS coordinates, discovering nature, and learning about Girl Scouts and world history.

Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts, with the first Girl Scout troop.



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**A Bronze Award project completed in 2017
by the Friendly Valley Girl Scout Junior Troop 70136**

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1. Proceed to the trail by locating the **White Pine** at the trailhead.

GPS Coordinates: **40° 0’ 42” N 76° 16’ 49” W**

1912, March 12	Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low begins Girl Scouts in the United States of America with a troop meeting of 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia.
1912, April 15	The “unsinkable” Titanic sinks.
1914	Trefoil design for membership badges is patented and becomes the official membership symbol.
1914, July 28	World War I starts.
	During WWI, American President Theodore Roosevelt presents a silver plate from his family to Girl Scouts to be melted down for cash for the war effort.
	The Girl Scouts of America are very involved with the war effort during both World Wars. From selling war bonds, to collecting peach pits for gas masks (they were used as filters), to working in hospitals, Girl Scouts provide hands-on support to the country and the troops.
1915	Girl Scout membership reaches 200 troops with 5,000 girls.
1916	Girl Scout national headquarters is moved to New York City.
1916	Juliette Gordon Low introduces the Golden Eaglet of Merit Award - the highest award for girls in Girl Scouting at the time.
1917	Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the nation’s First Lady, becomes the first honorary president of Girl Scouts, a tradition that continues to this day.
1917	The first troop of physically disabled girls in the United States is organized in New York City.
1917	Girl Scout cookies are sold for the first time.

2. Find the Scout Trail post by Mill Creek.

GPS Coordinates: **40° 0' 39" N 76° 16' 49" W**

1918, November 11	World War I ends.
1920	There are nearly 100 Girl Scout Councils in 11 states and the territory of Hawaii, with almost 70,000 girl members and over 3,000 troops.
1920	The U.S.A. introduces the song "Taps" to the Girl Guide and Girl Scout movement.
1920	Camp Andree Clark is established as the first national Girl Scout camp in Briarcliff Manor, NY.
1920	There are 70,000 Girl Scouts in the United States of America.
1920	Lou Hoover, wife of Herbert Hoover, is the first Vice President of Girl Scouts.
1922	Women earn the right to vote.
1922	Girl Scouts babysit for women so they can go vote.
1922	Lou Hoover becomes the President of Girl Scouts and starts a Girl Scout Troop in Washington, D.C. for both white and African-American girls. This is an extremely rare integration for young girls at that time.
1926	Girl Scout program is expanded to include Brownie Girl Scouts, ages 7-9.

3. Find the **Bent Sycamore** tree.

GPS Coordinates: **40° 0' 46" N 76° 16' 48" W**

1927	Juliette Gordon Low dies. She is buried in her Girl Scout uniform. A Memorial Fund is established in her memory to support projects and events promoting international understanding.
1927	The first United States Girl Scout Troops on Foreign Soil are registered.
1928	International Council is replaced by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).
1928, November 18	Walt Disney's <i>Steamboat Willie</i> premieres, introducing the world to a new animated character—Mickey Mouse.
1929	At the end of the year there are over 200,000 Girl Scouts.
1929, October	The Stock Market crashes signaling the beginning of the Great Depression.
	Girl Scouts collect clothing and food for those in need during the Great Depression.
1930	First all-Native American Girl Scout troop registers at the Indian Boarding School in Pawnee, Oklahoma.
1930	Empire State Building is built.
1931	Hoover Dam is built.

4. Find the **Powerline Clearing**.

GPS Coordinates: **40° 0' 53" N 76° 16' 53" W**

1939, September 1	World War II begins.
1939, December 15	<i>Gone with the Wind</i> premieres in theaters.
1941, December 7	Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
1940	Girl Scouts introduce Wing Scouts for girls who want to fly and support their country.
1940s	Internationally, Girl Scouts support young children during air raids.
1945, August 6	The United States drops an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.
1945, August 9	The United States drops an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.
1945, September 2	World War II ends.
1948	The U.S. Postal Service issues a three-cent commemorative stamp honoring Juliette Gordon Low. 750,000 stamps are sold in Savannah on the first day of issue.
1949	WAGGGS is Pin introduced in the USA.

5. Find the **Bridge**.

GPS Coordinates: **40° 0' 54" N 76° 16' 53" W**

1950	Almost 1.5 million girls are registered in Girl Scouts.
1950	GSUSA is re-incorporated under a Congressional Charter.
1951	First Brownie Girl Scout Handbook for girls is published.
1952	Rockwood, in Potomac, Maryland is dedicated as a National Girl Scout camping center (1952-1979).
1953	GSUSA purchases Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace in Savannah, Georgia.
1953	The site of Our Cabana in Cuernavaca, Mexico is acquired by WAGGGS.
1953	Annual Girl Scout week celebration is changed from October to March.
1955, December 1	Rosa Parks refuses to obey bus driver, James F. Blake, and does not give up her seat on a public bus.
1956, September 9	Elvis Presley sings on the Ed Sullivan show.
1956, October 19	Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace is dedicated.
1956	First Senior Girl Scout Round-Up in Michigan is held with 5,000 girls attending.

6. Find the Maple Tree.

GPS Coordinates: 40° 1' 1" N 76° 16' 53" W

1957	Three-million members are registered in Girl Scouts.
1957	The first world center for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in the Western Hemisphere, Our Cabana, opens in Cuernavaca, Mexico.
1959	Second Senior Roundup is held near Colorado Springs with 10,000 people in attendance.
1960s	Girl Scouts hold "Speak Out" conferences around the country to lend their voices to the fight for racial equality.
1960	Juliette Gordon Low Centennial is celebrated.
1962	Girl Scout Alumna, Lucille Ball, becomes the first woman to run a major television studio, Desilu Productions.
1962	50th anniversary of Girl Scouts is celebrated
1962	Post Office issues a 4 cent commemorative Girl Scout stamp.
1963	Girl Scouts are divided into 4 age groups: Brownies, ages 7-9 Juniors, ages 9-11 Cadets, ages 12-14 Seniors, ages 14-17
1963, November 22	President John F. Kennedy is assassinated.
1964, April 4	Beatles first arrive in the United States.

7. Find the **Gigantic rock on the trail.**

GPS Coordinates: **40° 1' 1" N** **76° 16' 57" W**

1964	Girl Scout handbook is published in Braille.
1965	Brownie handbook is published in Spanish.
1968, April 4	Martin Luther King is assassinated in Memphis, TN.
1969, July 20	Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon.
1969	Girl Scouts watch the Apollo 12 moon landing at Cape Kennedy, Florida, as guests of NASA.
1969	Eco Action, a nationwide environmental education and improvement project, is launched through Girl Scouts.
1970	The 30 millionth member of GSUSA is registered.
1972	New wording of Girl Scout Promise and Law are adopted.
1973	Portrait of Juliette Gordon Low is presented to the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.
1974, August 9	President Nixon resigns.

8. Find the **Beech Tree with writing carved on it.**

GPS Coordinates: **40° 1' 4" N 76° 16' 60" W**

1975	Over 123 million boxes of Girl Scout Cookies are sold.
1975, February 4	Georgy Grechko and Aleksei Gubarev return to earth after one month aboard the space station.
1975, April 30	The Vietnam War ends.
1975	The first African American National Girl Scout President, Gloria D. Scott, is elected.
1975, August	NASA launches Viking 1 probe to Mars.
1975, November	The name “Micro-Soft” is used by Bill Gates for the first time.
1976	Jimmy Carter is elected President of The United States.
1976	Girl Scout alumna, Dorothy Hamill, wins the Women’s Figure Skating Gold medal.
1978	The number of Girl Scout cookie bakers is reduced to four to ensure lower prices, as well as uniform quality, packaging and distribution.
1978	For the first time in history, all cookie boxes feature the same designs and depict scenes of Girl Scouts in action, including hiking and canoeing.
1981	Girl Scout alumna, Sandra Day O’Connor, becomes the first woman to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
1982	Four bakers still produce several varieties of Girl Scout cookies, including three mandatory flavors: Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, and Trefoils.
1984	A new Girl Scout level, Daisy Scouts, is introduced.

9. Find **Golf Road and the no parking, no horse riding sign.**

GPS Coordinates: **40° 1' 6" N** **76° 17' 1" W**

1989, November 9	The Berlin Wall falls.
1990, August 2	Iraq invades Kuwait to start the Gulf War.
1991, March 21	Apartheid ends in South Africa.
1993	Take Your Daughter to Work day is established with Girl Scouts as a founding partner.
1995, September 3	Ebay is started in San Jose, CA. The first item sold was a broken laser pointer for \$14.84.
1999	The first Asian-American National Girl Scout President, Connie Matsui, is elected.
2000	The Technology badge is introduced Girl Scout Juniors.
2001, September 11	The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center are destroyed.
2012	The 100th year of Girl Scouts is celebrated with a national sing-along in Washington, D.C.
2014	Girl Scouts launch Digital Cookie, which allows Girl Scouts to sell cookies online.
2016	Juliette Gordon Low's birth place in Savannah, Georgia, celebrates 60 years as a Girl Scout Museum.
2017	Today, there are 2.6 million Girl Scouts—1.8 million girl members and 800,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers.

The Scout Trail continues across Golf Road, makes a loop, and returns to the 9th point on our timeline walk. You are welcome to use these coordinates and landmarks in reverse to return to the start of the trail.

We hope you enjoyed our timeline walk.

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