

Orienteering Trail

The beginning of the Orienteering Trail is located at the chimney on the Stone Mountain Historical Trail about 100 yards after crossing the railroad on the south side of the mountain (near #5 on the map). It can also be reached by going out the gate of the Youth Area #2 parking lot and going across the road and about 100 yards up the hill. A green metal pipe behind the chimney is the first marker and the bearing and distance is marked on the pipe, as it is on all the others on this course. The first four pipes are green and the rest are white. All distances have been measured.

The chimney, which can be used to pass the Boy Scout requirement to estimate height, is 17 feet 6 inches high. Starting from the marker at the chimney, there is a marker at exactly 100 feet for the hikers to measure their stride on the way to Station #2.

There are some rare and endangered plants along this trail, so please take care not to step on any flowers.

Cutting or hacking of any trees or shrubs is prohibited in the park. Please be a good hiker and pick up any litter found in the woods.

The orienteering course is of moderate difficulty, but can be easily traversed if it is done in short distances at a time. After getting your bearing, pick out a tree or object close enough that you won't lose track of it. After reaching that, take the bearing again for another short distance, probably no more than 50-100 feet at a time. The course should take 2-3 hours to complete.

WARNING! At some points the course runs through briars and poison ivy. It is recommended that long pants be worn.

Station	Bearing	Distance	Station	Bearing	Distance
1-2	292°	440'	12-13	223°	110'
2-3	270°	286'	13-14	150°	155'
3-4	219°	255'	14-15	125°	340'
4-5	180°	345'	15-16	150°	175'
5-6	81°	225'	16-17	130°	249'
6-7	157°	286'	17-18	126°	171'
7-8	164°	281'	18-19	108°	245'
8-9	84°	300'	19-20	200°	322'
9-10	175°	322'	20-21	46°	192'
10-11	130°	292'	21-22	42°	165'
11-12	147°	200'	22-23	42°	248'

The finish at Station 23 is where the Stone Mountain Historical Trail crosses Stonewall Jackson Drive.

Other Requirements That Can Be Worked On During The Hike

Cub Scouts

Wolf

Achievement 7a, 7d (Your Living World)
Elective 13a, 13d (Birds)
Elective 18a, b, e, and g (Outdoor Adventure)

Bear

Elective 12 (Nature Crafts)

Webelos

Forester Pin

#2 (Forest Layers)
#3 (6 Forest Trees)
#4 (6 Forest Plants)
#6 (Tree Growth Rings)
#7 (Wood Samples)

Geologist Pin

#1 (Collect Specimens)
#2 (Rocks Used For Roads and Buildings)
#8 (Field Trip to Geologic Site)

Naturalist Pin

#1 (Respect-Character Connection)
#7 (Poisonous Plants)
#8 (6 Wild Animals)
#9 (Food Chain/Balance of Nature)
#10 (Endemic Plants / Animals)
#12 (Litter's Effect on Animals)

Outdoorsman Pin

#9 (3-Mile Hike)

Boy Scouts

Tenderfoot

#5 (Safe Hiking)
#9 (Buddy System)

Second Class

#1 (Compass and Map)
#5 (Identify Animals)

First Class

#1 (Find Directions)
#2 (Orienteering)
#6 (Native Plants)

Junior Girl Scouts

Earth Connections

#1 Be An Ecologist: Study Your Area
#2 Traveling Through Time
#7 Adapt or Perish

Finding Your Way

#1 Know Your Maps
#2 North, South, East, West
#4 Walk the Distance
#8 Finding Your Way Without a Map or Compass

Hiker

#5 A Different Kind of Walk
#7 Be An Explorer
#9 Share the Fun
#10 Happy Trails to You

Rocks Rock

#1 Be A Rock Hound
#2 Geo Hunt
#4 Soil Sense

Walking For Fitness

#6 Fast Food
#8 Lend A Hand
#10 Find the Way

Interest Projects For Girl Scouts 11-17

Camping: Technology #1
Digging Through the Past: Skill Builder #1
Orienteering: Skill Builder #1

Historical Trail Awards



REQUIREMENTS

Complete Trail Hike, read Brochure and be approved by your Leader.	Complete Trail Hike, read Brochure and be approved by your Leader.	Complete Trail Hike TWO or more times and be approved by your Leader.
3 3/4" x 3"	3 3/8" x 1 3/8"	3 7/8" x 3 1/8"
85% Embroidered	Medal with recessed carving	Fully Embroidered

Help Protect Our Beautiful Outdoor Environment

By Practicing Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics



To Learn About "Leave No Trace",

Visit: WWW.LNT.ORG

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER THE TRAIL OR PARK WITH THIS BROCHURE

www.cherokeetrail-ga.org

Cherokee Trail at Stone Mountain Park



DESIGNATED A NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL IN AUGUST, 1971

Approved By The Boy Scouts Of America As A Historical Trail

Cherokee Trail Hike Information

- The trail is approximately 8 miles in length, marked with white blazes on trees and also has granite markers with red directional arrows (be careful not to confuse the orange arrows of the connecting trail markers with the red arrows of the Cherokee Trail).
- Scouts should be in uniform. Tee shirts are acceptable in the summer.
- The hike must be completed in one day.
- Two adults should accompany each group of ten youth hikers.
- All hikers qualifying for the Stone Mountain Historical Trail hiking patch or medal must visit Confederate Hall, watch the movie in the theater, "The Battle for Georgia" and tour the Education Center Exhibit Gallery. It will require 4 or 5 hours to complete the hike after leaving Confederate Hall.
- Hiking groups other than Scouts are invited to walk the trail as well.
- Patch and/or medal hiking awards may be purchased after walking the trail and completing the Trail Awards Application Form.
- In the spirit of "Leave No Trace", please do not mark on or deface park property while hiking.
- Hikers are asked to carry out all trash and deposit in park trash receptacles.
- Camping for groups is available in the Youth Camping Areas (Tents are required. Water and toilets are available.)

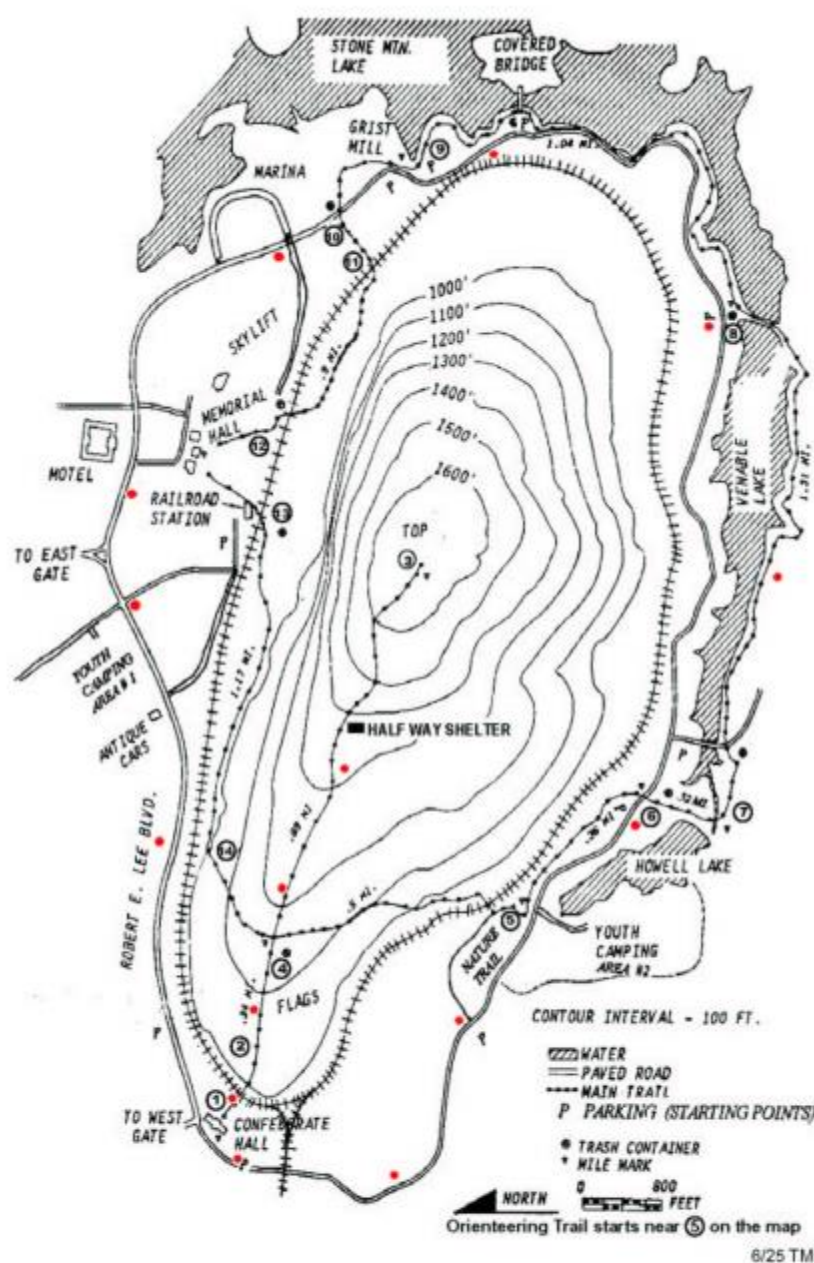
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The hike starts at Confederate Hall, near the west gate of the park. Obtain plastic bags inside the building from park personnel at the information counter for trash pickup while hiking. The following paragraph numbers are keyed to the topographical map.

1. Start the hike from Confederate Hall.
2. Hike to the top of the mountain using the walkup Trail.
3. Take time at the top to rest and view the countryside.
4. Return down the mountain by the same trail - WATCH FOR CROSS TRAIL MARKED BY WHITE BLAZES ON THE FLAT ROCK AND TREES-turn left at the cross trail. This is the beginning of Stone Mountain Historical Trail. It is approximately 500 yards up the mountain from the Flag Terrace.
5. Cross the R. R. tracks and walk approximately 100 feet - WATCH FOR DIRECTION CHANGE - trail turns sharply to the left.
6. Cross Robert E. Lee Blvd. in the marked crossing adjacent to the playground and walk into the woods.
7. Walk across the top of the dam and the spillway. Turn left 50 feet beyond the spillway.
8. Cross the second spillway using the bridge and then cross the dam - WATCH FOR THE TRAIL TURNING TO THE RIGHT AT THE END OF THE DAM.
9. Follow the shoreline until reaching the Grist Mill. Walk the elevated plank way around the mill. At this point the trail follows the water flume to its beginning at a small mill pond, and then turns right and then left to arrive at Robert E. Lee Blvd. where there is a marked crossing.

OPTIONAL: If you would like to learn about the old Stone Mountain granite quarries, turn left on the sidewalk after crossing the street and proceed about 100 yards to the entrance of the "Raising A Ledge" exhibit. After viewing the exhibit, go back to the point at which you crossed Robert E. Lee Blvd. and turn left, continuing the hike.

10. After crossing Robert E. Lee Blvd., go into the woods following an old dirt road.
11. Cross the R.R. tracks and walk through the Nature Area at the base of the mountain.
12. The trail exits the woods and proceeds across the lawn on a sidewalk. Turn left and cross the track at the crossing before the R.R. Station and then turn right on the sidewalk.
13. As the walkway starts curving to the left, watch straight ahead for the white blazes going up the hill through the natural area. Pick up the trail as it goes through the picnic area behind the R. R. Station.
14. The trail continues about a mile along the northern side of the mountain before turning left at a tee in the trail, and then goes up across the open rock. It soon meets the walkup Trail. This is the end of Stone Mountain Historical Trail. Turn right and return down the mountain using the walkup Trail arriving at Confederate Hall.



In the event of an emergency within Stone Mountain Park, please contact the park police department using the emergency call boxes located throughout the park or call (770) 498-5675. Call box locations are shown in red on the above map.

Trail Awards Application

Council or Group Name _____ Unit No. _____

Check one: Cub Scouts _____ Boy Scouts _____ Venturers _____
 Explorers _____ Girl Scouts _____ Youth Group _____ Hiking Club _____

Other (explain) _____

Leader's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

I certify that (#) _____ persons in our group completed the Stone Mountain Historical Trail on (date) _____ as described in this brochure. Number of hikers who hiked the orienteering trail _____.

We wish to purchase the following awards:

Qty _____ Trail patch @ \$3.50 \$ _____

Qty _____ Trail Medal @ \$4.00 \$ _____

Qty _____ Combo of Trail Patch & Medal @ \$7.00 \$ _____

Qty _____ Repeat hiker Patch @ \$3.50 \$ _____

Plus Postage & Handling - order under \$20.00 - \$2.00
\$20.00 to \$30.00 - \$3.50
over \$30.00 - \$4.50

S&H \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Unit Leader: Return this form with a check for awards to:

Cherokee Trail and Campsites, Inc.
 PO Box 708
 Tucker, Ga. 30085

Leader's Signature _____

Date _____

How did you learn about this opportunity to earn the Stone Mountain Historical Trail hiking patch and/or medal? Our web site _____ Internet search _____ Park Information _____ Scout shop _____ Word of mouth _____ Other _____

Please let us know of any problems you encountered on the trail.
