

Park Quest 2018

The Nature of History

Welcome to the Avalon Area of Patapsco Valley State Park! Thank you for joining us for what we hope will be a fun and easy quest! This area has a rich history and nature is all around. We decided to combine the two so you could get a glimpse of what this wonderful area is all about! For this quest, you will need this worksheet and an accompanying map. When you are finished with both, we ask that you please follow the principles of Leave no Trace and take them with you when you leave.

Note: While you can do the Park Quest on foot we recommend bringing a vehicle to shorten the time it takes to double back. Please also note, the Avalon area quickly fills its parking capacity on weekends in the summer.

Follow the directions provided and discover the code that unlocks your Park Quest stamp!

Park Quest Instructions:

Begin at the Ranger Station in Avalon. In front of the Ranger Station is a history plaque, “*Masterpiece of the Early B&O Railroad*”. Record the station number on the history plaque and answer the question written on this worksheet. Next, look for a nearby bulletin board. On the bulletin board is a sign titled “*Park Quest Trivia*”. Here you will read a fun nature fact and discover the title of the next history plaque to look for. Use your Park Quest Map to help guide you to the next history plaque. Repeat the same steps as before until you get to the final “*Park Quest Trivia*” sign in Orange Grove. Once here, answer the last question on this worksheet using the station numbers you found. The answer will also be the combination used to unlock the box with your Park Quest stamp.

Park Quest Questions

“*Masterpiece of the Early B&O Railroad*”

Station #__

What is the height and length of the Thomas Viaduct?

Title of the next history plaque:

For this portion of the Park Quest we recommend parking nearby the Visitor Center (currently closed for renovation).

Station #__

What did the Maryland Forestry Board do to prevent pollution, erosion, and sedimentation in Avalon?

Title of the next history plaque:

For this portion of the Park Quest we recommend parking nearby Lost Lake.

Station #__

What were two early uses of Lost Lake?

Title of the next history plaque:

Station #__

At its height in 1900 the Orange Grove Mill could produce 1200 to 1500 barrels of flour in a day. What regional distinction did this give the mill?

Locate the final “*Park Quest Trivia*” sign. Nearby you will find a brown wooden post with a combination lock. Using the station numbers you found during the Park Quest, answer the following question to unlock your stamp! This is also a great place to take a photo



What year was Patapsco Valley State Park established as a state forest reserve?

Thank you for participating in our Park Quest!

