



Blackstone Valley 101 Scout Ranger Program



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In Partnership with the



Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park



Blackstone Valley 101 Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Program

The National Park Service and Boy Scouts of America Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Program

The *Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger* program invites Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to participate in educational and/or volunteer service projects at national park sites to spark their awareness of the national parks and to provide Scouts with the opportunity to explore the national parks and learn more about protecting our natural and cultural resources. Scouts are awarded certificates and/or patches for participating in the program.

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The Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park is the 402nd National Park. The Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park owns no property in the valley. Instead, it provides services and support in the form of ranger services, volunteer support, and expertise in areas such as planning and restoration of historic and recreational sites.

With that in mind, the Volunteers In Parks volunteer program has designed a Heritage Corridor-specific program called the “Blackstone Valley 101 Scout Ranger Program.” The program uses *Blackstone Valley 101*, the Heritage Corridor’s computer-based learning program as the basis for activities related to earning a Blackstone Valley 101 pin, a Troop Certificate and individual badges for scouts.

How Do Scouts Earn the Pin, Certificate, or Badges?

Pin

After completion of the Blackstone Valley 101 program, a BV101 pin will be mailed to the participant directly from the Blackstone Heritage Corridor Inc., in partnership with the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park. See the next section for more information on this program.

Certificate

After each scout in the troop has completed 5 hours of activities in the program, the Scout Master may issue the Scout Ranger certificate. Use of the certificate is on the honor system. The certificate should only be downloaded after each member of the troop has contributed five hours to the project.

The certificate may be downloaded at:

<http://www.nps.gov/blac/supportyourpark/scout-certificates.htm>

Badge

Upon completion of 10 hours by any or all Scouts in the troop, the Scout Master will notify the Volunteer Coordinator at the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, who will issue the badge(s). Contact information is listed on the next page.

How Does It Work?

There are 8 sections.

1. Become certified. Scout Masters are requested to become certified in Blackstone Valley 101. The program may be accessed on line. It takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. More information and a link to the program can be found at:
www.nps.gov/blac/supportyourpark/bv101.htm
Individual Scouts may become certified if they choose but it is not required.
2. Hold a Blackstone Valley 101 discussion at a meeting. Discuss why the Blackstone Valley is historically significant as well as the main themes from Blackstone Valley 101.
3. Take a walking tour at one of 25 locations in the Blackstone Valley. These tours emphasize the industrialization of the valley, one of the main themes of BV101. Tour brochures may be downloaded at:
<http://www.nps.gov/blac/planyourvisit/brochures.htm>
4. Hold an Ethnic Dinner based on one or more of the groups mentioned in BV101 as populating the Blackstone Valley
5. Hike, bike, or paddle at one of four locations to learn more about the “engineered landscape” of the valley, as described in BV101.
6. Use the pamphlet entitled “A Homeowner’s Guide to protecting Water Quality in the Blackstone River Watershed” to design an activity for the troop. Examples might include making a rain barrel for watering a garden, creating a program educating visitors to a state park why it is important to pick up pet waste, or doing a home inventory for cleaners that contain phosphates. The pamphlet may be downloaded here:
www.zaptheblackstone.org/whatwedoing/WQ_Owner_Guides/Homeowner_Guide.pdf
7. Alternate free activities are listed and may be substituted for one of the items listed above. They may also be used by individual Scouts to make up for activities they may have had to miss.
8. Alternate activities that charge a fee are listed and may be substituted for one of the items listed above. They may also be used by individual Scouts to make up for activities they may have had to miss.

Links to the locations for all activities are located here:

www.nps.gov/blac/supportyourpark/blackstone-valley-101-links.htm

How Do We Track & Report the Hours?

A Blackstone Valley 101 Scout Ranger Program checklist is included in this packet to help you track the activities and hours. Reporting is on the honor system for both the certificate and the patch.

How Do We Begin?

Please notify the Volunteers-In-Parks, Volunteer Coordinator at the Blackstone Heritage Corridor that you would like to participate before you begin at:

Volunteer Coordinator
Blackstone Heritage Corridor
One Depot Square
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Phone - 401-765-2211
Or e-mail volunteer@BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org





Blackstone Valley 101 Lapel Pin



Scout Ranger Badge



SCOUT RANGER

This is to certify that

Your Scout

has successfully fulfilled the requirements of the
National Park Service Resource Stewardship
Scout Program and is hereby proclaimed a

SCOUT RANGER.

Today _____
Date

Blackstone Valley 101 Scout Ranger Program

Scout Name: _____

Troop: _____

| # | Activity | BV101 Theme | Date Complete/Hours |
|---|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | BV101 Program (may be taken by Scout Master or by troop members) | Introduction | |
| 2 | BV101 Discussion at a meeting | Knowledge check | |
| 3 | Walking tour at one of the following: | Industrial History | |
| | <i>Massachusetts</i> | | |
| | Blackstone | | |
| | Douglas | | |
| | Grafton | | |
| | Hopedale | | |
| | Leicester | | |
| | Mendon | | |
| | Millbury | | |
| | Millville | | |
| | Quinsigamond | | |
| | Sutton | | |
| | Upton | | |
| | Uxbridge | | |
| | Whitinsville | | |
| | <i>Rhode Island</i> | | |
| | Arnold Mills | | |
| | Central Falls | | |
| | Chepachet | | |
| | Georgiaville | | |
| | Great Road | | |
| | Harrisville | | |
| | Pawtucket | | |
| | Providence | | |
| | Rumford | | |
| | Slatersville | | |
| | Valley Falls | | |
| | Woonsocket | | |

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| 4 | Ethnic Dinner (based on one or more of the ethnic, cultural, or origins of people as mentioned in BV101) | People | |
| 5 | Hike, Bike, or Paddle at one of the following: Goat Hill Lock Hike at River Bend Farm Blackstone Bikeway at Kelly House - head north Millville Lock Any mill pond with an existing dam | River/Canal | |
| 6 | Water Quality awareness activity based on Homeowner's Guide to Protecting Water Quality | Environment | |
| 7 | Alternative Activities - Free - prior reservations may be required View the Movie at Pawtucket Visitor's Center Walk at Hassanamesit Woods - Limited parking Fly kites at Chase Farm Attend Maple Sugar Days at River Bend Farm (March only) Other free activity which supports the BV101 message & is pre-approved by volunteer Coordinator | | |
| 8 | Alternative Activities - Fee Charged - reservations are generally required Broadmeadowbrook Wildlife Sanctuary (free for Worcester residents) Slater Mill Historic Site* Museum of Work and Culture Visit the Little Red Shop in Hopedale Waters Farm - Open for Farm Days - First weekend in October Blackstone Valley Explorer Boat * Worcester Historical Museum Daniels Farmstead - open for Civil War Encampment – third weekend in June Other paid activity which supports the BV101 message & is pre-approved by volunteer Coordinator * Watch for free Sundays | | |
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