

B.A.R.K.

Ranger

Activity Book



Valley Forge National Historical Park





 Bag all waste.

 Always use a leash.

 Respect wildlife.

 Know where you can go.

George Washington owned many dogs over the course of his life, including greyhounds, Newfoundlands, briards, spaniels, terriers, French hounds, and Dalmatians.

Many of these dogs sported unique names like Vulcan, Topsy, True Love, Drunkard, and Madame Moose.

His favorite dog, a hound named Sweet Lips, even accompanied him to the First Continental Congress in 1774.



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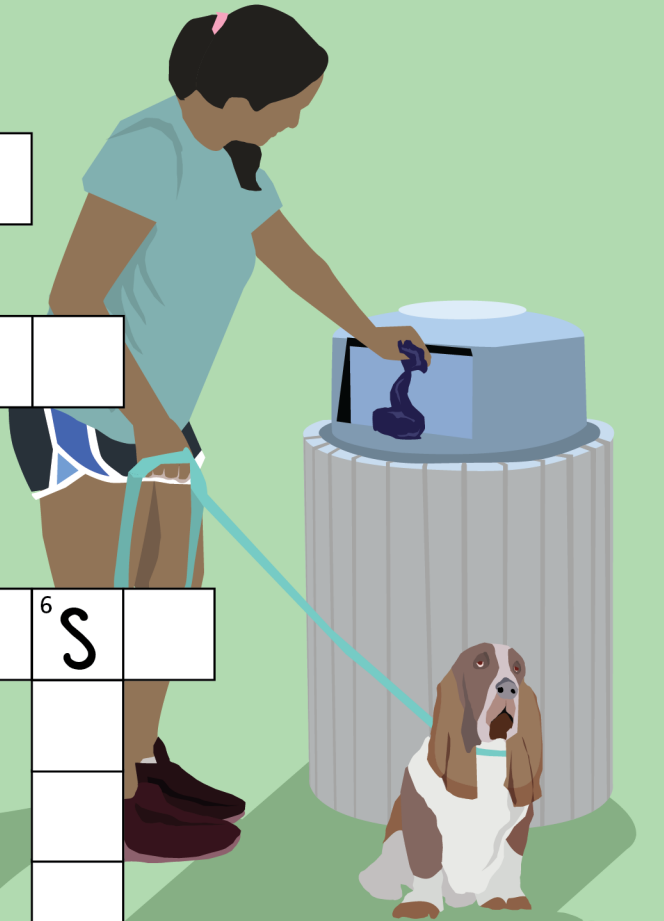
Don't leave poop bags out in the park!
Complete the puzzle below to learn why
and how to properly dispose of pet waste.

ACROSS

1. Unbagged waste can run off and _____ water sources.
2. Put all poo bags in _____ cans.
3. Pet feces can spread _____.

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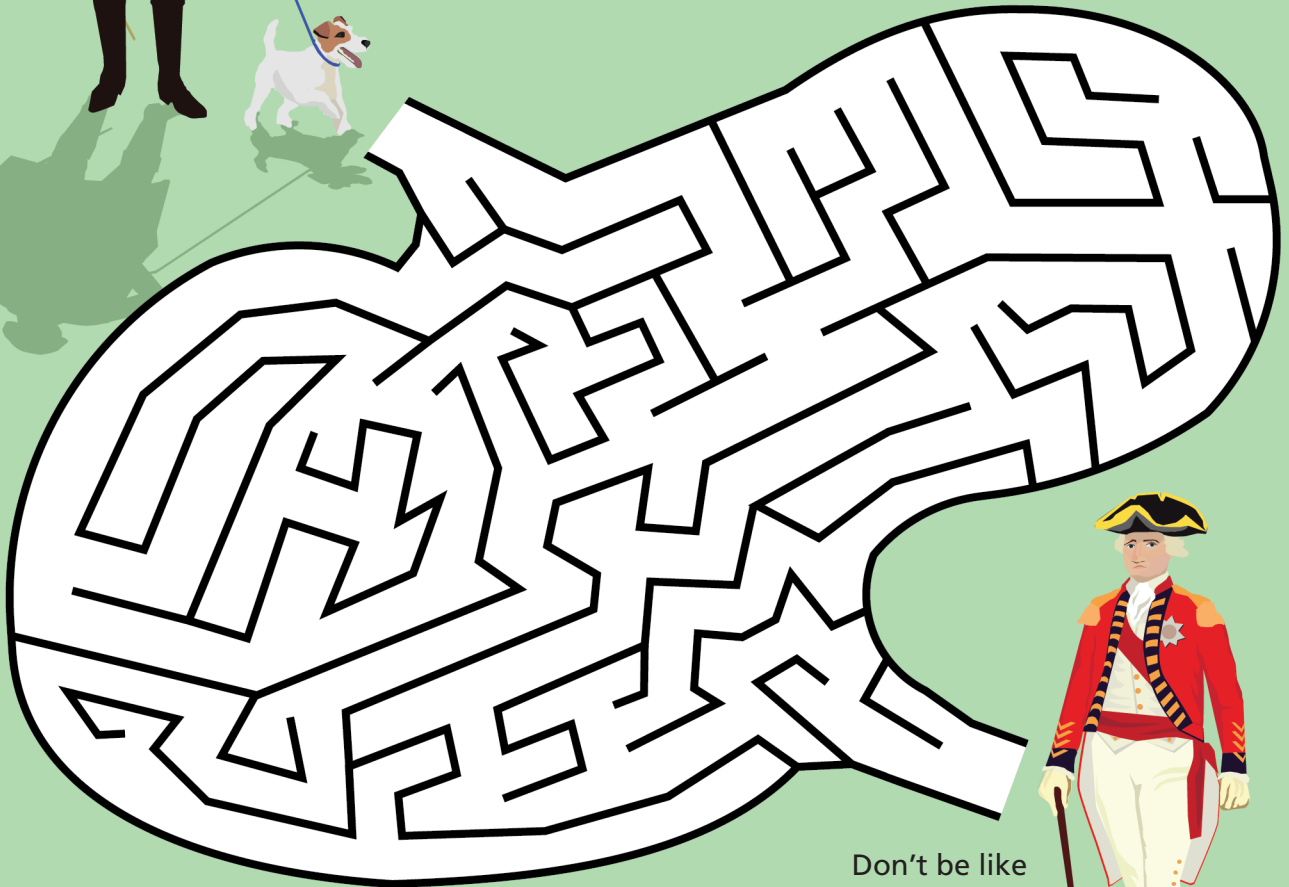
4. Keep the park _____ for other visitors.
5. Plastic _____ can be used to pick up waste.
6. No one wants to _____ in dog poop.





During the Battle of Germantown, a dog belonging to British General William Howe ran off and joined the freshly defeated Continental Army in their retreat. George Washington saw Howe's name on the collar and ordered the dog to be returned.

Complete the maze to bring puppies back to British-occupied Philadelphia!



Don't be like
General Howe.

**Always keep
your dog on a leash.**

Respect wildlife.

Read the clues below and write the names of the animals that make Valley Forge their home!



Dogs love to chase my fluffy tail.
Sometimes they catch me.



If I'm startled, I'll make sure the rest
of your day stinks.



I don't usually start fights, but I will
if I'm scared. My species is the leading
carrier of rabies in Pennsylvania.



I nest in the meadows. Even if your dog
is leashed, they really stress me out.

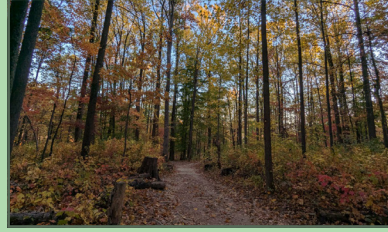




Circle all of the places below where you CAN bring your pet.
Use the park website, signs, and trail map for clues.



Inside the Visitor Center



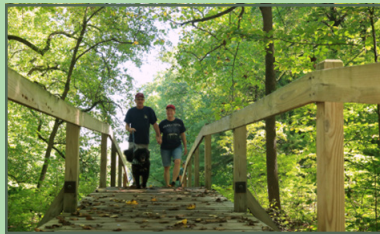
Mount Misery and Mount Joy Trails



Valley Creek Trail



Washington's Headquarters Building



Knox Trail



Grand Parade Trails in July

Dogs following B.A.R.K. principles are welcome at Valley Forge, but there are a few important restrictions.

HINT: one of these is seasonal!

**Know where you
can go.**





On January 6, 1778 a memorandum was issued at Valley Forge offering a 20 dollar reward for the return of a "White Painted Dog" belonging to Captain Bayly of the 7th Maryland Regiment.

Baron von Steuben was well known for traveling with a "large, spoiled Italian dog," possibly a type of greyhound, named Azor, who accompanied him wherever he went. General Steuben's aid, Duponceau, once described Azor as having "an excellent ear for music" because the dog would bark and howl in response to bad singing.



Continental soldier Joseph Plumb Martin recalled a large bulldog present at the siege of Yorktown, three years after Valley Forge. He wrote that every time the British fired, the dog would follow their shots across the American trenches. The officers wanted to send him back with a message, but he was "too formidable."

While a prisoner of the British army, General Charles Lee wrote to Washington to request that his dogs be sent to him in New York, stating that he had "never stood in greater need of their Company." His Pomeranian, Spado, accompanied him on all of his military campaigns.



_____ and I promise
to follow the B.A.R.K. Ranger Code.

We will lead by example and demonstrate to
others how to responsibly enjoy Valley Forge
and all national parks.

Date

Ranger/Official Signature

