

# *William Penn Trail*



*Located at*

**Pennsbury Manor  
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Morrisville, PA 19067  
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pennsburymanor.org**

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## Know Before You Go!



Welcome to the William Penn Trail at Pennsbury Manor!

1. This booklet is for Cub Scout Dens, Boy Scout Patrols and Venturing Crews, but may be used by anyone wishing to learn about William Penn and the living history museum at Pennsbury Manor. Previous editions of this booklet are obsolete due to changes to the museum and grounds layout.
2. For current hours, admission prices, tour information, and special programs, please visit [pennsburymanor.org](http://pennsburymanor.org) or call 215-946-0400. Plan a minimum of 3-4½ hours total for your visit: 1 hour for the film and exhibit, 1½ hours for a walking tour, and 2 hours for the compass course.
3. Scout units or other groups must call Pennsbury Manor to schedule a time to visit and complete the trail to avoid a conflict. Often, there are weddings, receptions or other special events on the grounds.
4. Please show respect for the museum exhibits and buildings, the grounds, and other visitors during your time at Pennsbury Manor by following the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code.
5. When you complete the requirements for your age group, you qualify for a distinctive William Penn Trail patch and medal. Your parent or leader may purchase these at the Washington Crossing Council Scout Office, or by using the current Historic Trail Medals and Patches Order Form on their website.
6. Units interested in completing a service project on site should call Pennsbury Manor to make arrangements with their staff.

**Enjoy your visit to Pennsbury Manor!**



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## William Penn Trail Patch and Medal Requirements

Restrooms are available only in the Visitor's Center. Plan accordingly!

**Leaders:** Separate or print the blank question pages from the end of this booklet and give them to your Scouts to use in completing requirements.

**Lions and Tigers** (K & Grade 1) With help from your parent:

1. Visit the museum exhibit and answer questions 1 through 5.
2. Complete a guided tour or the self-guided tour in the museum brochure.
3. During your tour, identify one animal (wild or domestic).

**Wolves and Bears** (Grade 2 & 3) With your parent or den leader:

1. View the orientation film in the auditorium.
2. Visit the museum exhibit and answer questions 1 through 10.
3. Complete a guided tour or the self-guided tour in the museum brochure.

**Webelos** (Grade 4 & 5) With your parent or den leader:

1. View the orientation film in the auditorium.
2. Visit the museum exhibit and answer questions 1 through 15.
3. Complete a guided tour or the self-guided tour in the museum brochure (visit all locations.)

**Boy Scouts and Venturers** (above Grade 5) Individually, or with a patrol or crew:

1. View the orientation film in the auditorium.
2. Visit the museum exhibit and answer questions 1 through 25.
3. Complete either a guided tour, the self-guided tour in the museum brochure (visit all locations), or the compass course.



## Answers to William Penn Trail Questions

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1. What is the name of the man who started this country estate and colony?  
**William Penn**
2. What did he name this home and gardens?  
**Pennsbury Manor**
3. What is the name of the river here?  
**Delaware River**
4. What is the name of this state?  
**Pennsylvania**
5. What does the name of this state mean?  
**Penn's Woods (named after his father, Admiral Sir William Penn)**
6. In what year was William Penn born?  
**1644**
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**London, England**
8. In what year did Penn receive a charter to establish a colony in America?  
**1681**
9. Who gave William Penn the charter for a colony?  
**King Charles II of England**
10. In what year did William Penn first travel to America?  
**1682**
11. Onboard what ship did Penn make his first ocean voyage to America?  
**The Welcome**
12. With what local tribe did Penn make a treaty?  
**The Leni Lenape**
13. What did the tribe give to Penn as a symbol of friendship and peace?  
**A wampum belt**



## Answers to William Penn Trail Questions

14. How many human figures are depicted on the Lenape's gift?

**Two**

15. In what year did William Penn die?

**1718**

16. Whom did Penn marry in 1672, and how many children did they have?

**Gulielma Springett (Eight, but only three lived past childhood)**

17. Why did the King of England give Penn a charter for the colony?

**To repay a large debt to Penn's father**

18. Penn wrote a letter to the "Emperor of Canada." Who was this?

**Most likely, an Iroquois Chief**

19. Whom did Penn marry in 1696, and how many children did they have?

**Hannah Callowhill (Seven, but only four lived past childhood)**

20. In what year did Penn make his second trip to America?

**1699**

21. Approximately how much total time did William Penn stay in America?

**Four years**

22. Penn was raised Anglican. In his early twenties, to what faith did he change?

**The Society of Friends, or Quaker**

23. William Penn incorporated new ideas about rights and government into his founding ideas for the colony. List two of these ideas.

**Freedom of religion (or religious liberty, or religious tolerance)**

**Separation of church and state**

**Free elections by the people, secret ballots**

**An assembly elected by the people to make laws (representative government)**

**No taxation without representation**

**Free and open court system**

**Trial by jury of peers**

**A justice system designed to reform criminals, not merely to punish them**



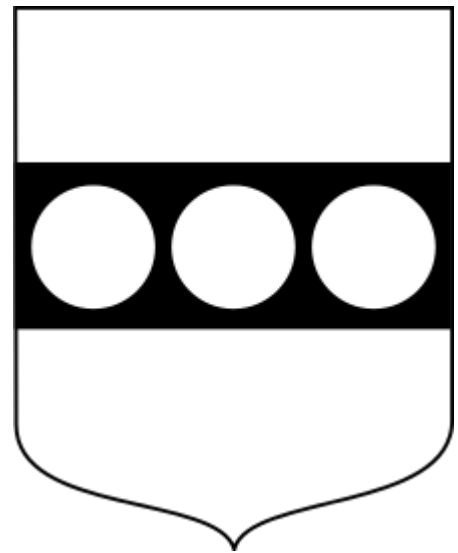
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24. Summarize Penn's idea of religious freedom in the colony.

Other colonies had official or established churches, and colonists who did not belong to these religions were sometimes persecuted. In Pennsylvania, colonists were free to choose their religion, and religious tolerance was the standard. Colonists did not have to be Quaker to vote, own property, or participate in government.

25. In 1984, what special thing did President Ronald Reagan do for William Penn and Hannah Callowhill Penn?

He made them Honorary Citizens of the United States (As of 2016, only eight people in history have this honor.)



Coat of Arms  
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2. Look inside the building on your left. What do you think was the purpose of this structure? **This is an icehouse used for year-round storage of ice blocks cut from the river in winter.**

*From the SW corner of this building, travel 213° for 190 ft.*

**(“Necessary”, outhouse, privy, or latrine)**

3. This building serves the same purpose as what room in your house?  
**the bathroom**
4. Why do you think there are multiple seats here? **Not for several people at once! This is so a large pit could be dug under the privy and then filled evenly by alternating use of the seats.**

*From the W corner of this building, travel 342° for 265 ft. (barn)*

5. Estimate the height of this building to the central peak of the roof. **24 feet**
6. You may walk in and around this building. Name three animals normally found here. **horses, oxen, sheep, geese, etc.**

*At the southernmost corner of this building, go 128° for 180 ft.*

7. What is the object here used for? **The sundial is used to tell time.**
8. What is missing from its face? **the pointer or gnomon**
9. If you can decipher the words, write (in modern English) the passage inscribed on its face. (The first word of each line is given.)

**Amidst the flowers, I tell the hours**

**Time wanes away as the flowers decay**

**Beyond the tomb, fresh flowers bloom**

**So man shall rise above the skies**





Answers to Optional Compass Course Questions

*From the NE side of the pedestal, follow 035° for 100 ft.*

10. What is the name of this building?(see brochure or placard to the left)  
**the Joyner Shop**

11. What job or trade was done here? **carpentry or woodworking**

*On NW side of the building, follow the path heading 070° for 100 ft.*

12. What is the structure here used for? **This shed is used to store garden tools.**

13. What is grown in this area? **seedlings (in cold frames) and fruit (on trees)**

*From this structure, go 139° for 115 ft, enter, and travel 165° for 90 ft.*

14. What is this area? **the Kitchen Garden**

15. What was the round brick structure here used for? **This is a cistern used to store water for watering plants in the garden.**

*From the edge of this brick structure, reverse course for 15 ft, then travel 255° for 50 ft. Exit, and travel 275° for 100 ft.*

16. What was this building's purpose? **A smokehouse was used to preserve meat.**

17. Colonists in Penn's time did not actually use this method for preserving.

What methods did colonists use to preserve food? **drying, canning, salting, pickling, spices, or root cellars**

*From the door of this building, go 229° for 100 ft.*

18. What is the stone object here? What is it used for? **A mounting block was used to get onto horses.**

*From this object, travel 037° for 110 ft.*

19. What building is located here? **the Worker's Cottage**

*From the S corner of this building, go 103° for 40 ft.*

20. What was this building used for? **the woodshed**



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*From this structure, travel 165° for 45 ft. (Kitchen House)*

21. What was this building used for? **cooking, preserving, brewing, butter churning, processing flax for linen, spinning, laundry and other chores**

*From the middle door of the S side of the building, go 160° for 160 ft.*

22. What body of water flows past Pennsbury? **The Delaware River**  
23. Why does the Manor House face the river? **The river was the primary means of transportation, so the house was made to face it.**

*Travel 275° for 135 ft.*

24. Identify the trees planted in two rows leading to the river. **Yellow poplar, tulip poplar, or tulip tree**

*Travel 165° for 195 ft.*

25. What large city lies downriver? **Philadelphia, PA**  
26. What large city lies upriver? **Trenton, NJ**  
27. What is the tide level now (high, low, etc.)? **to be determined at the time**  
28. Why were the tides important in Penn's time? **The incoming tide reverses the current of the river. Ships and barges traveled upriver with the incoming tide, and downriver with the outgoing tide.**

*Travel 290° for 130 ft.*

29. What is the object here? **a dugout canoe**  
30. Who used these for travel? **Native Americans at first, but colonists adopted**  
31. Why are there holes in it? **The holes drain water out, because the canoe sits outside on display. Otherwise, standing water inside would rot the wood. Actual canoes did not have these holes.**



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32. Where are you now? **the cemetery**

33. Who were the “trusted friends” mentioned on the plaque? **Phineas Pemberton and James Harrison**

34. What “mystery” is associated with this place? **There is an Indian buried here whose body was “...riddled with ball and shot...”**

*Reverse course, travel 076° for 295 ft. (Alter your line of travel to follow the path.) Then, 020° for 120 ft, enter, and travel 073° for 60 ft.*

35. What is the date on the wooden beam over the door? **1683**

36. Why are there so many paths here? **This was the place where family and visitors could sit outdoors, relax, and enjoy the gardens. There were many paths to walk on, and they were also used to tend the gardens more easily.**

*Continue on 073° for 60 ft, exit, and go 343° for 20 ft.*

37. What is this structure, and what is it used for? **This is the well, and it was used to access a supply of fresh water in the ground.**

*Now go 073° for 20 ft, turn to 343° for 475 ft, then 066° for 65 ft*

38. What is inside this structure? **A replica of a barge used in Penn’s time**

39. How was it propelled? **by rowing (manpower) or sail (wind)**

**Congratulations!**

**You have finished the William Penn Trail compass course.**

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**The Visitor’s Center exit is north of you.**



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William Penn Trail Patch



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