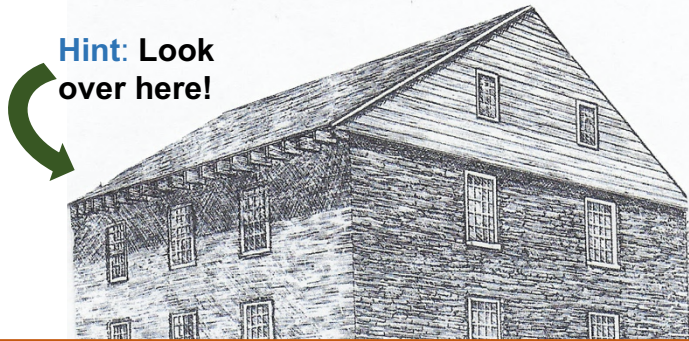


Peirce Mill Scavenger Hunt

Name: _____

Start this outdoor scavenger hunt at Peirce Mill, 2401 Tilden Street NW, Rock Creek Park, Washington, DC. You will be exploring both sides of Tilden Street. Please use caution when crossing roads or bike paths.



1) How Old is Peirce Mill?

Peirce Mill was built a very long time ago! Can you figure out what year it was finished? Near the roof, look for a stone with a date on it.

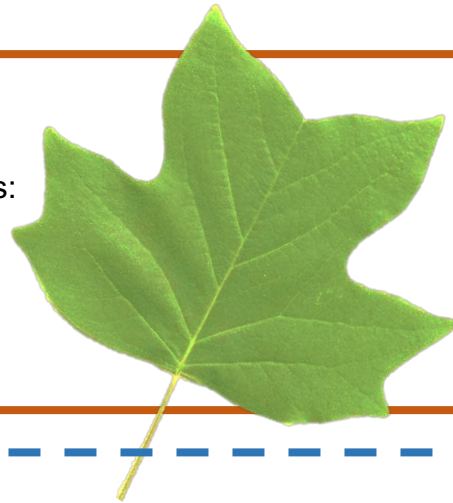
Circle the date: 1784 1818 1829

2) The Mill Yard

Find the **tulip tree** near in the mill; its leaves look like this:

Some people think this leaf looks like a cat's head.

Draw a picture of a cat's face on this leaf.



BONUS!

Can you find a place near this tree to get water?

3) Trace the Mill Race

Peirce Mill used water power to grind corn into cornmeal. The water came from Rock Creek, through a canal called a mill race.

The mill is no longer connected to Rock Creek, but you can still find the old mill race. Look for two lines of stones in the grass near Peirce Mill. **Follow the path of the mill race.**

Follow the mill race back to Peirce Mill. Can you find this piece of the mill?



4) The Power of Water

This wooden lever **LIFTS** a gate to let water flow to the wheel. It's named after a part of the human body.

Can you guess what it's called?

EAR

ARM

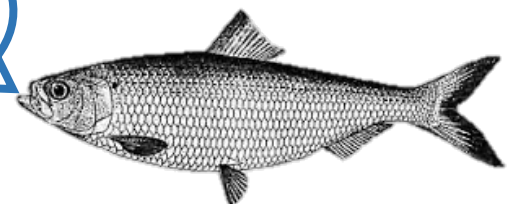
TOOTH

5) Fish Ladder


Every spring, these mighty fish swim upstream from the Chesapeake Bay. Using a fish ladder, they climb the waterfall at Peirce Mill. Go down to Rock Creek and find a sign that tells their story.

What is the name of this fish? _____

Help!
Draw some water for me to swim in!



6) The Barn

The large building uphill from the mill is the barn. It was built over 200 years ago from stones found nearby. Can you find this window? 

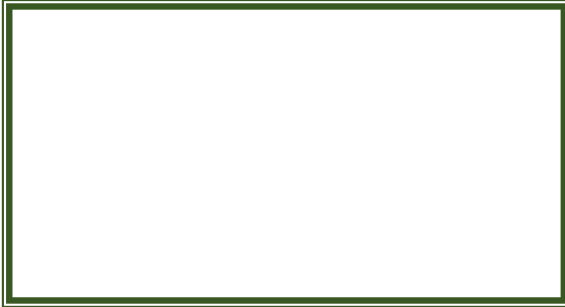
There was not always a window here. Can you figure out what it used to be?



Look closely at the stones. What used to be here?

Hint: Rhymes with snore

Look for insects and flowers, then draw here.



7) Orchard

The fenced area behind the barn is the orchard. A long time ago, fruit trees grew on Peirce Plantation. Open the gate and explore! *But please remember to close the gate when you leave!*

8) Spring House

Stand in front of the barn and look up the hill. Can you see the tiny stone house in the middle of the road? This building was built on top of a natural spring, where cool, clean water flowed from the ground.

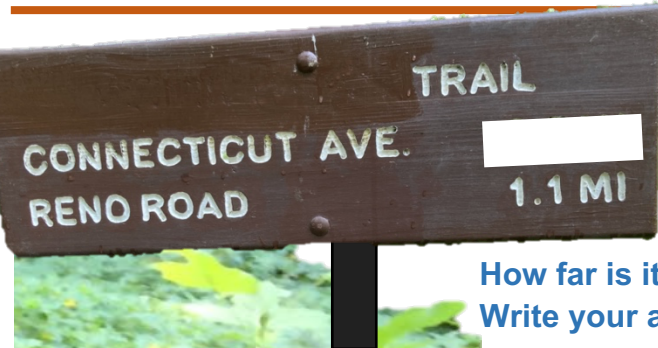


What do we use today instead of a springhouse?

U F C A T E

9) Trail to Connecticut Avenue

Carefully cross Tilden Street at the crosswalk. Walk through the parking lot and toward the picnic shelter. Keep on walking until you find this sign.



How far is it to Connecticut Avenue?
Write your answer on the sign.

10) Stone Marker

Look for this stone marker on the Melvin Hazen Trail. The U.S. on the front stands for United States. On the back, part of the letter "R" is missing. Fill in the 2nd and 3rd letters.

Can you guess what these initials stand for?

Keep on walking down the Melvin Hazen Trail as far as you'd like!



Look at the back of this marker, and fill in the last 2 letters:

R _ _

Earn Your Junior Ranger Badge!

Email a photo of your completed scavenger hunt to rocr_superintendent@nps.gov. Include your name & address, and we'll send a Junior Ranger badge!

Stumped by any of the questions?
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