



**FRANKLIN THEN & NOW
HISTORICAL TRAIL
APPLICATION TO HIKE**



WEBSITE: franklinhistoricaltrail.weebly.com

The FRANKLIN THEN & NOW HISTORICAL TRAIL is a **10 mile** hike thru historic of Franklin, TN exploring the fascinating history of this beautiful and charming southern town including the 1864 Battle of Franklin. You will see cannons, antebellum homes, both a Civil War fort and cemetery, and historic monuments.

IMPORTANT: Submission of this form indicates that the group leader agrees to read all trail rules on the second page of this application and safety instructions in the Franklin Then & Now Historical Trail instructions to all hikers in the group. Furthermore, by submitting this form, all hiking groups agree to accept full responsibility for the safety and conduct of all of their members and to indemnify and hold harmless the Franklin Then & Now Historical Trail, Memphis Historical Trails, Inc. and the Boy Scouts of America from all liability regarding participation in this hiking program.

Submit the form **at least one week before the planned hike date**. If you subsequently wish to change your hike date, please e-mail that information to abw11365@comcast.net.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Group/Unit:

Council (If a scouting group):

Leader's Name:

Leader's Signature:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone: ()

E-Mail:

Hike Date:

of Hikers:

Give approximate number if unsure

Submit to: Boyd Williams
1228 Hickory Ridge Dr
Franklin, TN 37064

Or e-mail PDF to: abw11365@comcast.net

Franklin Then & Now Historical Trail is part of Memphis Historical Trails, Inc.

General Information

The trail begins at Winstead Hill Park on Columbia Avenue (Hwy 31) south of the intersection with Mack Hatcher Parkway. There is parking available at Winstead Hill Park. The trail ends at the Old, Old Franklin Jail, which is now the home of Heritage Foundation, near the intersection of Bridge Street and 2nd Avenue. There is a free parking lot on Bridge Street beside the old jail and also a free parking garage on 2nd Avenue between Main Street and Church Street which is a couple of blocks away. Vehicles can be dropped off in the lot or garage prior to starting the trail to shuttle back to your vehicles at Winstead Park.

Groups or individuals wishing to hike the trail need to complete and submit the "APPLICATION TO HIKE" form. The application must be received one week prior to hike date to qualify for awards. The trail is free to hike. It is created by scouts, but it is open to all who wish to hike it.

Groups should allow 6 to 8 hours to complete the trail depending on speed and size of the group as well as number and length of meal, rest, or snack breaks. Be sure to start early enough to allow plenty of daylight for your group to finish prior to dusk.

The trail is not strenuous. It is mostly flat although there is one moderate climb up to Fort Granger. You will be walking in grassy and possibly muddy areas so hiking boots or similar footwear should be worn.

What to bring: Water, sunscreen, bug spray, first aid kit, snacks or lunch, questionnaire & directions (can be shared), answer sheet (1 per hiker), credentials card (1 per hiker), pen/pencil, something to bear down on.

There are many restaurants as possible lunch stops along the route including Chick-Fil-A on Columbia Avenue (between questions 10 & 11), Moe's BBQ on Columbia Avenue (between questions 34 & 35 on the trail) and Franklin Mercantile Deli on 4th Avenue just north of Main Street (between questions 38 & 39 on the trail). If you pack in your lunch, there are many places along the route which would be good locations to stop and eat including the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, Collins Farm, Pinkerton Park which has picnic tables, or Fort Granger which also has picnic tables in the parking lot as you leave the fort. Please properly dispose of all trash.

There are public restrooms along the trail at Winstead Hill, Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, Collins Farm, Carter House Visitors Center, Pinkerton Park, and inside The Factory.

If your group desires to walk the grounds at Carnton Mansion where the slain Confederate generals' bodies were laid, they charge \$6 per person. This trail grants a good view of the front of the mansion for free, but some hikers may desire to pay the fee and get a closer look. There are also museums and tours at the Carter House and Lotz House for a fee. None of these museums, tours or fees are associated with Franklin Then & Now Historical Trail, but hikers may wish to do them along the trail. If you choose to do that, be mindful of the time that will add to your hike.

The closest publicly available tent camping facilities are Henry Horton State Park (931)-364-7724 in Chapel Hill, TN which is 28 miles southeast of the starting point of the trail and Long Hunter State Park (615)-885-2422 (ask for group campsite) in Hermitage, TN which is about 30 miles north of Franklin. Reservations are required for either campground. Both have restrooms, potable water, picnic tables and fire rings.

Scout groups can reserve campsites at Middle Tennessee Council's camps. Call council office for availability (615)-383-9724.

Boxwell Reservation – Lebanon, TN, 52 NE of trail; Charles E Parrish Reservation – Walling, TN, 95 SE of trail; Grimes Canoe Base - Linden, TN, 97 miles west of trail.

Cellular service is good throughout the trail for most if not all carriers.

There are many churches along Main Street for Sunday morning services if desired by your group including St. Phillips Catholic, St. Paul's Episcopal, and Historic Franklin Presbyterian, all of which you will visit on this trail.

Costs

The trail is free to all to hike. Those who successfully complete the trail have the option of purchasing award patches and medals.

Rules & Regulations

Several portions of the trail follow Franklin's roads, some of which may be quite busy. The trail instructions will tell you which side of the road is safest and where you can cross safely. Leaders should keep close tabs on the youth when the trail follows a road and make sure all hikers stay clear of the traffic and stay safe. An orange or yellow safety vest is recommended for the front and rear hikers.

Scout groups must include two deep adult leadership 21 or older.

Scout groups should wear Class A uniform. During hot weather Class B uniform (scout t shirt and scout shorts) is acceptable.

All hiking groups should carry a complete first aid kit. Bug spray and sunscreen may also be desirable.

Each scout group should prepare its own BSA tour and activity plan if required, and it is recommended even when not required. Requirements and forms can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/healthandsafety/tourplanfaq.aspx>

Always show good courtesy on the trail. Walk single file when necessary to not block or force other pedestrians off the sidewalk.

Properly dispose of all trash. We encourage recycling!

Do no damage, vandalize, or deface any public or private property, monuments, trees, or anything else.