

NASHVILLE HISTORICAL TRAIL

Addendum to Brochure effective December 1, 1987. To be used in place of questions in brochure.

The trail starts at the State Fairgrounds. Park in the Fourth Avenue Parking Lot at the Fairgrounds. Go up the hill to the corner of the grandstand, where the telephone booth is located, find Metro Historical Marker (MHM #23).

Question 1: The Tennessee State Fairgrounds was formerly called Cumberland Park. What kind of racing was sponsored here by the Cumberland Fair and Racing Association?

Go down the hill and turn left at the intersection. Walk along the road in Fair Park to Rains Avenue. Turn right on Rains Avenue, and continue to MHM #2, on the SW corner of Rains Avenue and Merritt Street.

Question 2: What year did Capt. Rains build the fort?
Question 3: How old was Capt. Rains when he died?

Continue on Rains Avenue to Fourth Avenue South (Nolensville Road), and turn left on to Fourth Avenue South. After crossing the railroad tracks, find MHM #4.

Question 4: From what city did the first steam engine of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad come?
Question 5: How long did it take to make the trip from the wharf to the Cherry Street crossing?

Go along Fourth Avenue South to Oak Street. Find Tennessee Historical Marker (TNHM) #3A 55, at the entrance to the City Cemetery.

Question 6: When was the cemetery first established?
Question 7: About how many people are buried in the City Cemetery?

Walk along Fourth Avenue South, passing under the Interstate, to Lafayette Street. MHM #9 is at the intersection of Lafayette, Ewing and Sixth Avenue South.

Question 8: Who laid the cornerstone of Holy Trinity Church on May 7, 1852?
Question 9: How did the Union Army that occupied Nashville during the Civil War use the church?

Follow Lafayette to the intersection with Eighth Avenue South; turn right onto Eighth Avenue and go to Broadway. Find the bronze tablet mounted in front of the Custoes House, which was built in 1882.

Question 10: What year did Capt. John Gordon come to Nashville?
Question 11: Where is Capt. John Gordon buried?

Turn right at Broadway, and go down the hill to Opry Place (formerly Fifth Avenue). Turn left on Opry Place and go up the hill to the world famous Ryman Auditorium. You may wish to tour the inside of the building; the fee is \$1.00 for groups of 15 or more - less than 15 is \$1.50 each (in 1987), and the building is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Question 12: What was the original name of the Ryman Auditorium?
(Hint: Look up to look it up!)

Go up Opry to Church Street and find TNHM #3A 78, at the Downtown Presbyterian Church.

Question 13: Who designed the building?
Question 14: What year was the building dedicated?

Cross to the other side of Church Street and turn right. Find TNHM #3A 77 on the side of the building, at the site of the old Maxwell House Hotel.

Question 15: What year was the Maxwell House Hotel built?
Question 16: During the Civil War, what was it first used as?
Question 17: What year did it finally open as a hotel?

Turn right at Fourth Avenue, and go down Fourth to Commerce Street. Find MMH #35 at the NW corner of Fourth Avenue and Commerce Street.

Question 18: What year was William Walker elected president of Nicaragua?
Question 19: How old was he when he died?

Continue along Commerce to world famous Printer's Alley. Turn left and walk up hill along Printer's Alley to Union Street. Turn right on Union, then turn right again at Third Avenue, and go down Third to MMH #44, on the left side, near Broadway.

Question 20: When did Timothy Deaconbreun first live in the Nashville area?
Question 21: What did he do for a living when he became a permanent resident of Nashville in 1790?

At the intersection of Third Avenue and Broadway, turn left and walk along Broadway to the Silver Dollar Saloon.

* Question 22: What is sold in the Silver Dollar Saloon?
* Question 23: Whose offices are over the Silver Dollar Saloon?

* Building is subject to vacancy if between tenants.

Turn left at Second Avenue (formerly called Market Street), and walk up hill to Church Street. Turn right on Church and walk to First Avenue. Go down the hill to Fort Nashborough; the Fort is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed Sunday and Monday (1987 hours). Find TNHM #3A 33.

- Question 24: When was the present replica of the Fort built?
Question 25: Who was the Fort named after?
Question 26: When did James Robertson and John Donelson meet?
Question 27: How many frontiersmen came by land with Robertson?

(If the Fort is closed, answer as many questions as you can, and note the day and time on your answer card.)

Walk up hill from the Fort and take the first street on your left. Find MM #3 on the NE corner of Bank Street and Second Avenue, on a building facing Second Avenue.

- Question 28: Who established the first store in Nashville?
Question 29: What was the building known as?

Go up hill on Second Avenue and turn left on Union Street. Continue on Union to Fifth Avenue. Turn left on Fifth and go past the Arcade. If the Arcade is open, you may want to explore this famous shopping area. It was built in 1903 as a copy of the one in Milan, Italy. Only four structures of this type exist in the USA today.

Turn left on Church Street, then left again on Fourth Avenue. Go up Fourth to Deaderick Street, turn right and go to First Avenue. To your left is Public Square, with the Courthouse. Cross the Square, and go past the Courthouse on the side nearest the river.

- Question 30: What Courthouse is this?
(Look above doorway on building for the answer.)

Cross the street (James Robertson Parkway) and find TNHM #3A 38 on the front lawn of the Metropolitan Public Safety Building

- Question 31: Who gathered at the Nashville Inn for social events?

Follow James Robertson Parkway as it curves downhill to your right and away from the river until you are opposite the Municipal Auditorium. Cross the street, and go up the stairs to the left of the Auditorium. As you go up these stairs you can see the Tennessee State Capitol above the trees.

- Question 32: What color are the dolphins in the courtyard?

Follow the stairs that lead up and out of the courtyard. A series of outdoor stairs lead you to the Tennessee Capitol Building. There is a statue of Andrew Jackson on the side of the Capitol that you first come upon.

- Question 33: On what side of the horse is Andrew Jackson's sword?
Question 34: With which hand does he hold his hat?

As you face the inscription on the statue of Andrew Jackson, Polk's Tomb and TNHM #3A 74 on your left, on the north side of the Capitol Building.

Question 35: Where was James Polk born?

Question 36: What year did the state of Tennessee buy Holy Rosary Cathedral?

Go back toward the south side of the Capitol Building and go down the stairs that lead to Charlotte Avenue. Find TNHM #3A on the wall on the Charlotte Avenue side of the Capitol.

Question 37: Where is the body of William Strickland buried?

Go west to Charlotte Avenue (to your right as you came down the stairs) to Capitol Boulevard. Turn left on Capitol Boulevard. The War Memorial Building, housing the Tennessee State Museum, is on your left. If you are there when the museum is open, it is definitely worth a visit. Turn right at Union Street, then turn left onto Eighth Avenue North. Walk down Eighth Avenue and find MM #12, on the east side of Eighth Avenue, between Commerce and Broadway.

Question 38: What year did Hume School first open?

Turn right on Broadway. Find MM #14 on the lawn of the Federal Courthouse building, between the main entrance and Eighth Avenue South.

Question 39: What year was Nashville's Bicentennial?

Question 40: Name three things that went on during Nashville's Centennial Exposition in 1880?

Continue on Broadway to Union Station. MM #42 has been removed temporarily.

Question 41: What is going on at the Union Station now?

Continue walking along Broadway to Sixteenth Avenue South. Turn left at Sixteenth Avenue South and walk to Nashville's Music Row area.

Question 42: How many fountains are there on the laws of the Country Music Hall of Fame?

Sixteenth bends at Division Street. Follow Sixteenth to South Street and turn right on South Street. Turn right again at 21st Avenue South and follow 21st to West End. Turn left on West End; as you walk along West End, Vanderbilt University is on your left.

Question 43: Who founded Vanderbilt University?

Question 44: When was the University founded?

Walk along West End to Centennial Park. The most impressive building in the park is the Parthenon, a replica of the Ancient Greek original.

Question 45: How many rams' heads are on each of the entrances?

Question 46: How many steps lead up the Parthenon on the side closest to the State Capitol?

- Question 47: How many columns on the Parthenon?
Question 48: How many flutes on each column?

There is a jet fighter plane near the Parthenon.

- Question 49: How many tubes in the weapons racks under the plane?

N.C. & St. L. Locomotive #576 is on display near the fighter plane.

- Question 50: Who built the locomotive?
Question 51: How much water does the tender hold?

Near the locomotive is a monument to the N.C. & St. L. Railway. It consists of part of the doorway to the former Nashville offices of the Railway.

- Question 52: What was the Street Address of the Railway?

Leave Centennial Park by going back out to West End. Go away from the Park on 25th Avenue South to Garland Avenue. Take Garland left to 21st Avenue South.

- Question 53: What famous hospital is located at 21st Avenue and Garland?

Turn right on 21st Avenue. George Peabody College, now a part of Vanderbilt University, is located on 21st Avenue South. Turn left at Wedgewood.*

- Question 54: What college is located on Wedgewood Avenue?

Continue along Wedgewood back to the beginning of the Nashville Historical Trail at the State Fairgrounds.

* Map shows turning left on Magnolia between stop #25 and #26. Instead, turn left on Wedgewood, cutting off the existing offset.