

History Adventure Hike

- ▶ Ages 8 and up (must be able to walk up and down the paved greenway)
- ▶ Group size up to 25 participants
- ▶ 30 to 90 minutes depending on the age of those in the group, their interests, the weather, and time requirements
- ▶ Easily adapted for various ages, group sizes, and time constraints



The outdoor walk/hike begins at the museum. The group will walk through the Commons, along the Greenway Trail, and down the hill to the Yadkin River. Along the way, participants will hear about stories and events that occurred here over the past 250 years. The Greenway is part of the Overmountain Victory Trail, and the group will learn about the militia mustering here during the Revolutionary War.

Participants will hear stories about the

families who lived within sight of the greenway and about the arrival of the railroad in 1890. While standing on the pedestrian bridge over the Yadkin River, we'll discuss the importance of the river and how it has affected the development of the communities across the county. We'll also hear long-forgotten tales of people dealing with challenges involved with crossing the river before bridges were constructed. Depending on the weather, ages of the participants, and group size, we'll have the opportunity to walk to the river's edge to explore and experience nature first-hand.



Outdoor Group Activities

at the
Wilkes Heritage Museum

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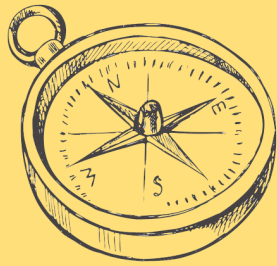
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These outdoor group activities are offered as standalone programs or combined with tours of the museum.

Contact the museum to schedule and customize your group outing!

Survey the Town

- ▶ Ages 12 and up
- ▶ Group size of 4 to 30 participants
- ▶ 1 to 3 hours (typically 1.5 hours)
- ▶ Easily adapted for various ages, group sizes, and time constraints



This is a group activity that combines local history, science, teamwork, problem solving, and creativity. It is suitable for anyone age 12 and up including school groups and adult teambuilding activities.

The program begins with a discussion of local history in the 1780s and 1790s in the years after the Revolutionary War ended and life was returning to a new normal. There was a need for a formalized county seat and government buildings. In 1800, William Lenoir was tasked with laying out

the town of Wilkesboro, and he created a town survey to locate streets, town lots, and certain existing buildings. Participants will recreate this survey at the actual site where these buildings existed in the 1790s, within the Commons area beside the museum.

The participants will be divided into smaller groups, with each responsible for locating, building, and representing a structure that was included in the 1800 survey. Each group will use a compass to plot a course to a different building using directions in William Lenoir's handwriting.



Each group will also have a copy of his town map to use as a guide and instructions that provide additional information about the building that they are locating. That information will be used to “build” it using colored sports cones to represent the building's perimeter. The buildings include the original Wilkes County courthouse, the jail, a tavern, a home, and two store houses. After the building is located, the group will work together to represent it on posterboard in words and drawings. At the end, each group will present their work to the others.

Collectively, these buildings show what the town of Wilkesboro was like 250 years ago. This is a hands-on activity that allows participants to work together, learn about local history, and most importantly, have fun!