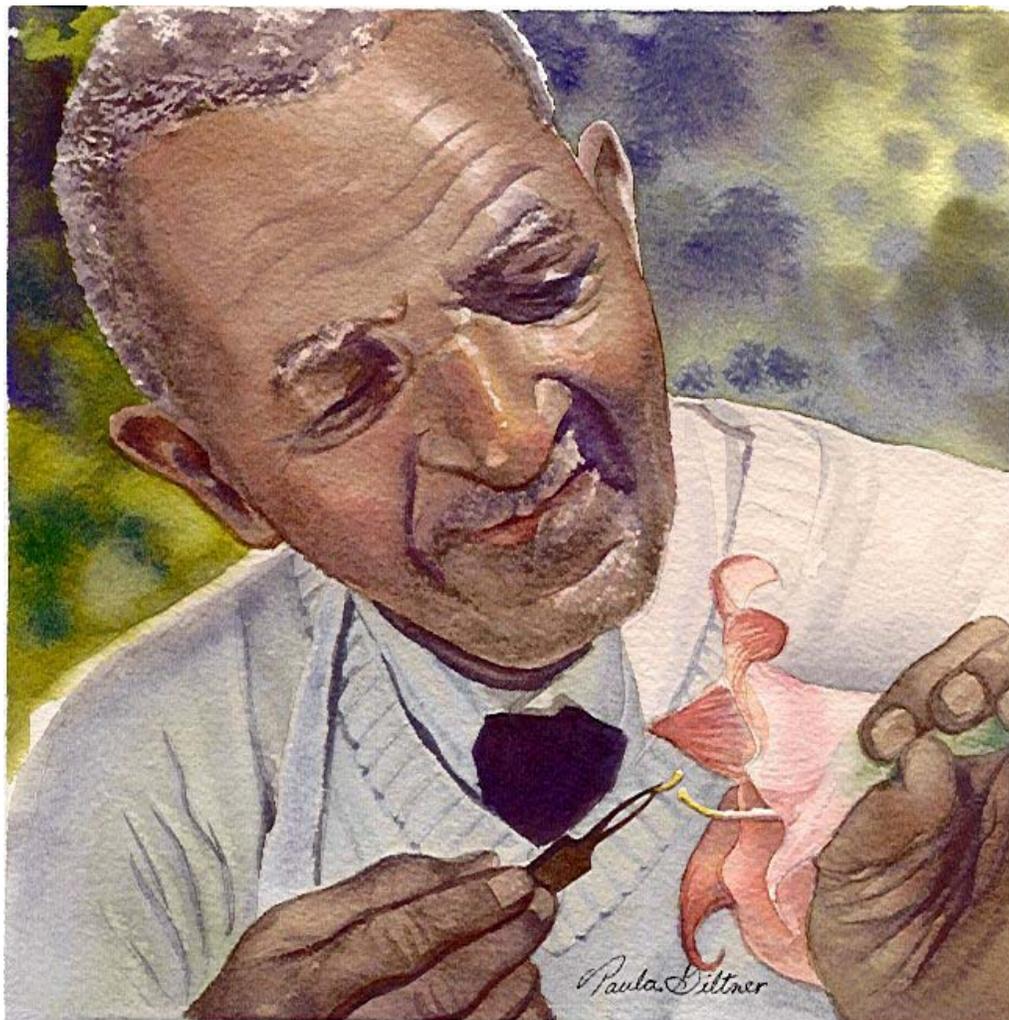


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United States Department of the Interior



George Washington Carver National Monument
Diamond, Missouri



Education Packet

George Washington Carver National Monument

**** Construction of the new Visitor Center is underway and may impact parking and travel time between stations. Please arrive early to compensate for this. An exciting, new educational facility is on the way for your future use!****

Location: Two miles west of Diamond, Missouri on V Highway,
then south on Carver Road

Telephone number: 417- 325- 4151

Mailing Address: George Washington Carver National Monument
5646 Carver Road
Diamond, Missouri 64840- 8314

Web Address: <http://www.nps.gov/gwca>

Description: The park consists of all 240 acres of the Moses Carver farm. The Carver Discovery Center includes a museum with exhibits that trace Carver's life from being born into slavery and growing up on the Moses Carver farm to his role as an artist, educator, and humanitarian as well as a world-renowned inventor and scientist. It also includes hands- on children's learning labs, provides young visitors an opportunity to explore the life of George Washington Carver through interactive exhibits.
Approximately 45- 60 minutes viewing time.

A 12- minute film entitled "*The Boyhood of George Washington Carver*" and a 30- minute film entitled "*Carver: Man of Vision*" are shown continuously in the visitor center auditorium. The 26- minute film "*George Washington Carver, Personal Perspectives*" is available upon request.

The $\frac{3}{4}$ mile Carver Nature Trail winds its way through the woodlands and tall grass prairie. It is partially paved and graveled, and includes the Carver Birthplace Site, the Boy Carver Statue, the Carver Spring, the William's Spring and Pond, the 1881 Carver House with displays and the Moses Carver family cemetery. A printed trail guide is available at the visitor center describing the main features along the trail.
Approximately 45 minutes walking time.

Located in the Visitor Center is a small sales area. There is an extensive collection of African- American books, postcards, and other souvenirs. The sales area is operated by the George Washington Carver Birthplace District Association, a non- profit organization. Proceeds from the sales are used directly for projects that promote the preservation of the site. A picnic area is available for family or group gatherings.

Open: The visitor center is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day.

- Reservations:** Park Ranger guided tours are available for groups. Advance reservations are requested.
- Admission:** No fee
- Accessible Facilities:** Picnic Area, Trail, Carver Discovery Center, Visitor Center
Wheelchair available upon request.
- Special Events:** On most weekends special programs, films and/or tours are offered.

2007 Schedule

Art & Essay Ceremony – March 17, 2007

Sponsored by Missouri Southern State University College of Education and the Carver Birthplace District Association, this ceremony features original artwork and essays from area students. The contest is open to all regional 4th graders and teachers are encouraged to contact the park for participation information, as entries are due in February.

Carver Day Celebration – July 14, 2007

Celebrating the 1943 establishment of George Washington Carver National Monument, this year's event is in conjunction with Missouri's "Heartland Chautauqua", held June 20- 25 on park grounds. On June 25th, Paxton Williams performs as George Washington Carver. Other highlights include family educational programs, gospel music, storytelling, exhibitors, and more.

Prairie Day Festival – September 8, 2007

Celebrating life on the Missouri prairie during the late 1800s when George Washington Carver was a child, this event includes horse- drawn wagon rides, woodcarving, basket- weaving, candle- making, Dutch- oven cooking, spinning, weaving, storytelling, historic music styles, quilting, and more.

- Administration:** Superintendent
417- 325- 4151
5646 Carver Road
Diamond, MO 64840

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER NATIONAL MONUMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The life of George Washington Carver, distinguished African American educator, scientist, humanitarian, artist, and musician, epitomizes the value of an education. George Washington Carver National Monument offers a comprehensive offering of education programs as outlined below.

Curriculum- Based Field Trip Options

Carver's "I Can" Education Program (grades K- 12)
G.W. Carver—The Plant Doctor (grades K- 1)
G.W. Carver—The Artist (grades 2- 3)
19th Century Lifestyles (grades 4- 6)

Curriculum- Based Field Trip Options

Park Rangers take park programs to schools libraries, museums, and colleges

Summer Junior Ranger Program

Saturday sessions during the summer
Ages 10- 12
Learn about the National Park Service & George Washington Carver

Walk- in Junior Ranger Program

Available for ages 5- 12
Children earn Junior Ranger badge
Approximate time to complete: 1 hour

Art & Essay

Held in February
Fourth- graders are invited to participate
Winners are honored in an awards ceremony during March
Sponsored by MSSU School of Education and Carver Birthplace Association

Adopt- A- School Outreach

McKinley Elementary in Joplin, MO
Diamond R- IV public schools in Diamond, MO
Educational programs and speakers
Promotion of special observances

Traveling Trunk Options

George Washington Carver Traveling Trunk
African- American Traveling Trunk
Tuskegee Airmen Traveling Trunk
Available for monthly loan

Free Video Loan Library

Videos on George Washington Carver and African American history

For more information on any of the programs listed, please contact the park at: 417- 325- 4151.

Directions to George Washington Carver National Monument

From Interstate 44:

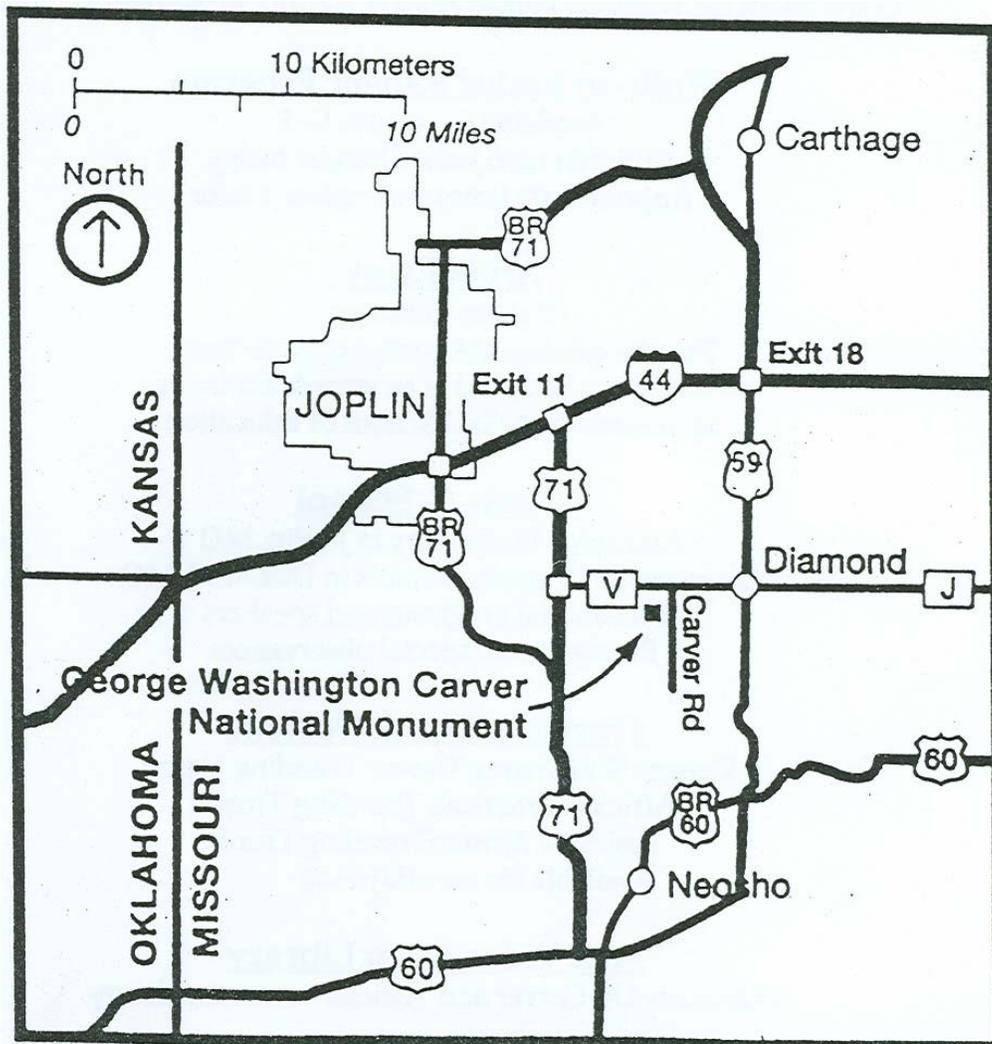
From Exit 11A on I- 44, take US 71 south to Highway V. Go east 4 miles, then south ½ mile on Carver Road.

From Exit 18A on I- 44, take Highway 59 south to Diamond. Go west 2 miles on Highway V, then south ½ mile on Carver Road.

From Neosho, MO:

Take US 71 north to Highway V. Go east 4 miles, then south ½ mile on Carver Road.

Take Highway 59 north to Diamond. Go west 2 miles on Highway V, then south ½ mile on Carver Road.



FREE VIDEO LOAN LIBRARY

George Washington Carver

1. *Carver, Man of Vision* (28 minutes)
2. *Carver's Boyhood* (15 minutes)
3. *Remembering George Washington Carver: Personal Perspectives a* (80 minutes)
4. *George W. Carver's Life* (29 minutes)
5. *The Peanut Man* (30 minutes)

African- American History

1. *African- American Life* (29 minutes)
2. *African- Americans* (30 minutes)
3. *Booker T. Washington* (32 minutes)
4. *The Speeches Collection of Martin Luther King* (60 minutes)
5. *A New Time, A New Voice* (26 minutes) Martin Luther King, Jr.
6. *Sweet Auburn* (15) Martin Luther King, Jr.
7. *Brown vs. Board of Education* (27 minutes)
8. *Frederick Douglass: An American Life and Freedom Fighter* (30 minutes)
9. *Great Black Innovators* (32 minutes)
10. *Free at Last: A History of the Abolition of Slavery in America* (11 minutes)

National Park Service

1. *America's Historic & Scenic Parks* (85 minutes)
2. *Kids Explore America's National Parks* (40 minutes)
3. *National Park Service, An American Legacy* (28 minutes)
4. *Conviction of The Heart* (10 minutes)
5. *Our Country: Musical Tribute to America's Parks & Monuments* (20 minutes)
6. *John Muir: The Man, The Poet, The Legacy* (50 minutes)

HOW TO ORDER: To borrow any listed films, write George Washington Carver National Monument or call between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Films should be reserved at least two weeks ahead of time and returned to the park within three weeks. The only cost to borrowers is return postage.

On God and Nature

“I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.”

On the Value of the Familiar

“Look about you. Take hold of things that are here. Let them talk to you. You learn to talk to them.”

On Success

“It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobiles one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts. These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success.”

On Common Things

“Learn to do common things uncommonly well; we must always keep in mind that anything that helps fill the dinner pail is valuable.”

On Preparation for Life

“There is no short cut to achievement. Life requires thorough preparation- veneer isn't worth anything.”

On Patenting His Discoveries

“One reason I never patent my products is that if I did it would take so much time, I would get nothing else done. But mainly I don't want my discoveries to benefit specific favored persons.”

Christian Faith

“I never have to grope for methods. The method is revealed at the moment I am inspired to create something new... Without God to draw aside the curtain I would be helpless.”

Dr. Carver's Prayer

“May God ever bless, keep, guide, and continue to prosper you in your uplifting work for humanity, be it great or small, is my daily prayer. And may those whom He has redeemed learn to walk with Him not only daily or hourly, but momentarily through the things he has created.”

“My prayers seem to be more of an attitude than anything else. I indulge very little lip service, but ask the Great Creator silently daily, and often many times per day to permit me to speak to Him through the three great Kingdoms of world, which He has created, viz. - the Animal, Mineral and Vegetable Kingdoms; their relations to each other, to us our relations to them and the Great God who made all of us. I ask Him daily and often momentarily to give me wisdom, understanding and bodily strength to do His will, hence I am asking and receiving all the time.”

Divine Love

“How my very soul goes out to people who have not found the first principle of true happiness and Divine love, which must rule the world.”

Sense of Discovery

“Never since have I been without this consciousness of the Creator speaking to me through flowers, rocks, animals, plants, and all other aspects of His creation.”

Waste Not, Want Not

“Take care of the waste on the farm and turn it into useful channels' should be the slogan of every farmer.”

Inter-Racial Harmony

“We are brothers, all of us, no matter what race or color or condition; children of the same heavenly father. We rise together or we fall together.”

Benevolence

“The primary idea in all of my work was to help the farmer and fill the poor man’s empty dinner pail...My idea was to help the ‘man farthest down,’ this is why I have made every process just as simple as I could to put it within his reach.”

Inspiration

“I am trying to get our people to see that their color does not hold them back as much as they think.”

Seeking Answers

“This old notion of swallowing down other people’s ideas and problems just as they have worked them out without putting our brain and originality into it and making them applicable to our specific needs must go, and the sooner we let them go, the sooner we will be free and independent people.”

Humility

“It is impossible for me to tell you how astonished I was yesterday to get a copy of the November issue of Junior Red Cross Journal bearing the illuminating article on the ‘*Sage of Tuskegee*.’ As I read it a number of times I forgot that it was about myself. In fact, the story is so beautifully and interestingly written that it is hard for me to believe that it is about me.”

Sense of Purpose

“No individual has any right to come into this world and go out of it without leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it.”

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because some day you will have been all of these.”

“One of the things that has helped me as much as any other, is not how long I am going to live, but how much I can do while living.”

“I hold before you my hand with each finger standing erect and alone, and so long as they are thus, not one of the tasks that the hand may perform can be accomplished. I cannot lift. I cannot grasp. I cannot hold. I cannot even make an intelligible sign until my fingers organize and work together. In this we should also learn a lesson.”

“I never saw anybody doing anything with his hands that I couldn’t do with mine.”

“If I know the answer you can have it for the price of a postage stamp. The Lord charges nothing for knowledge, and I will charge you the same.”

“Day after day I spent in the woods alone in order to collect my floral beauties, and put them in my little garden I had hidden in the brush not far from the house, as it was considered

Equipment

Figure it out for yourself, my lad,
You've all that the greatest of men have had,
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes
And a brain to use if you would be wise.
With this equipment they all began,
So start for the top and say, "I can."

Look them over, the wise and great
They take their food from a common plate,
And similar knives and forks they use,
With similar laces they tie their shoes.
The world considers them brave and smart,
But you've all they had when they made their start.

You can triumph and come to skill,
You can be great if you only will.
You're well equipped for what fight you choose,
You have legs and arms and a brain to use,
And the man who has risen great deeds to do
Began his life with no more than you.

You are the handicap you must face,
You are the one who must choose your place,
You must say where you want to go,
How much you will study the truth to know.
God has equipped you for life, but He
Lets you decide what you want to be.

Courage must come from the soul within,
The man must furnish the will to win.
So figure it out for yourself, my lad.
You were born with all that the great have had,
With your equipment they all began,
Get hold of yourself and say, "I can."

- Edgar A. Guest

George Washington Carver used this poem in a commencement address he gave at Selma University, Selma, Alabama, May 27, 1942.

Top Ten Things Kids Love in the Gift Shop at George Washington Carver National Monument!

10. Post Card - 25 ¢
9. Pencil - 30 ¢
8. US Constitution and other historical documents \$1.00 - \$1.95
7. Yo- Yo - \$2.50
6. Puddle Jumper - \$2.50
5. Jacob's Ladder - \$3.75
4. A Scholastic book on George Washington Carver - \$4.95
3. A Poster of George Washington Carver - \$3.50
2. Peanut Growing Kit - 50 ¢
1. Dog Tag - \$3.00



The sales area is sponsored by the Carver Birthplace District Association. Proceeds from all purchases provide direct support for the educational programs at George Washington Carver National Monument.

Thank You!

Additional Information:

1. USDA Activity Book
<http://www.usda.gov/oo/colorbook.htm>
2. Show Me Agriculture
<http://ag.missouristate.edu/showme/showmegc.pdf>
3. Become a WebRanger
<http://www.nps.gov/WebRangers/>
4. Legends of Tuskegee
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/tuskegee/>
5. Tuskegee NHS
<http://www.nps.gov/tuin/>
6. Southwest Center for Educational Excellence
<http://www.southwestcenter.org/>
7. Missouri Southern State University
<http://www.mssu.edu/>