

Hampton National Historic Site



Scavenger Hunt

DIRECTIONS: As you explore the park, find the answers to the following questions. Answers may be found on the waysides and in exhibits. Begin at the Visitor Contact Station and follow the path toward the mansion. Clues may be found throughout the park. Once complete, return the worksheet to your teacher. Remember, you can always ask a park ranger or volunteer to show you the way.

Location/Wayside	Question	Answer
"Hampton: An American Story"	How large was Hampton Plantation in 1829?	25,000 acres
"Ridgely's Pride"	What is the architectural style of Hampton's mansion?	Georgian The emphasis of this style is on symmetry.
"Ice Cream in July"	How far underground does the ice house extend?	34 feet
"Oranges in January"	How was the Orangery heated?	A hypocaust furnace and sunlight
"Behind the Big House"	Name one domestic service building and its function.	--1910 Garage—used for cars --Sheds—storage --Privies—toilet facilities --Octagonal House—living quarters for enslaved and free domestic servants
"A Romance with Nature: The Falling Garden"	Who worked to create and maintain the falling gardens at Hampton?	--Professional gardeners --Enslaved and free laborers
"In Memoriam"	Why was "early death" common in the early 19 th century?	limited medical knowledge
"Thoroughbreds at Hampton"	What was one of the names of the Ridgely's prize-winning horses?	--Grey Medely --Post Boy --Tuckahoe
"The View from Below"	Why is this part of the site called the "home farm"?	--Closest to the family residence --Crops and animals raised on this land directly supported life in the Ridgely household
"The Lower House"	What was the function of the bell atop the house?	The bell (ca. 1850) atop the Lower House was used to call enslaved workers into and out of the field.

"Corn Culture"	What was the corn crib used for?	Storing and drying corn to prepare it for milling. The corn crib could store thousands of ears of corn
"The Cream of Hampton"	What three parts of the Dairy make it a "natural refrigeration system"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Built into the ground --Shaded by lowhanging eaves --Cool water from a nearby spring bubbles to the ground and runs through a tap into a trough that surrounds the dairy floor
"A Slave Village"	Why are these quarters built with stone and ornamental woodwork?	<p>The ornamentation provided a more pleasing view for the Ridgelys. Though the structures are more substantial than many buildings used to house enslaved people, it is important to note that the priority for the Ridgelys in using this <i>ferme orneé</i> (ornamental farm) design is a choice based on appearances, not comfort.</p>

Park Map

