

Manhattan Project National Historical Park  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

National Park Service  
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MANHATTAN PROJECT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
OAK RIDGE SITE

## **JUNIOR RANGER BOOK**

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Manhattan Project National Historical Park is a partnership park, with both the Department of Energy and the National Park Service. Together, they tell the stories of Los Alamos, NM; Hanford, WA; and Oak Ridge, TN. These three sites played a unique and crucial role during the Manhattan Project. We encourage you to visit all three locations.

## Junior Ranger Program

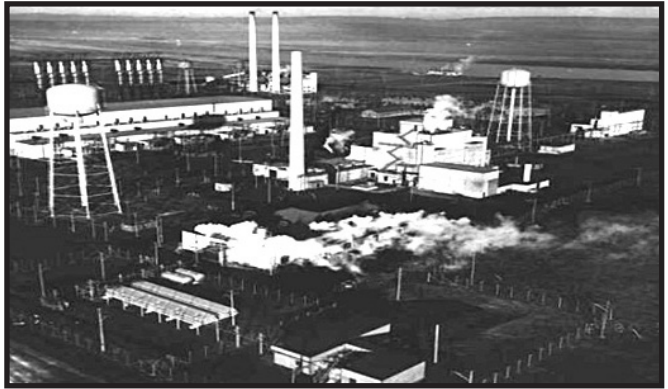
Americans protect national parks so everyone can experience our heritage. This handbook will help you discover why Manhattan Project National Historical Park is one of these special places. Allow about 3 hours to earn a Junior Ranger badge. We suggest starting at Manhattan Project National Historical Park Visitor Center Desk at:

Children's Museum of Oak Ridge  
461 W. Outer Drive  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Several activities can be done nearby. Pick up a park map and get some advice from a park ranger. The Visitor Center Desk is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm Eastern Time.

Some other historic spots are:

- Alexander Guest House
- Rotary Commemorative Walk
- Friendship Bell
- K-25 Overlook
- K-25 History Center
- Midtown Community Center
- Chapel on the Hill
- American Museum of Science and Energy
- X-10 Graphite Reactor
- Y12 Visitor Services New Hope Center



## Questions?

Call Manhattan Project National Historical Park Visitor Center Desk at (865) 482-1942, located at:

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Historical Park Channel on YouTube**



## **What is a Junior Ranger?**

Someone like you who completes Junior Ranger activities and promises to care for our national parks. Have fun exploring! You can earn your badge in a few hours. When you are done, take this handbook to the Visitor Center and show it to a park ranger.

**To earn a badge, complete at least 8 handbook activity pages.**



## 1st Activity Page



Designed in 1951, the arrowhead is the National Park Service symbol. Look at it carefully. Each part represents something that park rangers protect. Fill in these words to decode the Arrowhead.

**bison      sequoia tree      lake      arrowhead      mountain**

The \_\_\_\_\_ represents plants.

The \_\_\_\_\_ represents animals.

The \_\_\_\_\_ represents scenic landscapes.

The \_\_\_\_\_ represents water resources and recreation.

The \_\_\_\_\_ represents history and culture.



## 2nd Activity Page

### Did You Know?

Yellowstone National Park became the world's first national park in 1872. In the early years, most national parks were in the western states. This is why the badge has western symbols. Today, the National Park System includes seashores, battlefields, monuments (like the Statue of Liberty), huge wetlands, scenic rivers, islands, and urban parks (like Manhattan Project National Historical Park). Record how many arrowheads you see during your visit. Can you spot them on signs, cars, brochures, and uniforms?

List any other national parks you have visited.

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## 3rd Activity Page

### Manhattan Project National Historical Park Kids in Action Challenge:

There are many fun ways to get moving in this national park. Here's our challenge.

Do one activity for every year of your life. For example, if you are 8 years old, **you must complete 8 things on our list**. Check the square when you finish each one.

- ☐ I hiked on \_\_\_\_\_ Greenway.
- ☐ I visited A K Bissel Park and learned \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I took a picture of myself in the park.
- ☐ I climbed 20 steps.
- ☐ I attended a ranger program. We explored Oak Ridge by \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I ran for more than one minute.
- ☐ I rode a bike along the Melton Lake Greenway.
- ☐ I explored \_\_\_\_\_ Museum.
- ☐ I had a picnic in a park.
- ☐ I took the bus tour of the Oak Ridge Facilities.
- ☐ I saw my first \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I played \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.
- ☐ I visited \_\_\_\_\_ park waysides. Ask a ranger on where to find these around Oak Ridge!
- ☐ I visited \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I went to the Linden School Wetlands.
- ☐ I went to a park which used to be a school during the Manhattan Project.
- ☐ I think \_\_\_\_\_ counts too!



## 4th Activity Page

### Secret City Challenge

What is the real name of the Secret City? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was president in 1941? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened in Hawaii on December 7, 1941?

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Which president authorized the dropping of an atomic bomb on Japan to end World War II? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was the Manhattan Project developed in 1942?

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What was an Alphabet House?

\_\_\_\_\_

How many people lived in the Secret City in 1945? \_\_\_\_\_

Many unmarried people moved to the Secret City right after college. What was their housing called? \_\_\_\_\_

Find out how many schools - from elementary through high school - were in operation serving children in the Secret City in 1945. \_\_\_\_\_

Why did people walk on boardwalks instead of sidewalks?

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There were seven gates to enter the Secret City and residents had to wear identification badges. How would you feel living behind a fence?

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## 5th Activity Page

Who was the official Manhattan Project of Oak Ridge photographer?

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What were the Secret City workers doing that was so secretive?

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Who was the army general leading the Secret City project in 1942 and can you name the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was the first youth organization in the Secret City in the 1940s?

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Can you find a Secret City elementary school that is now a museum for children?

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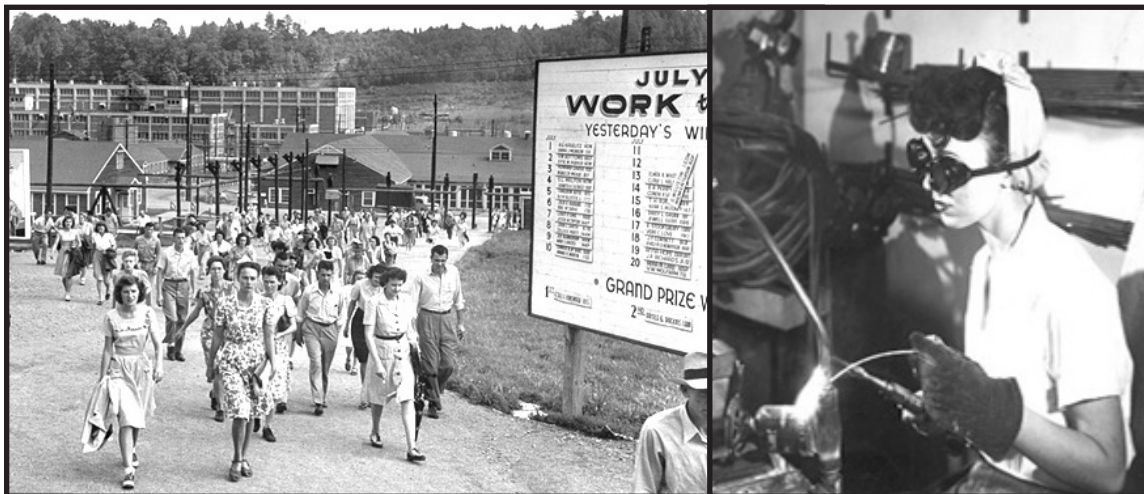
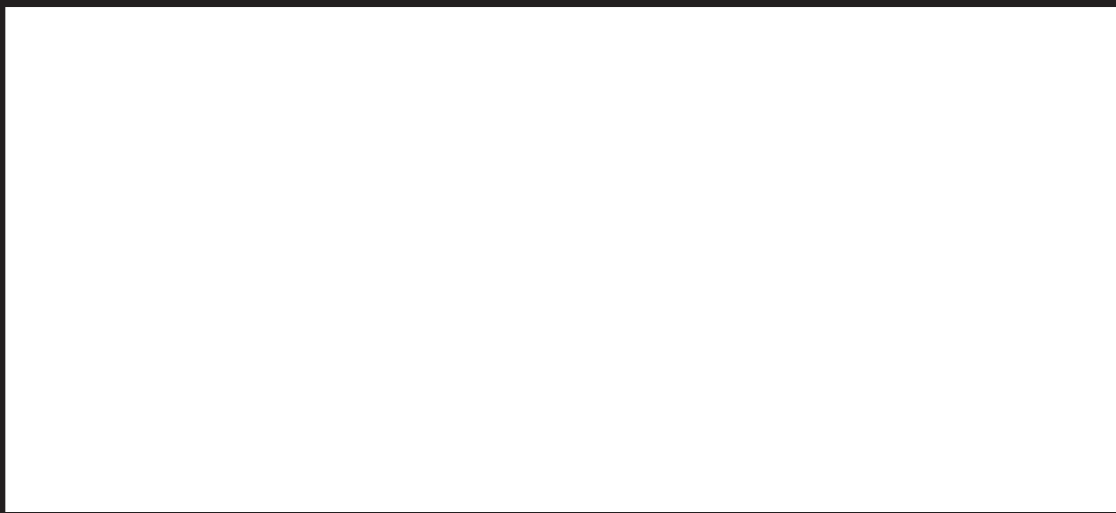
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## 6th Activity Page

### Big Science in the Secret City

If you were a scientist, what invention would you create? Draw your new invention below:





## 7th Activity Page

Who were the Calutron Girls?

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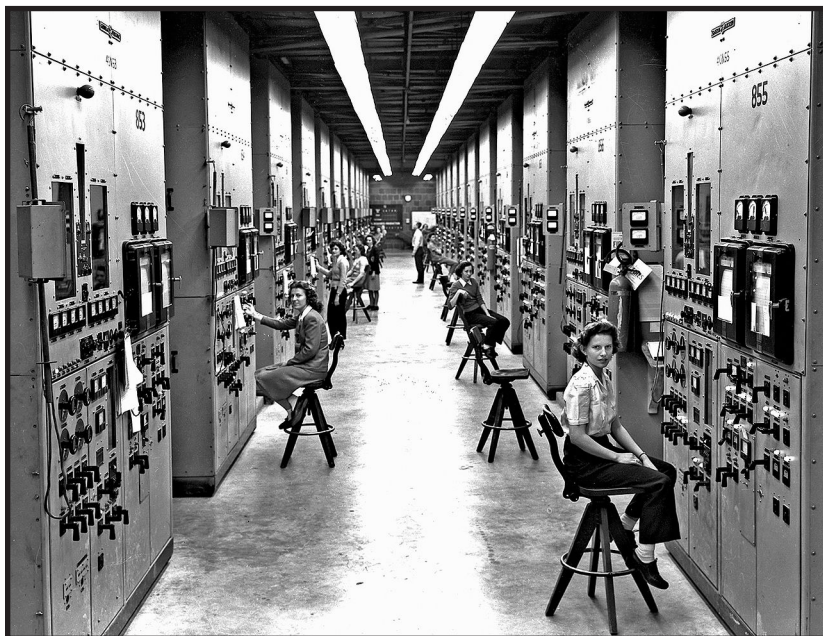
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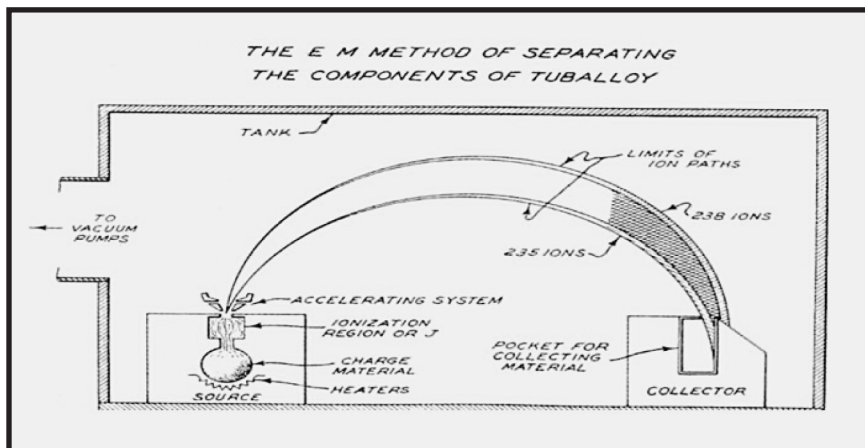


Diagram of uranium isotope separation in the calutron.

Alpha I Racetrack. The calutrons are located around the ring. What did the calutron separation produce?

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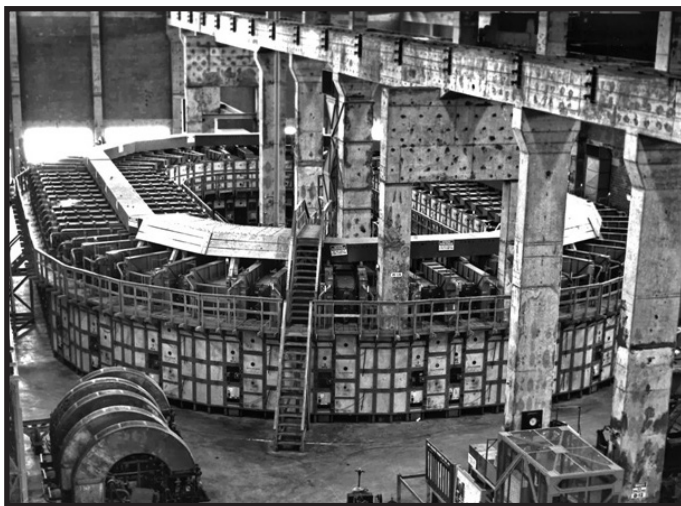
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## 8th Activity Page

Describe what a day in a kid's life was like in the Secret City in 1945.

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Describe the kind of activities or sports that kids could do in the Secret City in 1945-46.

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## 9th Activity Page

### Manhattan Project NHP Hidden Word Search

Can you find the words that are important to the Manhattan Project and the Oak Ridge Unit of the Park?

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C R E A C T O R U O E D X B M P A S W Q C A  
I Z I M U I N O T U L P M V S Q L P U M H K  
T P M A N H A T T A N L M W R Z L L R W S R  
Y N O R T U L A C W T H M A L Z P Q A M P I  
Z W J L Z T R T P M J K L D W L O S N S T D  
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E J M Z D E T E L O P Q A T W E S L U P R E  
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|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| MANHATTAN   | PLUTONIUM  | REACTOR   | ROOSEVELT | GROVES         |
| PROJECT     | CALUTRON   | SCIENTIST | ATOM      | ALPHABET HOUSE |
| SECRET CITY | LOS ALAMOS | OAK RIDGE | URANIUM   | HANFORD        |



### Junior Ranger Pledge

As a Manhattan Project National Historical Park Junior Ranger, I promise to teach about what I learned today, to explore other parks and historic places, and help to preserve them so people can enjoy them forever.

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_, has successfully completed the requirement of a Junior Ranger on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Reviewed by Ranger \_\_\_\_\_  
NPS /Name of Ranger

If you can't return to the Visitor Center, mail your handbook to:

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**Oak Ridge Tennessee, 37830**

Tell us where to mail your badge:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



This certificate is proudly presented to

\_\_\_\_\_

please print name

for completing the

# Manhattan Project National Historical Park Junior Ranger Activity Booklet

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Park Ranger Signature