

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

Manhattan Project National Historical Park  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee



April 2019

## Manhattan Project History in April

- The work of Frederic Joliot and his group was published on April 22, 1939, demonstrating that a chain reaction was possible.
- Enrico Fermi relocated to the Chicago Met Lab in April of 1942 and begins planning the construction of CP-1.
- In April 1944 General Groves was informed by J. Robert Oppenheimer on the thermal diffusion research taking place and encouraged to take part in Oak Ridge. Two months later General Groves ordered the construction of the S-50 thermal diffusion plant.
- President Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945 and Vice President Truman was sworn in as President after serving 82 days as vice president.
- President Truman is briefed on the Manhattan Project by General Leslie Groves and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson on April 25, 1945.

## We're Partnering with Children's Museum of Oak Ridge to Celebrate National Junior Ranger Day on Saturday, April 20.

This event will be free to all Jr. Rangers and their immediate family. Children will have an opportunity to play WWII era games, become a Manhattan Project Jr. Ranger, watch 4 brand new park short movies, and talk with National Park Service firefighters and law enforcement rangers.



National Park Week is Saturday April 20 Sunday, April 28. The week also commemorates National Jr Ranger Day (April 20), Military & Veterans Recognition Day (April 21), and Earth Day (April 22).

## Bike with Rangers Down Beautiful Melton Lake Greenway on Saturday, April 27 at 10 am (ET).

The program will begin at Elza Gate Park, 101 Oak Ridge Turnpike, and continue down Melton Lake Greenway to Old Edgemore Road. We'll stop several times along the bike ride to point out the rich history that is found within the Oak Ridge area. The ride will be approximately 8 miles round trip, it is recommended that visitors bring drinking water.

The National Park Service and the Newly Opened Oak Ridge History Museum are Hosting "HerStory: A Photography Exhibit of Women in the Secret City". The exhibit will be open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 102 Robertsville Rd.

"Before the Secret", Photography Exhibit is Now Available for Viewing in the Lobby of the Oak Ridge Federal Building, 200 Administration Road. The exhibition focuses on life in the Oak Ridge area before the Manhattan Project.

## Spring has Sprung and We're Getting Started on the Victory Garden. Interested in helping?

Give us a call.



Park Visitor Center Desk  
at the

Children's Museum of Oak Ridge  
461 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
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or visit us at:

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