National Park Service
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Manhattan Project National Historical Park
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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Manhattan Project History in May

- The Office of Scientific Research and Development started to be established in May 1941. The office would be created more formally by an executive order in June and Vannevar Bush would be moved from the head of National Defense Research Committee into the Office of Scientific Research and Development.
- On May 3, 1941 Glenn Seaborg was able to prove that plutonium-239 is more fissionable than uranium-235 through his research at the University of California, Berkeley.
- President Roosevelt signed into law legislation creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps on May 15, 1942. The Auxiliary Corp was later converted into the Women's Army Corps in 1943.
- One month after the death of President Roosevelt, German armed forces surrender in Europe on May 7, 1945.

We're Celebrating National Tourism Week at the Grand Re-Opening at the K-25 Overlook (2013 Highway 58, Oak Ridge) on Monday, May 6 from 4-6pm. The event will include interpretative exhibits, live music and more.

Professional Development Opportunity for Teachers.

We're recruiting teachers to participate in the National Park Service Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program this summer. Applications (https://www.nps.gov/mapr/learn/teacher-ranger-teacher.htm) must be submitted by e-mail and are due Friday, May 10. For more information about the program contact daniel_banks@nps.gov.

Walk with a Ranger through Jackson Square on Wednesday May 15 at 3 pm (ET). We'll begin at Jackson Square just outside the Oak Ridge Playhouse and end near the Chapel on the Hill. Along the walk rangers will discuss the history of Town Center Number 1. The relaxing walk will be around one-half mile with stops near the Guesthouse and tennis courts. Comfortable walking shoes and sunscreen are recommended.

The Secrecy Security and Spies Program is Back on Saturday, May 18 at 3:30 pm (ET) at the Turnpike Gatehouse (2900 Oak Ridge Turnpike). The program will give some insight to what life was like in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project with the need for secrecy, all of the security that surrounded the city, and the threat of spies.

Join Us for a Ride with a Ranger program on Saturday May 25 at 10 am (ET). Check your air pressure and grab your helmet for a ride along the North Boundary Greenway. We'll begin at the Turnpike Gatehouse (2900 Oak Ridge Turnpike) and travel down Quarry Trail. Along the ride we will explore the former communities that were here before the Manhattan Project. Rangers will stop several times along the bike ride to point out the rich history that is found within the Oak Ridge area.

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