

# Cowpens National Battlefield

## Historic Trail Patch Information

### Boy/Girl Scout Historic Trail Patch - Cowpens National Battlefield

This information is found at: <https://www.nps.gov/cowp/learn/kidsyouth/patchinformation.htm>

- **BE PREPARED!** Read the requirements thoroughly.
- Have everything with you when you arrive at the battlefield, including the **Application**.
- **Print the correct test for the age scouts you are bringing! Cub/Brownie Scout test, Boy/Explorer/Girl Scout test**  
Before turning in your tests, make sure your group has completed the paperwork and appropriate walk(s). **Only scouts and leaders who have completed the walk(s) and passed the test are eligible for the patch.**

### **REQUIREMENTS for earning the Historic Trail Patch at Cowpens National Battlefield are as follows:**

1. A scout leader must print the tests from the Cowpens National Battlefield Cub/Brownie Scout Test page on this website or the Boy/Explorer/Girl Scout Test page or obtain trail tests from the Palmetto Council office in either Spartanburg or Rock Hill, SC The Scout Master/Leader must have them in hand for each scout or adult who wishes to earn the patch prior to arriving at the park. Hike in groups of ten (10) or less. Each group must have an adult leader who is responsible for each ten hikers.
2. All scouts must arrive prepared with pencils, etc.
3. Park hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. All scouts must have his/her test graded and stamped at the park Visitor Center after completing the hiking portion of the trail. **Park staff may be unable to grade the questionnaires while the scouts are in the park.** If this occurs, the staff will grade them as soon as possible and mail the tests and application to the scoutmaster.
4. **Please pay particular attention to the differences in requirements for older scouts versus cubs, etc.**
  - All scouts and leaders must begin their tour in the Visitor Center, watch the fiber optic map, and study exhibit text. The 18-minute laser movie, "Cowpens: A Battle Remembered" is optional.
  - They will be expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. Dress at all times should be appropriate for a tour of a National Park and should identify scouts as a member of their organization.
  - **Boy/Explorer/Girl Scouts** must walk/hike the battlefield trail, **and** either the environmental trail or the auto loop road in addition to answering all questions on the form. **Hint!** Extra credit answers can be found on the exhibits on the auto loop road.
  - **Cub/Brownie Scouts**, etc. must walk/hike the battlefield trail in addition to answering all the questions on the form. Extra credit answers for this test are on the battlefield trail.

After the group has met all the above requirements, the leader should complete the enclosed application, attach the completed and stamped questionnaires, enclosed with a check made payable to Palmetto Council, BSA for patches at \$2.50 shipping. Mail to: Palmetto Council, BSA; Palmetto Council, BSA; 420 South Church Street; Spartanburg, SC 29306. This is an earned patch - not a commemorative one - and may only be awarded to those scouts and leaders who complete all the requirements.

To schedule a Service project or to discuss an Eagle Scout project, please contact Randy Fowler, Maintenance at (864) 461-2828.