

Pricketts Fort Scavenger Hunt

These items can be found in the fort, blacksmith shop, Job Prickett House and Visitor Center Museum. Have fun searching!

- 1) Butter Churn: The churn that you see is a plunger type. Cream is churned by the pumping motion and separates into buttermilk and butter.
- 2) Anvil: The anvil is used as a striking surface by blacksmiths, allowing hot metal to be hammered and shaped into tools, weapons, and household items.
- 3) Buffalo Skin: Native to what is now West Virginia, buffalo were very useful to both settlers and American Indians on the frontier because they provided both with food and clothing.
- 4) Atlatl – A hunting tool that was used by early man before the invention of the bow and arrow, the atlatl was used to throw a spear, or dart, with considerable precision.
- 5) Flax Break: This device is used to break the hard outer husk of harvested flax to reveal the soft inner fibers. The fibers are then spun into thread.
- 6) Bellows: A tool used by blacksmiths to push gusts of air into a fire to make it hot enough to heat metal.
- 7) Spinning Wheel: Used by women in the 18th and 19th centuries, the spinning wheel allows one to twist plant fibers or wool into thread or yarn.
- 8) Wood Lathe: This tool was turned by an apprentice so the master wood wright could turn wood into beautiful table and chair legs.
- 9) Elk Skin: Native to what is now West Virginia, the elk, which is in the deer family, was used for clothing, bedding and food. Elk were recently reintroduced back into West Virginia.
- 10) Dutch Oven: This device was cast of iron and was used to bake pies and breads. Hot coals could be placed on the flat lid to aid in the baking process.
- 11) Hominy Block or Samp: A tool to aid in grinding or hulling corn. The corn is then boiled in water or milk.
- 12) Rope Bed: The precursor to the modern box spring, the ropes on the bed could be tightened or loosened depending on the persons sleeping preference.