

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) **Mouse Trap:** Do not be fooled by the simple design of this 19th century mouse trap, it was very effective in capturing rodents.
- 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.