

America's Stonehenge

An Interactive Journey

This sheet can be printed and read aloud by teachers and chaperones as an accompaniment to your tour as you go along the site. These questions will help to engage students and get them thinking about the original purpose of the site. It follows both the boom box tour and the tour guide map.

Stop #6: Lower Gate / Main Site

Q: When was this fence erected?

A: Erected in 1937 by William Goodwin.

Q: Why was the fence necessary?

A: To protect the site. This fence is one of the greatest credits to William Goodwin's name.

Stop #8: The Upper Well (Well of Crystals)

Q: What type of crystals were found in this well?

A: Quartz crystals.

Stop #10: The Pattee Area

Q: Who was hiding here?

A: Slaves, as part of the Underground Railroad.

Stop #19: The East-West Chamber

Q: Why was this chamber called "The Tomb of Lost Souls"?

A: It was used as storage of bodies.

Q: Have they ever found bones in this chamber or on the site? Why not?

A: No. The soil in this area is too acidic; would break down bones in 100 to 1,000 years.

Stop #29: The Oracle Chamber

Q: Why was this chamber named "The Oracle Chamber"?

A: Because of the speaking tube, which exits beneath the Sacrificial Table, making it appear as if the table could talk.

Stop #30: The Astronomical Viewing Platform

Q: What does "equinox" mean?

A: Equal day and night.

Q: What is the significance of the summer solstice?

A: It is the longest day of the year.

Q: What is the significance of the winter solstice?

A: It is the shortest day of the year.

Stop #31: The Sacrificial Table

Q: How much does the sacrificial table weigh?

A: 4.5 tons.

Q: What is that in pounds?

A: 9,000 pounds.

Q: Bonus: What is that in kilograms (9,000 ÷ 2.2)?

A: 4,090 kg.