



Dan Beard Hike Adult Leaders Guide

- Parking is easiest to find on the riverside of the floodwall off Dave Cowens Way, under the purple people bridge, along Riverboat Row. Additional parking is available inside Newport on the Levee.
- If you do not have a copy of the attached parking pass, or a paid parking receipt on your dashboard, you will get a ticket.
- The roughly 5-mile hike brings you back to this spot and if scouts must leave early, there are several bridges that make for easy access back to this spot.
- Leaders, please make sure scouts are prepared with appropriate attire for the weather and with water. Lunch or heavy snacks are strongly encouraged.
- The hike will take about 4 hours to complete for the average Cub Scout aged group and 3 hours for older scouts and is a little over 5 miles long.
- Bathrooms are limited on the trail, especially if you hike between October and March when many public facilities are closed. The Gruff in Covington, Newport on the Levee, Yard House, and Montgomery Inn are typically accommodating if they are open.
- Ongoing construction and special events (5K's, Flying Pig, Festivals etc.) present tentative changes in the path. Check in advance for possible road closures. 4th Street bridge will likely be closed from January of 2026 through 2028.
- Patches and Medals are available to Scouts and Scouters who successfully complete the Hike by following the map.
- History Hike Segments are available for Scouts and Scouters who complete the 20 questions correctly with no less than 3 incorrect or blank answers. (A Scout is Trustworthy)
- Patches and Medals are available for purchase at the Dan Beard Council Office.
- For questions about the hike, contact Shane Noem at ShaneNoem@gmail.com
- 2025's rededication marks Daniel Carter Beard's 175th birthday. A highlight of the hike includes a stop at Beard's childhood home.

Adult Answer Guide (A Scout is Trustworthy, Don't Cheat!)

1- 6	7- George	12- 1+9+1+8+2+5+	15- Catfish
2- Stars	Washington	2+0+2+3+1+1+	16- 180
3- Licking	8- Kennedy	1=36	17- Freundschafts
4- Buffalo	9- 209	13- Golden Eagle	18- Turtle
5- Bradford	10- (Take Photo)	14- George	19- 8
6- 2	11- 13+50+17=80	Washington	20- Newport

Dan Beard Hike Questions & Directions

The Dan Beard Hike opened on April 3, 1960, 19 years after the death of Daniel Carter Beard. The trail and the newly consolidated Scouting Councils in the region were named in honor of this founder of the Scouting Movement in the United States. Beard was born in Cincinnati and grew up in Covington and played along the path you are going to walk. Be Prepared with the appropriate supplies for this urban hike and turn in your answer card to earn a patch or medal that can be acquired at the Dan Beard Council Scout Shop. The hike begins under the Purple People Bridge in Newport. Good luck and have fun!

DIRECTIONS:

Walk past where sharks swim until you get to the eastern point of where two rivers meet. On this site once sat a fort that helped win the French and Indian war and saw visitors like Meriwether Lewis.

QUESTION 1:

How many sides are on the memorial to the Newport barracks?

DIRECTIONS:

Climb the floodwall, head southwest. Look high and low for the scouts. Imagine being a pioneer seeing this view before any cities were built.

QUESTION 2:

There are 5 of this shape pointing east, the 3rd highest rank in scouting.

DIRECTIONS:

Continue along the flood wall and cross the river that flows north with salty origins.

DETOUR Through Newport***

QUESTION 3:

What is the name of the river under your feet that Native Americans called Nepernine?

DIRECTIONS:

Turn north on the street named for Kentucky's 2nd Governor, turn E on 3 and stop at the last house on the left. Welcome to the boyhood home of Uncle Dan.

QUESTION 4:

What animal is Dan wearing?

QUESTION 5:

Solve this riddle: opposite of girl, opposite of front. What is the artist's name?

DIRECTIONS:

Walk down Dan Beard Plaza one block, turn right and snake around to the point where the rivers meet.

QUESTION 6:

How many flat birds are there?

QUESTION 7:

Whose name is on Chief Little Turtles chest?

DIRECTIONS:

Enter the park west of where you stand. The park has the same first name as the name on Chief Little Turtle's chest.

QUESTION 8:

What was the name of the first person who operated a ferry crossing the Ohio? Hint: a president shared this name.

DIRECTIONS:

Simon says go this way for your next clue, 13 frames passed where the buffalo roam.

QUESTION 9:

On what page is trapping found?

QUESTION 10:

Take a group picture showing your love for the Cov.

DIRECTIONS:

Cross the Brooklyn Bridge's singing sister that sings as you cross look to the sky.

QUESTION 11:

How many stars fly above the Roebling bridge? Make sure you count them all.

DIRECTIONS:

Head to the boat without a boat, the wheel out of the moat where you can hear the ghosts of the past all around you. Hint: the nearby ball team appreciates the color of this aquatic propeller. Watch for the Marquis's marker.

QUESTION 12:

What is the sum of the digits on the sign commemorating General Lafayette's visit to the Queen City?

QUESTION 13:

On the Steamboat Hall of Fame, which boat was run aground and sank on Tower Island south of St Louis? Hint: Its name is quite the accomplishment in Scouting.

DIRECTIONS:

Head East, along the snakelike bank towards a crossing of Red + Blue. Gather your legion at the feet of the bronze soldier who laid down his plow.

QUESTION 14:

Who was the first president of the order honoring this citizen soldier, for whom the city you are standing in was named?

DIRECTIONS:

Head east towards Uncle Dan's burger shaped crossing for your next clue. Stop when you get to 445 million years and take 11.5 paces to your right.

QUESTION 15:

What whiskered creature dwells here?

QUESTION 16:

Add up the numbers on the base of the bridge and turn that degree.

DIRECTIONS:

Continue east along the water past the boathouse with no boats. Into the park honoring a former Cincinnati Mayor and the 4th point of the Scout Law.

QUESTION 17:

What is the German word for this 4th point?

DIRECTIONS:

Proceed east with the rails to the north and the river to the south.

QUESTION 18:

In the Garden of the Americas what animal is at the center of the seal? Hint: it was Daniel Boone's Shawnee name, Sheltowee.

QUESTION 19:

How many points are on the golden star pointing wherever the wind blows from?

DIRECTIONS:

You have reached the furthest point of your quest, return to the red+blue crossing and head south across what the Iroquois called OYO.

QUESTION 20:

Solve this riddle: Opposite of old, opposite of starboard. What city are you entering?

Congratulations, you have completed the Dan Beard Hike. Turn in the answers to the questions and earn your exclusive badge!



Dan Beard Hike Answer Card

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Scouts on Riverwalk Hike

Place on dashboard when parking during daylight hours at the surface lot
on the riverside of the floodwall near/under the Purple People Bridge

Not valid on Reds and Bengals game days.

(39°05'48.4"N 84°29'43.5"W)

