

Daniel Boone in North Carolina

A Young Readers Biography

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Teacher's Resource Guide

Introduction to Teachers

The North Carolina Daniel Boone Heritage Trail is pleased to share the story of Daniel Boone to third graders in our state. Daniel Boone lived over twenty years in North Carolina and is one of America's most well-known frontiersmen who led westward expansion.

This book provides a simple story of Boone designed so that a third grader can read it. We purposely did not include any details that might be found as inappropriate for young children. Our goal is to introduce young readers to a notable man in American and local history through biography. Our desire is for this to be a meaningful and fun learning experience for students. Woven into the story is Daniel's mother, Sarah, and his wife Rebecca, Burrell, an African American enslaved herdsman and the Cherokee, Catawba, Delaware, and Shawnee people who all gave an important contribution to Daniel Boone in his adventures.

In this Teachers Guide we have included educational ideas, and information that can enhance your lesson and hopefully instill a lasting impression for your students.

For more information we invite you to visit our website, www.ncdanielboonetrail.org. For further adult reading we recommend, *Boone, A Biography* by Robert Morgan.

Places & Markers in North Carolina Associated with Boone

Ashe County

The **Museum of Ashe County History** in Jefferson has information on Daniel Boone, displays of early America including a log cabin, and school tours are available.

Davidson County

Boone's Cave Park in Lexington offers hiking trails through a secluded rolling forest of mixed hardwoods reminiscent of the Appalachian Mountains with a large picnic pavilion. In 1750, Squire Boone brought his family to the Yadkin Valley and local legend has long held that the Boones spent their first year in North Carolina at, or near the site of the present-day Boone's Cave Park. Daniel, and perhaps his family, used the cave above the river for various purposes before their cabin was built. Colonial records show that Squire Boone lived in this area.

Davie County

The **Boone Historical Marker** is located at the Court House Square in Mocksville.

The **Joppa Cemetery** in Mocksville, NC, is the location of graves for Daniel's parents Squire and Sarah Boone, both Israel, and other Boone relations.

The **Boone Tract Marker**, located off highway US 64 west of Mocksville is found on 640 acres on Bear Creek.

The **Sugar Tree Creek Marker** in Farmington may be found at the intersection of NC 801 & Farmington Rd.

Forsyth County

Historic Bethabara Park, located in Winston-Salem was established in 1753 by the Moravians and grew into a commercial center during early settlement of the Yadkin Valley. Visitors will find over two centuries of Moravian history, buildings and foundations where men and women lived and worked. According to Moravian records, Israel Boone, Daniel's brother was brought to the doctor in Bethabara several times by his parents, Squire and Sarah Boone. When Israel died, Daniel and his wife Rebecca took Israel's two little boys and raised them as their own.

The **Historic Great Philadelphia Wagon Road Marker** located on Shallowford Square in Lewisville, marks the original roadbed which passed just 120 feet north of the marker and extended from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Augusta, Georgia. A covered wagon is on display at this site.

Iredell County

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site located in Statesville is an 18th century French and Indian reconstructed fort featuring excellent examples of life on the frontier. Daniel Boone was in the local militia and most likely visited the fort at various times although no records list his name.

Surry County

A **Boone Trail Arrowhead Marker** is located in Elkin.

Pilot Mountain State Park is located in Pinnacle. The Saura People of Piedmont North Carolina called the mountain *Jomeokee*, meaning "the Great Guide," but it was called "Pilot" by early settlers in the region. The Boones would have seen this landmark as they came into the Yadkin Valley.

Watauga County

A **Boone Mural** is located at the King Street US Post Office in Boone.

The **Boone and His Dogs** statue is located on the Appalachian State University (ASU) campus in Boone on River Street.

A **Boone Monument** is also found at the ASU campus on River Street in Boone. It is close to the Benjamin Howard cabin that Boone used on hunting trips and where Burrell, an African American herdsman, stayed while tending Howard's livestock.

Another **Boone Heritage Monument** is located at the Dan'l Boone Inn in Boone.

The **Hickory Ridge Museum** in Boone provides a living history site dedicated to interpreting early frontier life such as Boone experienced. School tours can be arranged.

Boone's Trace Pullover, located near the escarpment from Elk Creek and Ferguson on the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 285.1, is the most probable route into the Appalachian Mountains that the enslaved Burrell led Boone.

The **Boone Trail Highway Marker** is located west of Boone on Old Highway 421 in Sugar Grove. A bronze tablet here commemorates the Buffalo Trail with an illustration of Daniel Boone and his dog.

The **Trading Ground Marker** in Trade, Tennessee, notes the location on the Overmountain Indian trail used as an early barter site by Indian traders before settlement. Later it was used by Daniel Boone, James Robertson, and other pioneers for that same purpose. During the time of Boone this easternmost Tennessee settlement was a part of the Carolina Colony.

Wilkes County

A **Boone Trail Arrowhead Marker** is located on Wilkesboro Boulevard in North Wilkesboro.

Both the **Wilkes Heritage Museum and DAR Marker** are located in Wilkesboro. A large flat stone from one of Boone's cabins on Beaver Creek is on display in the museum while the Robert Cleveland Log House shows examples of life during the time of Boone. The DAR Marker is located on the grounds in front of the museum

The **Woodmen of the World Boone Marker** off Highway 268 West, near Ferguson is in the vicinity of two Boone cabins from his time in that area.

The **Whippoorwill Academy** located in Ferguson has a replica Boone Cabin with stones from the original site

Yadkin County

Shallow Ford, on the Yadkin River, is a rocky bottom, shallow crossing point that was used by early settlers and today is approximately 600 yards south of the modern bridge on the Huntsville-Lewisville Road. It was an essential link on the frontier Great Wagon Road, used by immigrants traveling backcountry North Carolina in the mid-eighteenth century. Today the course of the Yadkin River at this point forms the boundary between Forsyth and Yadkin counties.

Boone Markers in Yadkin County are located in Huntsville, Yadkinville, Boonville, and East Bend.

People in the Story

Squire Boone - Daniel Boone's father, who brought his family to North Carolina around 1750, lived in Davie County, and is buried in Joppa Cemetery in Mocksville.

Sarah Boone - Daniel Boone's mother, lived in Davie County and is buried in Joppa Cemetery in Mocksville. It is said that Daniel was very close to his mother and that he wept at their last embrace before Daniel left for Kentucky.

Daniel Boone – Boone was a famous frontiersman, hunter, and explorer. He married Rebecca Bryan in Davie County in 1756.

Rebecca Bryan Boone – Rebecca was Daniel Boone's wife. She was from the large Bryan family and a strong frontier woman. She and Daniel had ten children between 1757 and 1781; James, Israel, Susannah, Jemima, Levina, Rebecca, Daniel Morgan, Jesse Bryan, William, and Nathan.

Burrell – Burrell was an enslaved African American herdsman who took care of Benjamin Howard's cattle in what is the present-day ASU campus in Boone. He led Boone up the escarpment from Elk Creek to Cooks Gap and guided him to buffalo trails in what is now Watauga County.

Catawba – The Catawba were Native Americans who lived in North and South Carolina around the area of the Catawba River. The word Catawba means "people of the river." They were friendly and helpful to the early settlers.

Cherokee – The Cherokee were a large, powerful, and proud indigenous people who lived in the mountains of western North Carolina and parts of Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. They were divided into clans such as Wolf, Bear, and Deer, and their successful *Three Sisters* plan for growing crops is still used today by planting corn, beans, and squash together.

Delaware People – The Delaware People, also known as Lenape in Pennsylvania during the time of Boone, were called the "Grandfather" tribe and respected by other Native People because they were peacemakers.

Benjamin Howard: Owner of Burrell, an enslaved African American and friend of Boone's.

Shawnee – The Shawnee were fierce warriors who lived in the Ohio Valley and fought to save their homeland. They were known as great travelers.

Extra-curricular activities (find instructions on the internet)

Make a log house with sticks
Cook Indian Slapjacks
Make Corn shuck doll
Dried Apples
Make a small quilt out of squares
Play colonial games
Listen to Colonial music
Make butter in a jar

Writing activities

Write a letter to friends back home.
Write a diary entry.
Write a poem.
Write a song

Glossary

Biography: A true story about a real person's life written by someone else telling where and when they were born and died, what they did, and why they are important.

Blacksmith: A person who makes and repairs things made of iron or steel by heating metal in a special, super-hot fire called a forge until it glows bright red. Once the metal is soft and bendable, they use heavy hammers to shape it on a block of iron called an anvil. Horseshoes, big forks, nails, wagon wheels, and bucket handles are examples of things blacksmiths made.

Why are they called "black" smiths? When iron is heated in a fire and then cools down, it turns a dark, blackish-grey color so that is why these men were called blacksmiths. The word smith is an old word that means "to hit" or "to make" something. Daniel Boone learned to be a blacksmith from his father.

Buckskin: A soft leather made from hides of deer or elk that could be made into clothing or shoes.

Chimney: A tall, hollow opening above the fireplace, usually made of stone or brick, that goes up to the roof of the house to let the smoke rise outside.

Cradle: A small handmade baby's bed made out of wood that would rock from side to side.

Essential: Something that is absolutely necessary and can't be lived without.

Explorer: A brave adventurer who travels into unknown land.

Famous: Someone widely known and recognized by a large number of people.

Fiddle: A wooden musical instrument, also called a violin, with four strings played by moving a stick with horsehair across the strings.

Settlers: People who moved to new unknown land and also known as Pioneers.

Silver Dollar: A dollar coin with a high amount of silver. Frontier children learned that this large piece of silver had great value as the hide from a buck deer was worth a silver dollar.

Trade: Buying, selling, or exchanging goods, services, for something of value. An example would be when a farmer would trade 12 eggs for a bag of sugar.

Spun – Spin: Twisting wool or fiber to create thread or yarn using a simple wooden machine called a *spinning wheel*.

Wrestling Match: A popular physical combat activity that took place at trade fairs, celebrations, and holidays in colonial America between older boys and men to see who was the strongest.

Glossary – Geographic Places

Appalachian Mountains:

A mountain range in eastern North America that stretches over 2,000 miles with the highest peak being Mt. Mitchell in North Carolina. The name comes from Spanish explores who met Apalachen People near Tallahassee, Florida in 1528. The Spanish translated the word to Apalachee and used it on maps to identify the geographic region and the mountains they explored in present-day North Carolina. The Appalachian Mountains were an important part in early settlement of America.

Blue Ridge Mountains:

Part of the Appalachian Highlands that extends 550 miles from Pennsylvania to Georgia. The name Blue Ridge comes from trees, especially oaks and poplars, that release *isoprene* into the atmosphere creating a bluish haze.

Boone: A town in the North Carolina mountains named for pioneer Daniel Boone.

Brushy Mountains: An isolated spur of a mountain range, sometimes called the *Brushies*, across Caldwell, Alexander, Iredell, Wilkes, and Yadkin Counties in North Carolina. The Yadkin River divides them from the Blue Ridge Mountains. Daniel Boone explored and hunted in the Brushy Mountains.

Great Wagon Road: Also known as the Philadelphia Wagon Road and the Carolina Road. This was a primary route for early settlers traveling southward from Pennsylvania to the back counties of Virginia and North Carolina, ending in Augusta, Georgia. It was a historic dirt path first used by Native Americans and then European settlers covering more than 800 miles. The road went through Salisbury and Charlotte.

Kentucky: A popular colonial name for unsettled lands west of the Appalachians. The name was an Native American name meaning *on the prairie land*. Early settlement began in the 1770s as pioneers used the Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap to Fort Boonesborough, established by Daniel Boone.

Pennsylvania: One of the thirteen colonies that is now a state and birthplace of Daniel Boone.

Pilot Mountain: A famous landmark for Native People and settlers located in Surry County. Daniel Boone and his family would have seen this mountain as they traveled down the wagon road into North Carolina.

Salisbury: Town founded in 1753 and an important trading place for settlers such as Daniel Boone, who traded deer hides for supplies.

Virginia: One of the thirteen colonies that is now a state bordering North Carolina to the north. The Great Wagon Road came through the Valley of Virginia which is the way the Boone's would have traveled to the North Carolina.

Yadkin Valley: a region covering several counties in northwestern North Carolina on the banks of the Yadkin River. The word "Yadkin" comes from the Siouan language and means "place of big trees." This area was the home of Daniel Boone and his family for over 20 years.