

# Scavenger Hunt in Spiegel Grove

Locate the following on the grounds of Spiegel Grove (HINT: None of these are located at the bottom of the hill.)

## 1. PEGGY FLEMING PLAQUE:

Native Americans were the first people to live in Ohio. They tried to prevent settlers from moving in and just taking their land. In 1789, a group of angry Native Americans captured a group of settlers including a girl named Peggy Fleming. They brought Peggy to Fremont, where they decided to kill her. She was tied to a tree on the grounds of Spiegel Grove, but thankfully was rescued by Native Americans from a friendly local tribe. Peggy's tale was a favorite of President Rutherford B. Hayes, who told it to many visitors. To this day, a plaque marks the spot where Peggy was tied up. Can you find the plaque?

## 2. OLD WHITEY'S GRAVE:

The last horse Rutherford B. Hayes owned when he was a soldier in the Civil War was named Old Whitey. At the war's end, Hayes sent the animal to Spiegel Grove to live out his life happily grazing in the shade of the Grove's many trees. Old Whitey died when Hayes was serving as President (1877-1881) and was buried on the grounds. Find his last resting place.

## 3. REVOLUTION-ERA OAK:

One of the oak trees in Spiegel Grove has been growing on the grounds since the time of the American Revolution. Spiegel Grove has a LOT of oak trees; can you find this particular tree? (Hint: It is identified by a sign).

## 4. BOFFIN'S BOWER:

President Hayes loved to garden and spend time outside. He also liked to have time to himself. He had a little shelter built and grew plants that would vine all around it – to make it a secret get-away. Hayes gave his special place a name – *Boffin's Bower*. The President loved reading books written by Charles Dickens. Mr. Boffin was a character in one of Dickens' novels. Try to find Boffin's Bower.

## 5. ORIGINAL WHITE HOUSE GATES:

At the time Rutherford B. Hayes was President (1877-1881), the White House was surrounded by a fence that had five sets of gates through which people and horse & buggies could enter. After the automobile became our nation's main means of transportation, the gates were removed to make way for wider roads and entryways. President Hayes' son Webb asked Congress if he could have the original gates for use at Spiegel Grove. Try to locate at least one set of gates. (If you have enough time, find all six sets!)

## 6. STATE OF OHIO FLAG:

The flag of the State of Ohio is like that of no other state. It looks like a pennant – a triangle shape with a big “V” cut out of the pointed end of the triangle. The wide part of the flag has a big red circle with a white circle behind it. The white circle stands for the “O” in Ohio and the red one represents a buckeye (our nickname is the *Buckeye* State). If you look closely at the flag you will see 13 stars clustered around the circles, and four stars located near the pointed end of the blue field. The 13 stars represent the 13 original U.S. colonies, with the four others added in that makes a total of 17 – for the fact that Ohio was the 17<sup>th</sup> state accepted into the union. An Ohio State flag flies every day on the grounds of Spiegel Grove, where is it located?