

National Park Service Department of the Interior

Manhattan Project National Historical Park Oak Ridge, Tennessee



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Manhattan Project History in September

- Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939.
- On September 13, 1942 the S-1 Executive Committee recommended building a pilot plant based on E. O. Lawrence's cyclotrons to separate uranium isotopes.
- Col. Leslie R. Groves assumed command of the Manhattan Engineer District on September 17, 1942.
- On September 19, 1942 Site X consisting of 59,000 acres of land was selected as the Uranium 235 production site. This location would later become known as Oak Ridge.

Due to popular demand (and bad weather in Houston, TX) the **"From Manhattan to the Moon" Exhibit at AMSE is held over through September 4.** The lunar sample was gathered on the Apollo 15 mission in 1972 and is on loan from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX.

This Month's Feature from the AMSE's Curatorial Collection is Allie Marjorie Wallace's ID badge. Badges were issued to all living in Oak Ridge over the age of 12 and had to be worn at all times. All resident badges were aqua in color and had a pin on the back so they could be easily attached to the wearer's clothing. Badges generally listed a resident's full name, height, weight, age, hair color, and eye color as well as their signature. Residents had to continue wearing badges for several years after World War II due to the top-secret work that continued to take place.



Our "Race to Space" Photography Exhibition Continues through September 8th at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 1400 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The show highlights Manhattan Project scientists who later joined the Space Program.

Celebrate National Public Lands Day by Assisting Obed Wild & Scenic River at the Adopt-a-Crag Event on Saturday, September 9th. During the event Park Rangers and Volunteers will treat hemlock trees to protect them from the exotic Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, perform trail maintenance and litter pickup. For more information regarding this event, please contact the Obed Visitor Center at 423-346-6294.

Manhattan Project Rangers will Team Up with Local

Cub Scouts on Saturday, September 16th for a hike along the North Boundary Greenway. Cub Scouts will learn about the communities prior to the Manhattan Project and how Oak Ridge played a role in WWII.

Come by Our Booth at the HoLa Festival on Sunday, September 17th in Downtown Knoxville on Market Square. Say hello to our Rangers while you enjoy

the music and activities that take place during a really fun East Tennessee festival that celebrates Hispanic culture.

Celebrate "Bike Your Park" Day on Saturday, September 30 by joining Park Rangers for a bike ride down Melton Lake Drive. The free program will begin at 10 am ET at Elza Gate Park, former entry point to the secret city, and continue down Melton Lake Greenway. Rangers will stop several times along the ride to point out the rich history that is found within the Oak Ridge area.

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