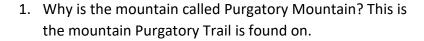


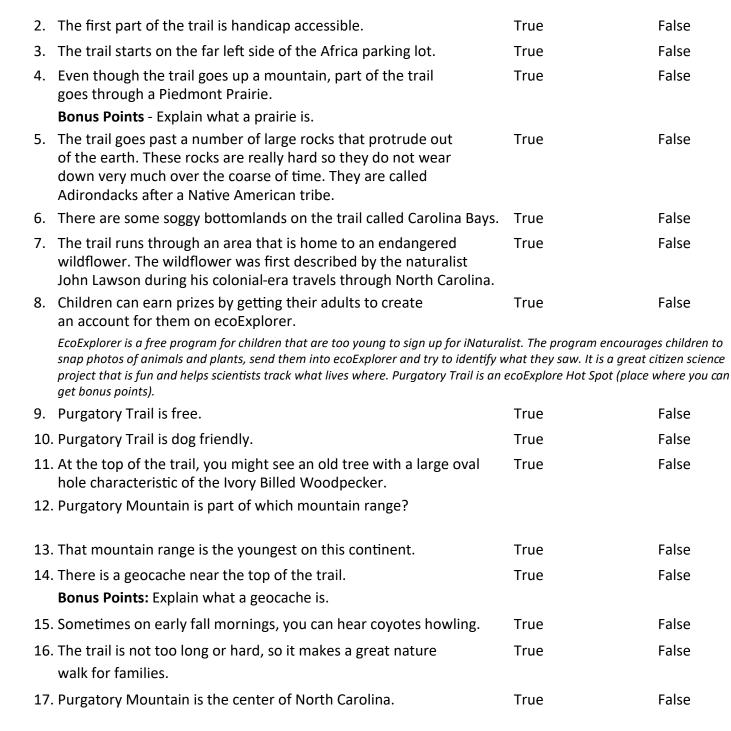
Purgatory Trail Trivia

See if you are a Purgatory Trail expert

Directions: Write or circle your answers below. See who can get the highest score.

No peeking! Answers are on page 2.





North Carolina

Purgatory Trail Trivia Answers

- 1. **10 points** if you got any of this—The trail goes up Purgatory Mountain. There are a couple of stories about the name. Many of the early European settlers of the area were Quakers. Quakers are pacifists so during the Civil War, young men who were drafted to fight in Confederate army, ran away and hid out on the mountain. The other story says that moonshiners hid their stills on the mountain but folks could see the fires at night. Most of the folks who lived in the area did not understand what Purgatory meant and falsely associated it with the after-worldly place that is said to be hot and full of flames.
- 2. 5 points—True!
- 3. **5 points—False.** It's on the left side of the N. America parking lot.
- 4. **5 points—True.** It does go through a patch of Piedmont Prairie. **Bonus 5 points—**Literally it means foothill meadow or fairly flat grassland that is great for wildflowers.
- 5. **10 points False.** Those big rocks are <u>monadnocks</u> (a Native American word). Adirondacks is a mountain range in New York State.
- 6. **6 points False.** The wet spots are called seeps. Just enough water for amphibians to lay their eggs.
- 7. **6 points False.** This endangered wildflower is called Schweinitz's Sunflower named after an early Moravian naturalist who first described it.
- 5 points—True! Give ecoExplorer a try!
- 9. **5 points—True.** What a deal!
- 10. 5 points—True, but please practice good doggy etiquette, by keeping your dog on a leash and cleaning up any poop!
- 11. 5 points—False. It's characteristic of the equally big Pileated Woodpecker.
- 12. 6 points— Purgatory Mountain is part of the **Uwharrie** (another Native American word) Mountain range.
- 13. **5 points False.** That mountain range is the <u>oldest</u> on this continent. (That's why it's so short in comparison).
- 14. **6 points True.** A geocache is a box that is hidden, and you must use a GPS to locate it by its coordinates. Fun for families to do together.
- 15. **5 points False.** (They are night howlers.) But you might hear the Zoo's pack of Red Wolves howling.
- 16. 5 points— True. The trail is not long or steep. It is fun for even the youngest in the family.
- 17. **6 points True.** Purgatory Mountain is the true center of North Carolina. That is why the North Carolina Zoo is located there.

Add up your points and see where you land: 100 points—you are a true Purgatory Trail expert (do you work at the Zoo?), 80-99 points—you are pretty smart (have you hiked Purgatory Trail?), 48-79 points—you probably live in Randolph County don't you?, 20-47 points—not bad, try the hike sometime! 0-19—don't feel bad, you just need to hike Purgatory Trail!