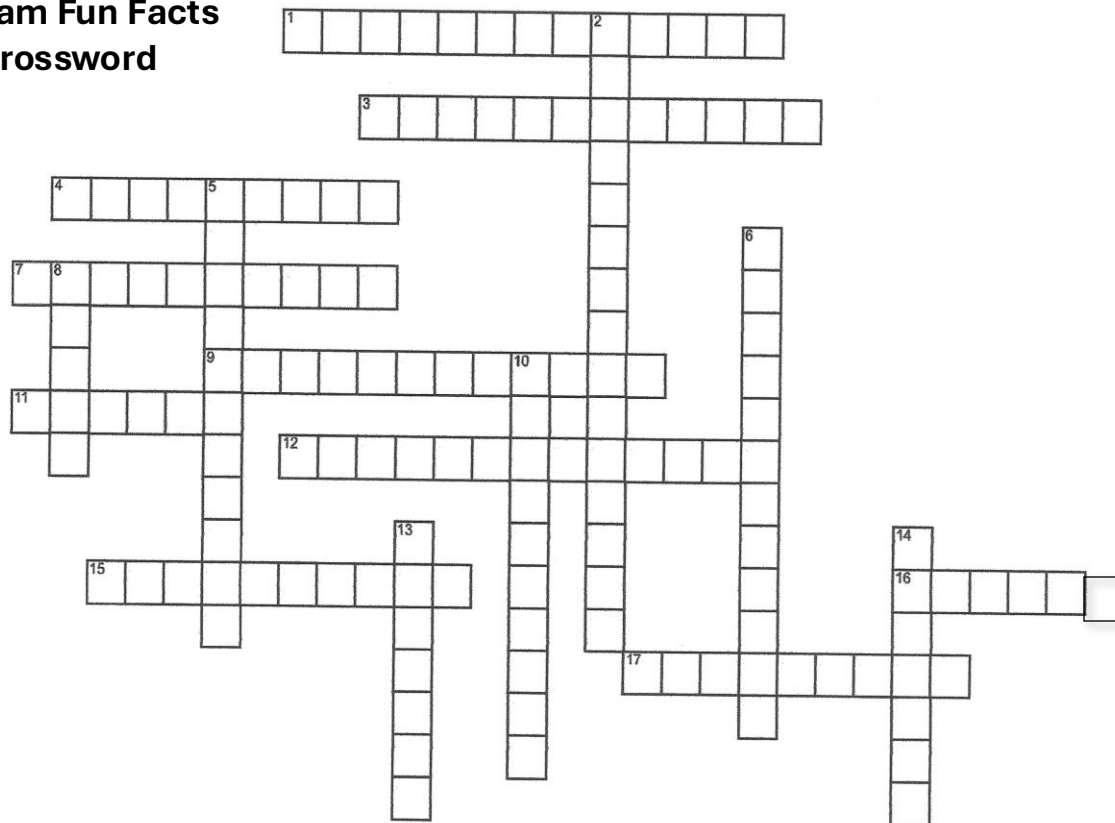


Durham Fun Facts Crossword



ACROSS

1. This area is 450 acres of conservation land
3. Durham is home to 2 farms of this type
4. This was once a vibrant music center in town
7. The Eureka Center was originally a _____
9. Cemetery connected to Stephen King's storytelling
11. The ____ bell is located in the Old Union Church
12. Durham's original name _____
15. How many cemeteries are located in Durham
16. Ebenezer ____ was one of the first landowners in Durham
17. Where do you take old flags

DOWN

2. A short trail in this park takes you to the Androscoggin River
5. Famous author from Durham
6. This chapel was built in 1897
8. What special carving is found at Cedar Grove Cemetery on family headstones
10. First African American family known to live in Durham
13. In 1761 David ____ purchased six square miles of land to be laid out as a town
14. Durham was named in 1789 after the County of Durham _____

WORD BANK: AMVETHALL, BANDSTAND, DUNNING, DURHAMRIVERPARK, ENGLAND, FOREVERFARMS, GRANGEHALL, HARMONYGROVE, NEWELL, REVERE, ROSES, ROYALSBOROUGH, RUBYFAMILY, RUNAROUNDPOND, SHILOHCHAPEL, STEPHENKING, TWENTYFOUR



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Durham's history blends early colonial land grants, Revolutionary War-era settlement, and a vibrant cultural past, giving the town deep historical roots and enduring traditions.

Its natural beauty also makes Durham a wonderful place to live, explore, and enjoy the outdoors.

❑ **Durham Bandstand:** Ferry Road & Route 136 – A physical link to Durham's once-vibrant musical center. Sometimes called Tyler's Bandstand for Joseph Tyler, conductor of the Durham Brass and. It hosted live music from the 1802 into the 1980s.

❑ **Harmony Grove Cemetery:** Davis Road. Explore one of Durham historic cemeteries. Local lore connects this cemetery with author Stephen King's youth and later storytelling in Salem's Lot. Please visit respectfully and leave graves and stone undisturbed.

❑ **Runaround Pond Nature Trail:** 315 Runaround Pond Road. This is part of more than 450 acres of conserved land in the Royal River watershed. The nature trail is about 1 mile out and back. Access to the right of the parking lot. Use caution crossing the road.



❑ **Old Crow Ranch:** As one of Durham's Forever Farms, Old Crow Ranch on Davis Rd is a true treasure. Visit the farm stand (no purchase necessary) and/or learn more about Forever farms In Maine at mainefarmlandtrust.org. Note: visit during farmstand hours noted on their website oldcrowranch.com. No farm tours available.

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❑ **Cedar Grove Cemetery:** Route 9, just past Cushing Road heading toward Pownal. Can you find the paired stones with two roses on the husband's stone, and one rose on the wife's stone. Please do not touch or rub these historic stones.

❑ **Old Union Church:** 744 Royalsborough Road. This building was built in 1835 as a multi-denominational church. Did you know it served as the Durham Town Hall from 1922 to 1986. It now houses the historical society. Its steeple contains the Revere bell. Since there is construction in progress, please only view from the parking area.

❑ **AMVETS:** 1049 Royalsborough Road. Visit the Amvets hall for respectful retirement of American Flags. Take a moment to remember those who served.

❑ **Cattle Pound:** The Durham cattle pound was built by John Newell in 1821 located on Pond Road (next to the Amvets off Rt 136). Stray animals of the town were kept there until their owners came and paid the keeper fee to get them back. The Historical Society restored it and dedicated it to the public in 1981

❑ **Durham River Park:** Royalsborough Road, just past the Get 'n Go heading toward Auburn. short trail provides beautiful views of the Androscoggin River. A great outdoor stop and picnic area. Use extra caution with small children near the river.

❑ **Strout Cemetery:** Across from the Durham Community School on Route 9 Durham's Very Own Unknown Confederate Soldier According to one account, "A Durham, Maine couple found a man in a confederate uniform in the casket that was supposed to contain the body of their son. Unsure of where they should send the casket, they buried the man in the corner of Strout Cemetery."

❑ **Ferry Road:** The Dirt Road next to the Bandstand. While at the bandstand, take a short walk (.25 mile) down Ferry Road.



Although not marked today, ferry service across the Androscoggin River was prominent in the late 1700s until the bridge was built.

For more information about Durham's history, visit the Durham Historical Society Facebook page. For more information regarding outdoor trails close to home, check out trails found on the Freeport Conservation and Royal River Conservation Trusts websites and visit Bradbury Mountain in Pownal.

Did you know?

The Old West Durham Methodist Church: One of New England's oldest Methodist churches and among Maine's earliest Methodist congregations. This building is not acceptable to the public.

Oldest Grave in Durham: The oldest marked grave in Durham is that of Elizabeth Martyn Cushing who was buried on October 20th, 1789

Prizes: Be one of the first 25 to complete **7 stops** and receive a Durham Trails, Tales, & Treasures sticker. All completed passports will also be entered into a grand prize of (1) \$25.00 gift card to the Durham Get 'n Go

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