

# Wasatch Mountain State Park



Junior Ranger Activity Guide

# You Can Become a Junior Ranger!

Here's what you can do to become a Junior Ranger:

- 1) Complete the activities in this book and return it to the campground office or the visitor center between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**OR**

- 2 Attend a Junior Ranger program. These are held every Saturday, Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend. Check the campground office or the visitor center for time and location.

**All Junior Rangers will receive a Junior Ranger Badge and certificate!**

## What's in this book?

To help you keep track of the activities you've done you can check them off as you go. If you are 7 or younger, complete at least 6 activities. If you are 8 or older, complete at least 9 activities.

- The Visitor Center
- Lots of Living Things
- Animal signs
- Huber Grove and Map
- Birds of Wasatch
- What can I do here?
- A Visit to the Nature Trail
- Who Uses the Plants?
- Habitat Word Scramble
- Role of a Junior Ranger

## The Visitor Center at Wasatch Mountain State Park

Wasatch Mountain State Park has been, and continues to be a home to many living things.

Who has used this area in the past? Come find out by looking through the displays in the visitor center and answer the following questions:

1. Who were "The Nuche"? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the job of Ute men of the past? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When did the Wasatch Fault develop that created the Wasatch Mountains? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What type of ore was mined in this area? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What else did mining provide to the community? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Who is the Tate Barn name after? \_\_\_\_\_
8. When did John Huber build his homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Never leave your fire unattended, and make sure when you put it out, it's out cold.

## Lots of Living Things Word Search

Find the names of other things that live here at Wasatch Mountain State Park.

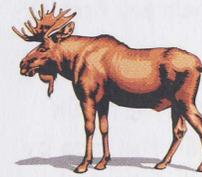
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|         |             |            |             |
|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Aspen   | Beaver      | Black bear | Bobcat      |
| Cattail | Cougar      | Coyote     | Fish        |
| Frogs   | Hawks       | Maple      | Hummingbird |
| Mink    | Mule deer   | Oak        | Rabbit      |
| Raccoon | Red Fox     | Sagebrush  | Shrubs      |
| Snakes  | Sparrow     | Squirrel   | Swallow     |
|         | Wildflowers |            |             |

Litter hurts plants, animals, soil and water.  
Please don't litter.

## Animal Signs

By looking around either on a trail or around your campsite, you may find different signs of animals. Tracks are a great way to learn what lives here. See if you can match the animal with the track it would make.



Moose



Coyote



Rabbit



Chasing or hurting wildlife is very stressful to the animal, and it's also against the law.

## Huber Grove

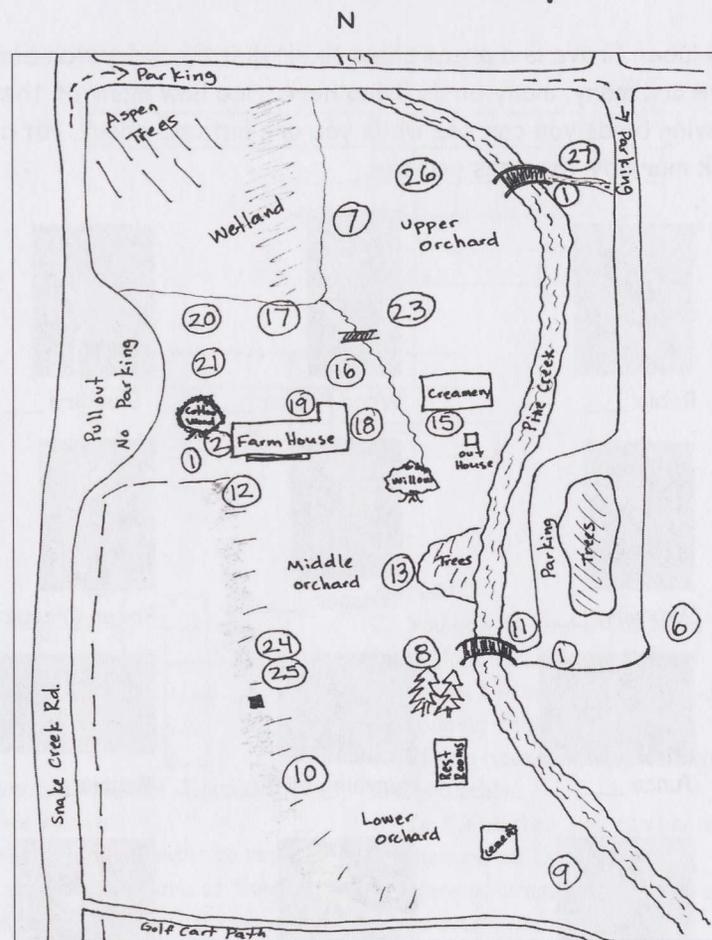
Ok, now its time to get out into the park and explore what and who has been here.

Our first stop is an old historic and beautiful place called the Huber Grove. (Look on a park map or ask someone to help you find it)

The map on the following page is a map of the Huber Grove. Scattered all throughout the Huber Grove are signs that talk about a lot of different things - they are marked on the map by different numbers. Try finding the signs listed below by following the map, and then answer the questions about each one.

| <u>Sign #</u> | <u>Question</u>   |
|---------------|---|
| 23            | How many different types of apple trees are there in this grove?<br>_____ |
| 18            | How many kids did the Huber's have?<br>_____                              |
| 15            | How did the grandma keep the little baby alive? _____                     |

## The Huber Grove Map



Picking flowers kills them, and removes food sources for wildlife. Please don't pick the flowers.

## Birds of Wasatch

The Huber Grove is a great place to sit quietly and watch birds. There are many, many birds living here. See how many of the following birds you can see while you are out and about. Put a check mark by the ones you see.



Robin \_\_\_\_



Wood Pecker \_\_\_\_



Bluebird \_\_\_\_



Waxwing \_\_\_\_



Tanager \_\_\_\_



Brown Creeper \_\_\_\_



Junco \_\_\_\_



Humming bird \_\_\_\_



Magpie \_\_\_\_



Flycatcher \_\_\_\_



Goldfinch \_\_\_\_

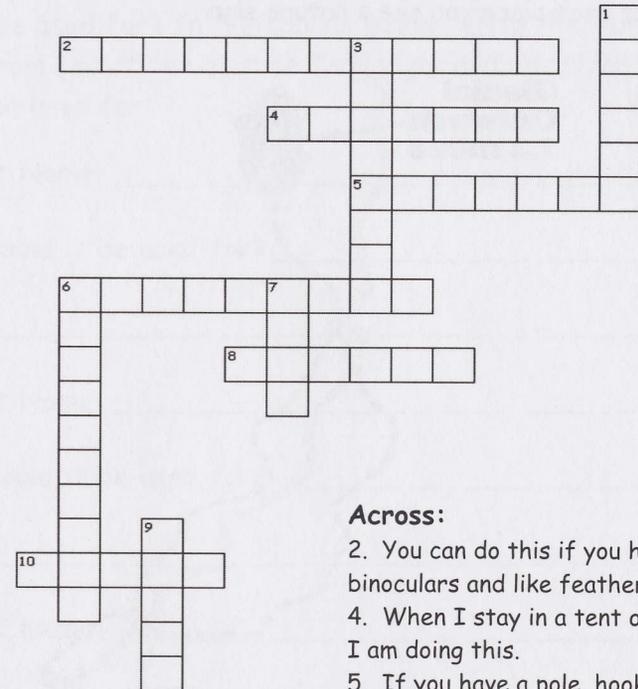


Chickadee \_\_\_\_

Dogs must be kept on a leash and attended to at all times.

## What Can I Do Here?

To find out, figure out this cross word puzzle.



### Across:

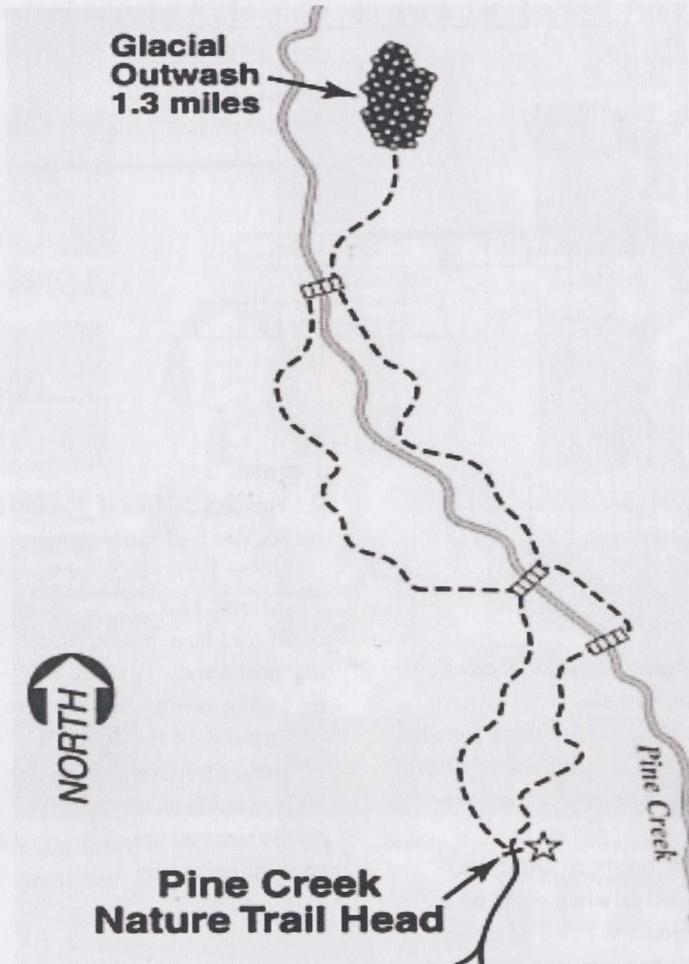
2. You can do this if you have binoculars and like feathers.
4. When I stay in a tent or motor home, I am doing this.
5. If you have a pole, hooks and line you are probably...
6. In the winter, you can use these to get around on the snow.
8. Here at Wasatch, you can do this cross-county in winter.
10. When you are tired, you do this in your sleeping bag.

### Down:

1. If I wear my helmet, I can do this on two wheels.
3. If you are cold, or want to make s'mores, you can build one of these.
6. These can go really fast over the snow.
7. Put your boots on and take plenty of water when going on a ...
9. When you are tired of doing physical things, you can just...

## A Visit To The Nature Trail

Take a walk on the Nature Trail at the campground. Put an X on the map at each place you see a nature sign.



## Who Uses The Plants?

What are some of the plants that live here? What could those plants be used for? In the spaces below, write the name of a plant from one of the Nature Trail signs and one thing it might be used for.

1. Plant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What could it be used for? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Plant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What could it be used for? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Plant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What could it be used for? \_\_\_\_\_

Always stay on the trail to protect the plants,  
animals, and you!

## Habitat Word Scramble

Wow, there sure are a lot of things that live here. Why do you think they like it here so much? It's because they can find the things they need to survive. Do you know what those things are?

Unscramble the letters to find out what all living things need to survive, and what those things equal.

\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ +  
O F D O A W E R T

\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_  
H L E S T R E A C P S E

= \_\_\_\_\_  
B T I H A T A



Everything in the state park is protected by law.  
Please leave what you find for someone else to find.

## The Role of a Junior Ranger

Junior Rangers learn about and help protect the environment. Talk to your parents about the following responsibilities of a Junior Ranger and have them sign the bottom of this page.

Do Jr. Rangers leave their fires unattended? Yes No

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do Jr. Rangers drop their trash on the ground? Yes No

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

If a Jr. Ranger sees wildflowers, would they pick them? Yes No

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do Jr. Rangers hurt or chase wildlife? Yes No

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do Jr. Rangers stay on the trails while hiking? Yes No

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**As a Junior Ranger, I promise to do my best to always take care of the plants and animals that share this planet with me.**

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Wasatch Mountain State park*  
Junior Ranger Certificate

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_  
has completed the Junior Ranger Manual at  
Wasatch Mountain State Park, and is now a  
~ Junior Ranger ~

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wasatch Mountain State Park

A Junior Ranger understands that all plants, animals and the  
earth's resources deserve to be protected and respected.