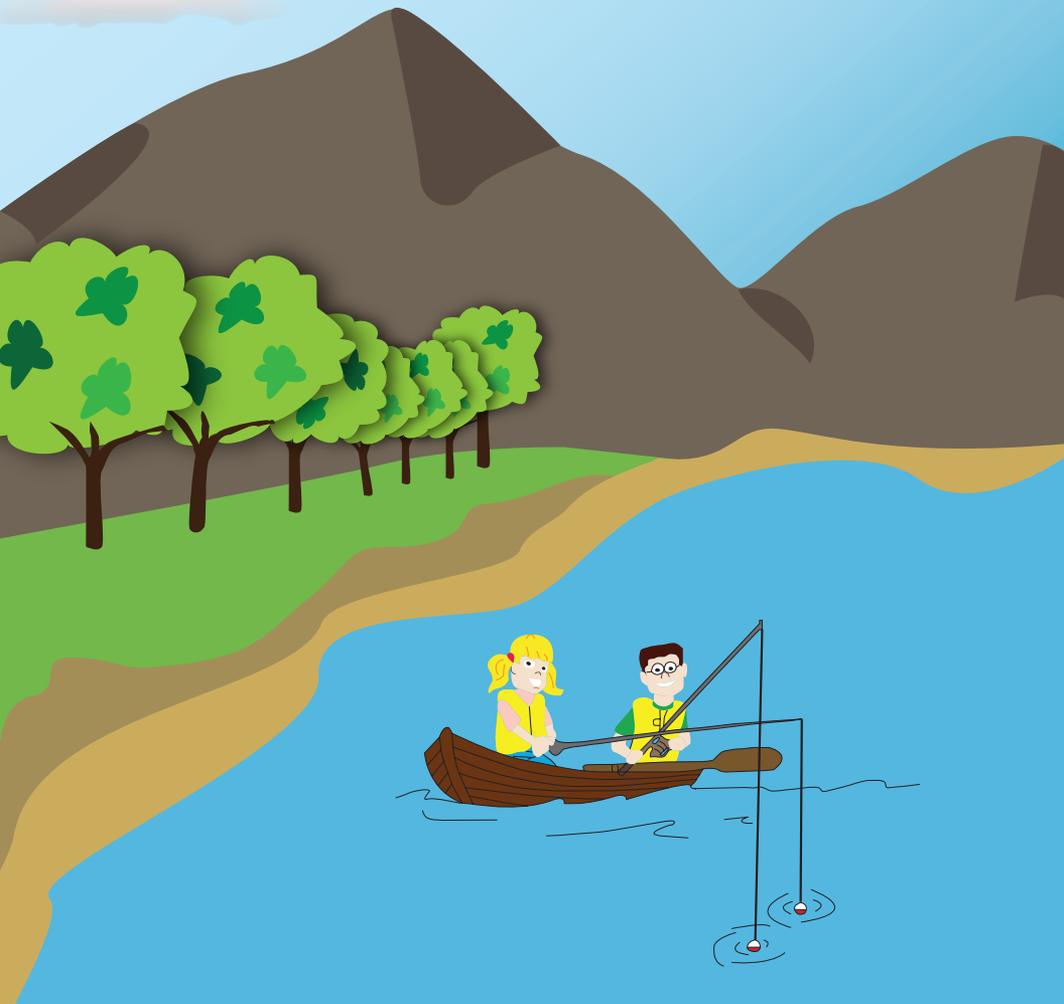


Rockport State Park Junior Ranger Activity Guide



Welcome to Rockport State Park



We're so glad you want to become a Junior Ranger.

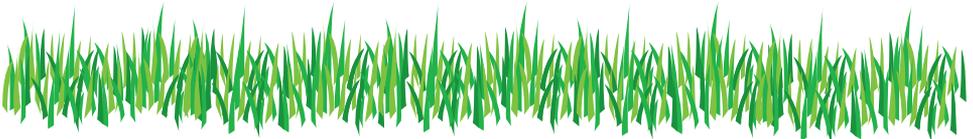
Being a Junior Ranger is a big responsibility. Here are some things you need to do to earn your Junior Ranger Badge and Certificate:

- ❶ If you are between the ages of five and nine, complete five or more activities in this book. If you are between the ages of 10 and 12, complete six or more activities in this book. (It is OK for your mom and dad to help.) Check your answers in the back of this book.
- ❷ Next, pick up one small bag of litter from around the park. Litter picked out of trash cans or cars does not count. Bring it to a park ranger and the ranger will check it and sign this activity guide.
- ❸ When everything is completed you will receive an official Rockport State Park Junior Ranger Badge and Certificate of Achievement.

**I certify that the Litter
Patrol was completed.**



Park Ranger



Things to remember while visiting state parks:

Keep the park clean: Be sure to put all of your garbage in the trash can. If you see litter on the ground, throw it away.

Camp only in designated areas: The land around us can be very fragile, so camp only where campsites are provided.

Make sure things that belong in the parks, stay in the parks: Everything in a state park is protected by law, including flowers, rocks, sticks and animals.

Don't try to feed the animals: Some animals may try to bite you. Also, people food is not good for animals.

Don't put your hands and feet in places where you can't see: Snakes and spiders like to hide in these places and may bite.

Keep pets on a leash: Help protect other furry friends in the park, as well as other park visitors.

Never swim alone: Make sure an adult is present and can see you at all times.

Wear a life jacket: Life jackets save lives. Always wear your life jacket!

Drink plenty of water: Even if you don't feel thirsty, the sun and heat can dehydrate your body, so drink plenty of water.

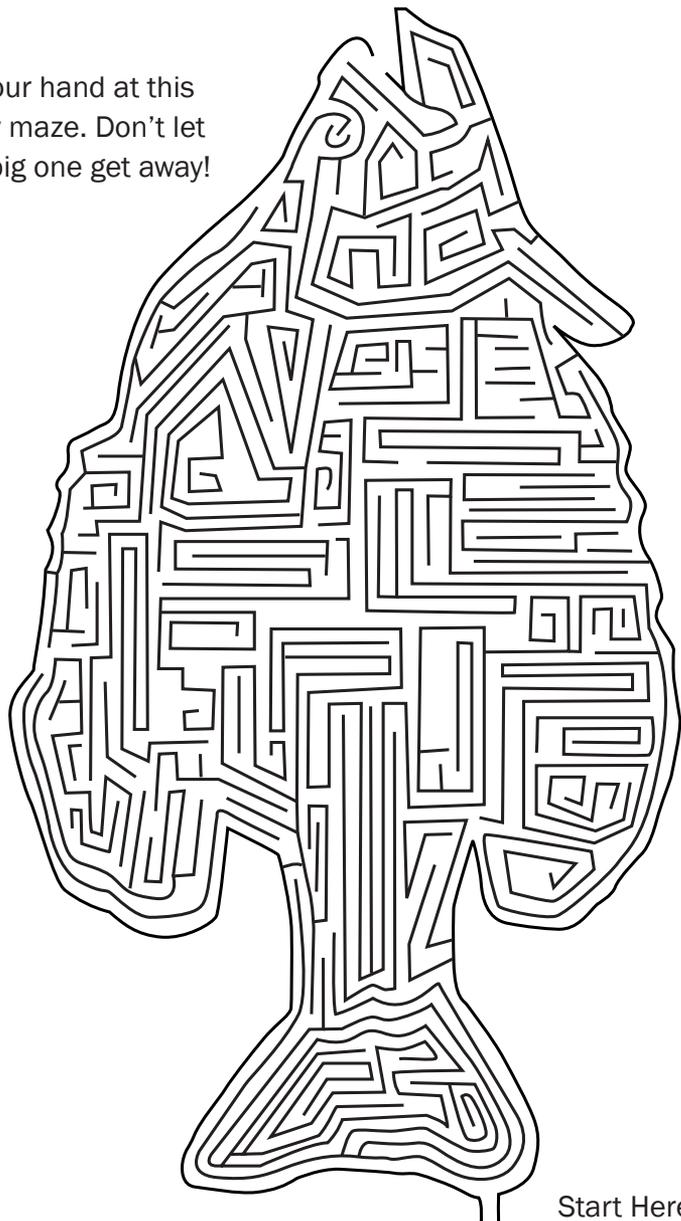
Remember to have fun at your state parks and think safety!



An A-MAZE-ING FISH

Finish Here

Try your hand at this
tricky maze. Don't let
this big one get away!

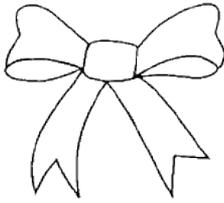


Start Here

NAME THESE FISH!

Use the picture clues below to figure out the different types of fish.
Add (+) or subtract (-) letters according to the signs.

1.  -ile +al +  -ee
+  -se + th +
 -ll +  - gla

2.  + 
+  - ee + out

Water Home Word Search

This is a list of animals that live near or in the water. Circle each one in the letters below.

~~frogs~~

birds

turtles

butterflies

bees

beaver

ducks

rabbits

owl

snakes

crickets

dragonfly

ladybug

fish

lizard

crawdads

grasshopper

raccoon

amoeba

paramecium

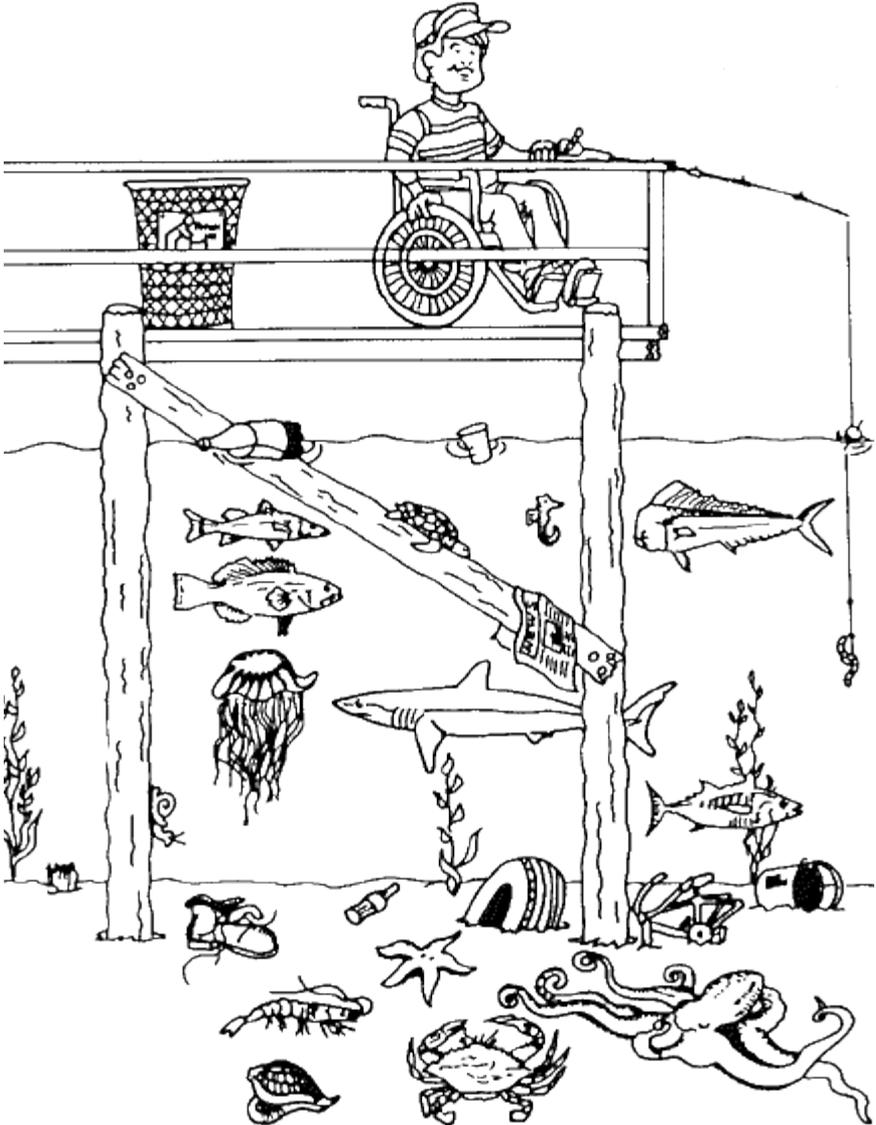
worms

salamander

H J L A D Y B U G I X B E T H J L
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C F Z F G I V F P T B K O R G N A
K S L E F S B W A P E S D E D K R
S N A F B H F S R K E R P I B U D
E A W R R I Y C A T S V F N R A X
D K P U A O W L M W E B M L L V F
R E E F C Q G P E A K L D T I G F
A S O H C G K S C Y M C N T G E I
G I W J O B J I I P O R C V B R S
O L O P O N G M U U T I Z F R C A
N A R Q N I F D M O W C H A J R L
F O M T C I N A Y G S K N P T A A
L J S E E R V B E A V E R G M W M
Y G L D I R A O T U R T L E S D A
O B L F M U S B W B T S C R J A N
K V E H J D E E B M V O E G I D D
X E R J A A T F S I E R W S K S E
M B I R D S U G A V T H J D T W R
G R A S S H O P P E R S O F D N M

We All Need A Clean Environment

Fish need clean water to live. Fish can't live in polluted water. Which things belong in the water? Draw a line from the pollution to the trash can. Circle the things that belong in the water.



Wildlife Detective

The best time to see wildlife in the park is usually at dawn and dusk. Snakes and lizards like to lie in the sun until midmorning or until they get too hot. Other animals are active during the night. Even though you may not see any animals, you can look for clues they leave behind. The easiest clues are their tracks. If the track is not clear you can look at the pattern they make. Other clues that an animal was in the area are: nests, burrows, feathers, fur, chewing, diggings and “scat” or poop.

As a ranger, you should know what animals are around your area. Here are pictures of eight animals and their tracks. See if you can match the animal to its track. After finishing this exercise, see if you can find any of these tracks in the park.

Bobcat



Raccoon



Deer



Striped Skunk



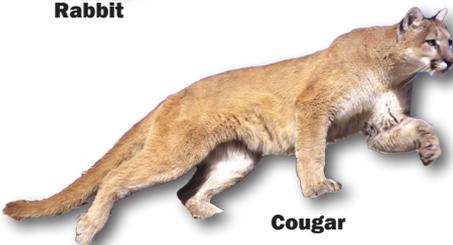
Elk



Rabbit



Cougar



Coyote



Can you name the animals that made these tracks?



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



4. _____

5. _____

6. _____



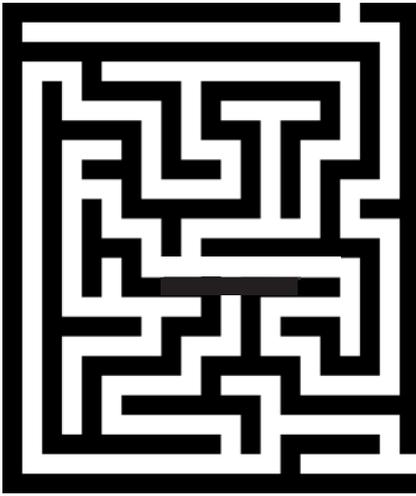
7. _____

8. _____

Tracks are not to scale.

Trail Maze

Help Wendy and John find their way down the trail and back to their tent.



When you are hiking, remember the following tips:

- Stay on the trail.
- Do not litter. If you pack it in, pack it out.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.

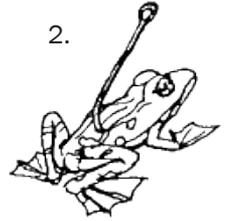
How to Bait Your Hook with Live Bait

Can you name the types of bait used below? Match the name with kind of bait on the hook.

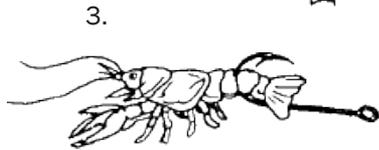
Crawfish



Minnow



Earthworm



Grasshopper



Frog



Grubworm



Cricket



What is missing in this picture?



Did you know anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket on a boat at all times? Draw a lifejacket on Tom and Nancy, then color. Utah State Park rangers recommend everyone on a boat wear a life jacket, even your mom and dad!

Important Items for Boating Safety

Decode the following secret words to see what you should take with you when you go near the water.

23 7 3 1 19 2 6 16 1 17

18 24 9 18 6 22 1 1 9

18 24 9 5 23 2 18 18 1 18

7 9 18 1 6 17

22 1 15 1 23 23 1 9 17

3 7 22 18 17

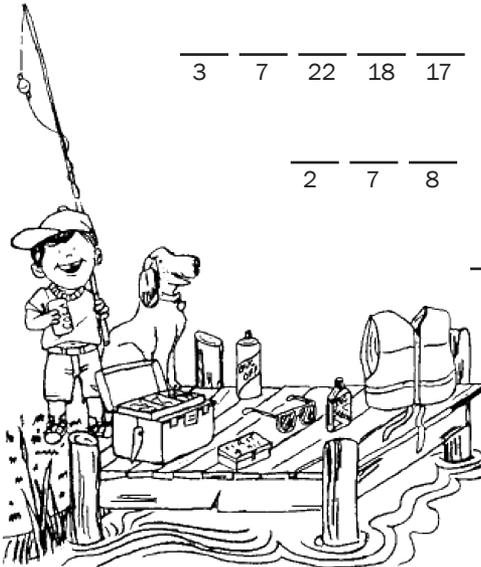
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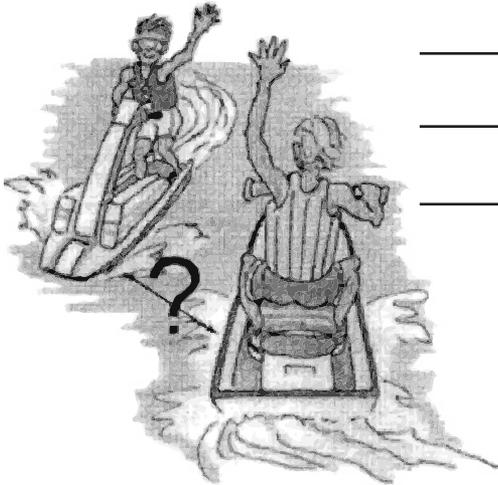
11 2 17

Secret Decoder Key

- a=2
- b=4
- c=6
- d=8
- e=1
- f=3
- g=5
- h=11
- i=7
- j=19
- k=16
- l=23
- m=13
- n=9
- o=20
- p=15
- q=10
- r=22
- s=18
- t=17
- u=24
- v=12
- w=26
- x=21
- y=25
- z=14



What is the closest distance boats are allowed to get to each other when moving fast?



- _____ 2 feet
- _____ 150 feet
- _____ 1,000 feet

Utah State Parks Mission:

To enhance the quality of life by preserving and providing natural, cultural and recreational resources for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

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Your park fees provide for the care, protection and enhancement of this park.

Junior Ranger Pledge

In acceptance of this badge, I acknowledge I will wear it with pride and do my best to represent and serve Rockport State Park and my community by being actively involved as a responsible friend, performing service and being safe both on the water and the land.

I will not disturb wildlife or take rocks, plants or animals from the park.

I will leave all state parks and other natural areas a little better by picking up litter, staying on trails and safely exploring nature.

I understand my responsibility is to lead by example and be a good role model for others to follow.

Answers: We Like Clean Water - 1) fish 2) snail 3) snake 4) bugs 5) plants

Wildlife Detective - 1) Coyote 2) Striped Skunk 3) Mule Deer 4) Rabbit 5) Bobcat

6) Raccoon 7) Elk 8) Cougar

Name These Fish - 1) smallmouth bass 2) rainbow trout

How to Bait Your Hook - 1) grubworm 2) frog 3) crawfish 4) minnow 5) cricket 6) grasshopper 7) earthworm

Important Items for Boating Safety - life jacket, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, first aid kit, friend, hat

Closest Distance - 150 feet

Congratulations!

This certifies that

has completed the Rockport State Park Junior Ranger Program.

As a Junior Ranger, you are now expected to uphold the high standards of Junior Rangers everywhere and do your part to keep Utah's state parks clean, safe and friendly.



Park Ranger Signature

Date

