

# Fort Scott National Historic Site

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## Junior Ranger Adventure Book

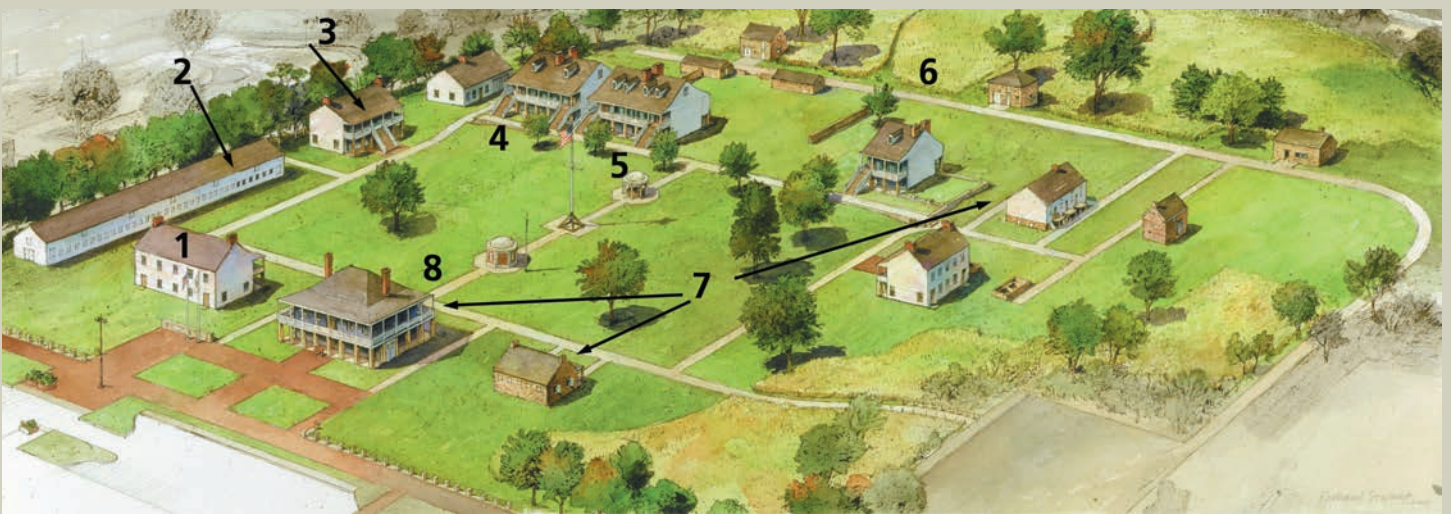


Hi, my name is Virginia. Welcome to Fort Scott. My dad was the sutler here. He ran the store. I liked his store. He sold dolls, toys, soft furs, and my favorite thing-candy.

I was one of the first children born at Fort Scott. I grew up here and found a lot of fun things to do. Come, go on an adventure with me.

There are many different activities in this book that you can do. Bring along your haversack. A haversack is a cloth bag the soldiers used to carry their belongings. Inside you will find things to help you with the activities. Use the map below to help find the way. The numbers show where to do the activities. As you go, watch your step and don't run, so that you can be safe.

When you're done, take the book back to the visitor center and you can get a badge. Ready. Let's go.



# 1. Museum

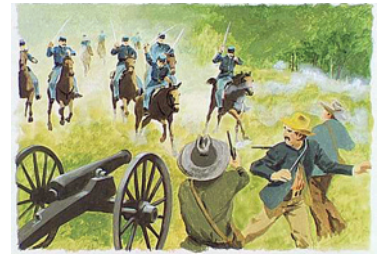
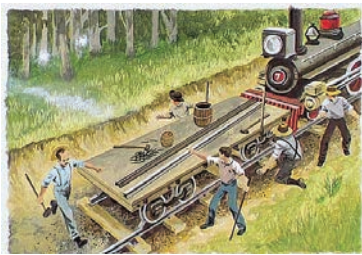
We'll start in the museum. This used to be a home for soldiers, but now it has something called a movie. Do you like movies? There were no movies when I was growing up. Let's watch it.

There were a lot of words used in the movie. Here are three of them. Can you match the word with the picture.

Indians

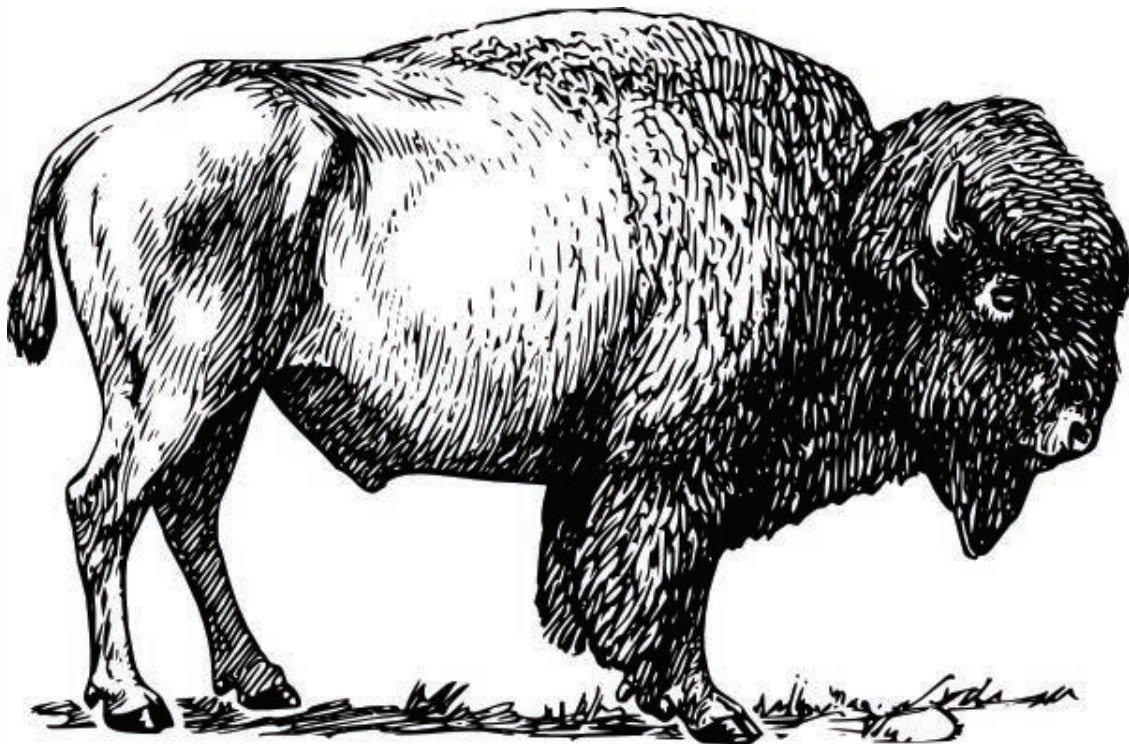
War

Train



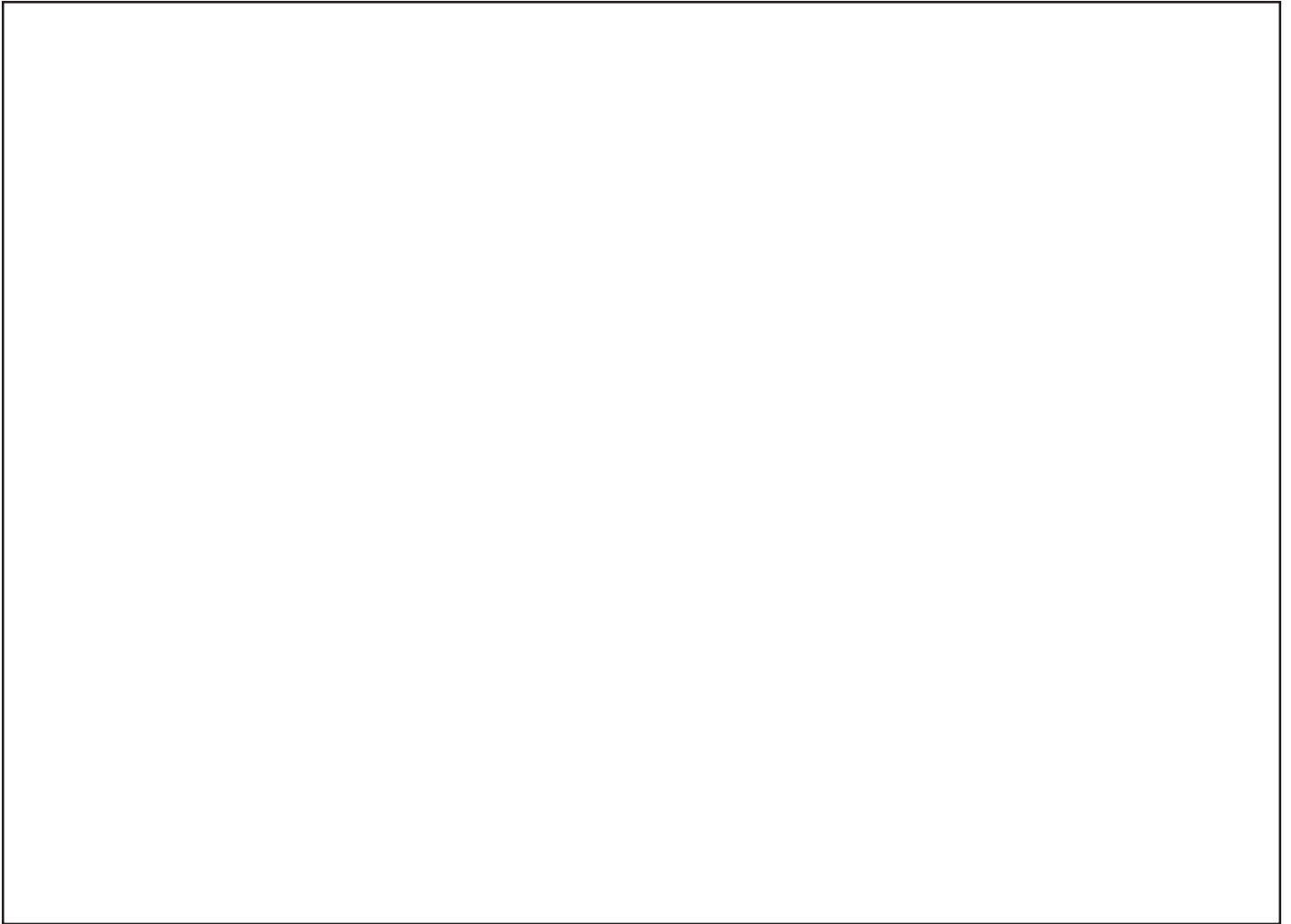
Indians were the first people to live in Kansas. They lived in teepees and hunted for animals. This is the animal that they liked best. Do you know what animal this is? Write your answer in the space below.

*Use the colored pencils in your haversack to color it.*



## 2. Stables

This building is the stables. Guess who lived here? That's right, horses. I like to ride horses. They can take you to places far away. Soldiers who lived here went far away on their horses. Can you draw a picture of a horse? Use the space below and your colored pencils.



### Haversack Alert

*While you're here, you can have fun brushing a horse's tail. Find the mane comb in your haversack. Here's what the mane comb looks like. Now find the horse made of wood. Do you see its tail? Try brushing its tail with the comb.*



### 3. Dragoon Barracks

The soldiers stayed in this building. They ate here, worked here, and slept here. Go upstairs to see where they slept. Take a look at the beds. Then answer some questions.

How many names do you see on each bed?

Counting just the bunk beds, how many beds are there? (Bunk beds count as two beds each)

Bonus question. How many soldiers slept in this room? Times the number of bunk beds by the number of names on each bed. Then add two for the single beds by the fireplace and write your answer below.

### Laundress Quarters

Downstairs is a room for the laundresses. Laundresses washed the soldiers' clothes. They also fixed tears in the clothes and sewed on buttons. Circle the items below that laundresses used to do their job.



Thread



Saddle



Iron



Gun



Washboard and Bucket

### Haversack Alert

*Take the shirt out of your haversack. Pretend to scrub it on the washboard that's in the bucket. Imagine doing that every day. That was hard work.*

## 4. Officers' Quarters

This is a fancy home. Officers and their wives lived here. They had a lot of space. Come with me and explore this house. There are three floors.

As you explore this house, look for the three things you see here. Match these things to the room you found them in by drawing a line from the item to the room. There are six rooms listed starting at the top of the house.



**Master Bedroom-3rd Floor**  
(the room with the fireplace)

**Children's or Guest Room-3rd Floor**

**Parlor-2nd Floor**

**Dining Room-2nd Floor**

**Morning or Sitting Room-1st Floor**

**Kitchen-1st Floor**

## 5. Wilson Home

This is my house. My dad bought this house after the soldiers left Fort Scott. My dad became a leader in the town. There were some scary things that happened in town while we lived here.

One time some angry men attacked Fort Scott. They captured my dad. Can you help him escape? You'll have to find your way out of the maze.



### Sutler Store

Before my dad became a town leader, he was the sutler. That means he ran a store where soldiers could buy things. He sold many things that they liked-harmonicas, tin cups, combs. Look at one of the sutler exhibits. What's your favorite thing that he sold? Write it in the space below.



*NPS Note: you can look at the items at the sutler counter in the visitor center or you can visit the sutler exhibit, if open, in Officers' Quarters No. 4.*

# 6. Kansas

Before Kansas became a state, people in Fort Scott argued and fought. Some people wanted to have slaves. Some did not. The people who did not want slaves won. Kansas became a state in 1861.

## Haversack Alert

*Find the Kansas flag in your haversack. Look at the flower on it. Do you know what kind of flower that is? If you said sunflower, you're right. Color the picture of the sunflower.*



## Tallgrass Prairie

If you liked the sunflower, you might like looking at other flowers. Walk with me through the tallgrass prairie. Count how many flowers you can find and write the number on the line below. Please don't pick any of the flowers.

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Below are some pictures of some flowers that can be seen in the prairie at Fort Scott. Circle any of these flowers that you saw today.

If you saw a different flower, then draw it in the space to the left.

If you came when there were no flowers, then draw your own flower in the space to your left.



Compass Plant



Purple Coneflower



Butterfly Milkweed



# 7. Civil War Buildings

There was more fighting around Fort Scott after Kansas became a state. This fighting was called the War Between the States or the Civil War. Soldiers came and set up tents here. Some stayed in our house. One time, soldiers tried to make us leave. My mother said she wouldn't leave unless her house was on fire.



Many of the buildings at Fort Scott were used by the army during the Civil War. Would you like to explore those buildings? How about playing a game? I'll show you three pictures of rooms in different buildings at the fort. You write the name of the building below the picture. Choose from the following:

**hospital, guardhouse, quartermaster storehouse**



A \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B **Food** \_\_\_\_\_

**Safety** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medicine** \_\_\_\_\_

Now match the building in Row A to the reason why it was important in Row B. Draw a line from the building to the reason. Which is most important to you? Food, medicine, or being safe. Explain your answer below.

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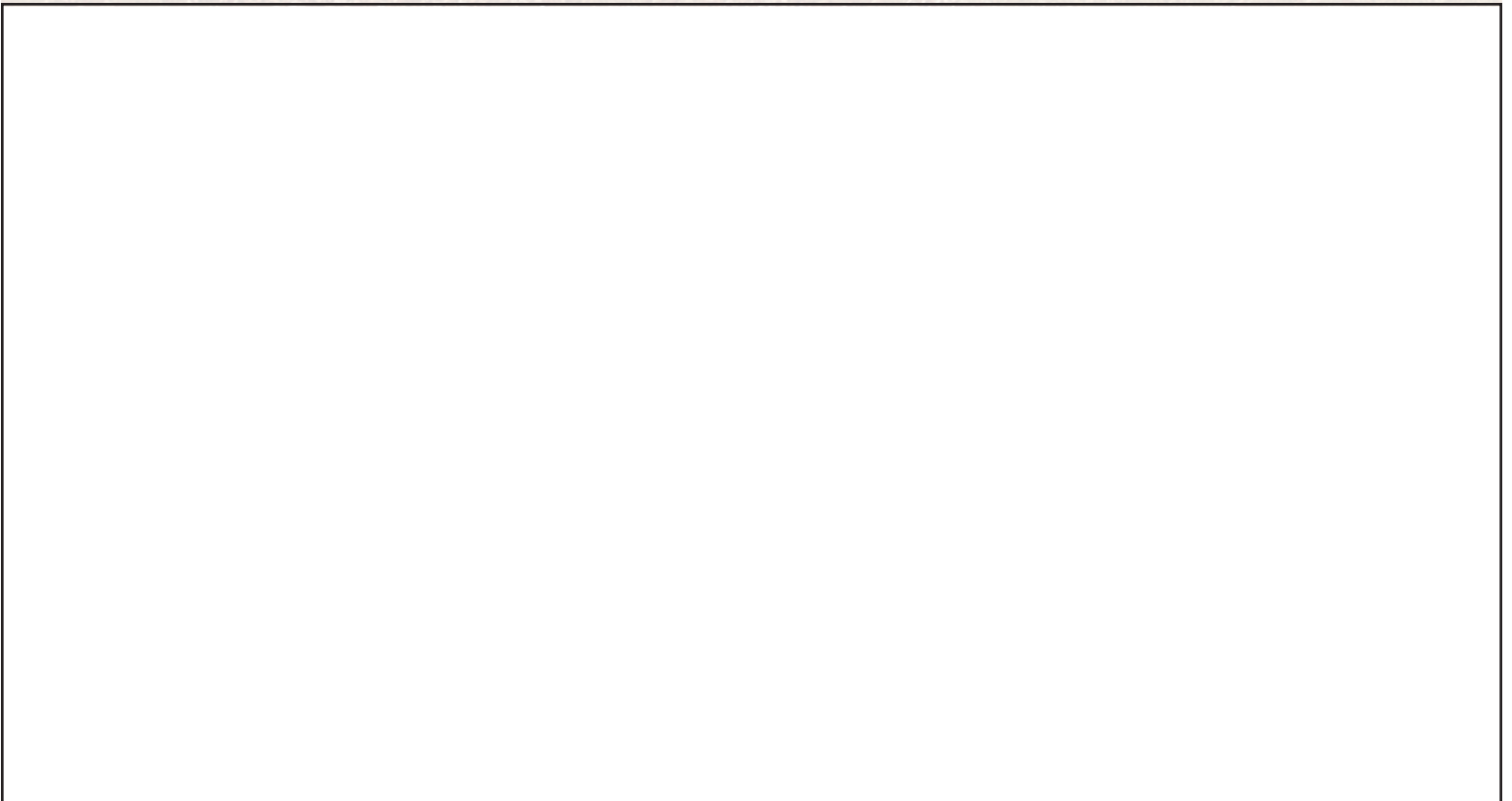
We had an exciting day exploring Fort Scott . Did you have fun? We need your help to protect Fort Scott so that you can come back and visit again. Maybe you'd like to bring your kids back to explore when you grow up.

Here are some things you can do to protect Fort Scott:

- Don't climb on walls, cannons, or buildings. You could cause damage and you could get hurt.
- Stay behind the barriers. That will help us to keep all the furniture and other things safe.
- Don't pick the flowers. Flowers drop their seeds so that new flowers can grow.
- Remember that everything you find at Fort Scott helps tell the story, so don't take anything home with you.

Can you think of something else that you can do to protect Fort Scott ? Write it down below.

We saw a lot of buildings today. What was your favorite building? Draw a picture of it in the space below. Why did you like it the best?



Congratulations, you are now a Junior Ranger at Fort Scott National Historic Site.

The Junior Ranger Motto is: Explore, Learn, Protect

You have explored Fort Scott, you have learned about Fort Scott, if you now agree to protect Fort Scott, sign your name below. Then show your book to the person working in the visitor center and have them sign it too. You will get your junior ranger badge at the visitor center.

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Signature of Junior Ranger

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Signature of Ranger or Volunteer

## Web Rangers

If you enjoyed this booklet, you might also enjoy the online activities available through the NPS Web Ranger Program

Online activities can be found at [www.nps.gov/webrangers](http://www.nps.gov/webrangers) or [www.webrangers.us](http://www.webrangers.us).

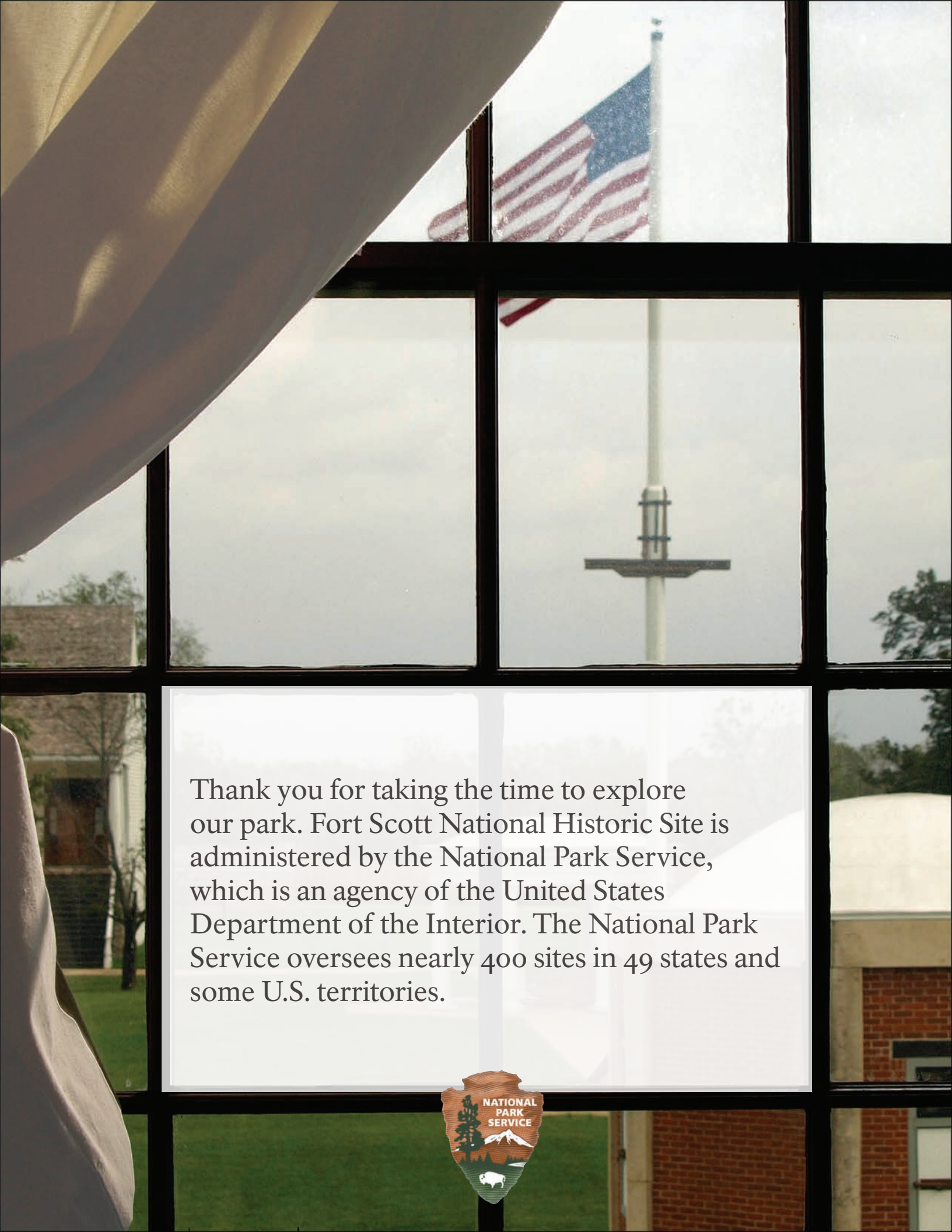
There are three different levels of activities that you can try at Web Rangers.

## Junior Ranger Programs

Many other National Park Service sites also offer junior ranger programs. Many of these are available online.

For a complete listing of parks with junior ranger programs, including those online, visit

<http://www.nps.gov/learn/juniorranger.htm>.



Thank you for taking the time to explore our park. Fort Scott National Historic Site is administered by the National Park Service, which is an agency of the United States Department of the Interior. The National Park Service oversees nearly 400 sites in 49 states and some U.S. territories.

