

Grand Portage National Monument

National Park Service
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Junior Ranger Activity Book

What is a Junior Ranger?

A Junior Ranger works hard exploring, learning, and having fun in our public lands. As a Junior Ranger, you can help to protect and preserve the resources at Grand Portage National Monument by observing all safety tips, learning as much as you can about the park, and sharing what you learned with others.

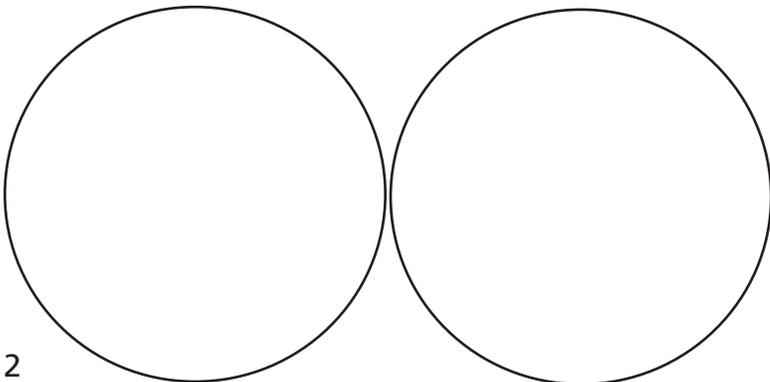
I want to be a Junior Ranger!

1. Complete activities to become a Grand Portage National Monument Junior Ranger.

0 - 9 years old	Complete four pages
9-12 years old	Complete seven pages
13+ years old	Complete all pages
2. Share your answers with the ranger in the Heritage Center to get your Junior Ranger patch!
3. Share what you learned with friends and family!

Grand Portage National Monument was established on September 2, 1958, to preserve the unique historical values of this area. Grand Portage National Monument is the only National Park located on an American Indian reservation that works with the tribe daily to maintain and protect its natural and cultural resources. Good luck and thank you for serving your National Parks as a Junior Park Ranger!

Find the Passport Stamp station near the information desk. Record today's date and the Junior Ranger stamp below!



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Hi! I'm Jabber! Look for me and you will find bonus questions and fun facts!

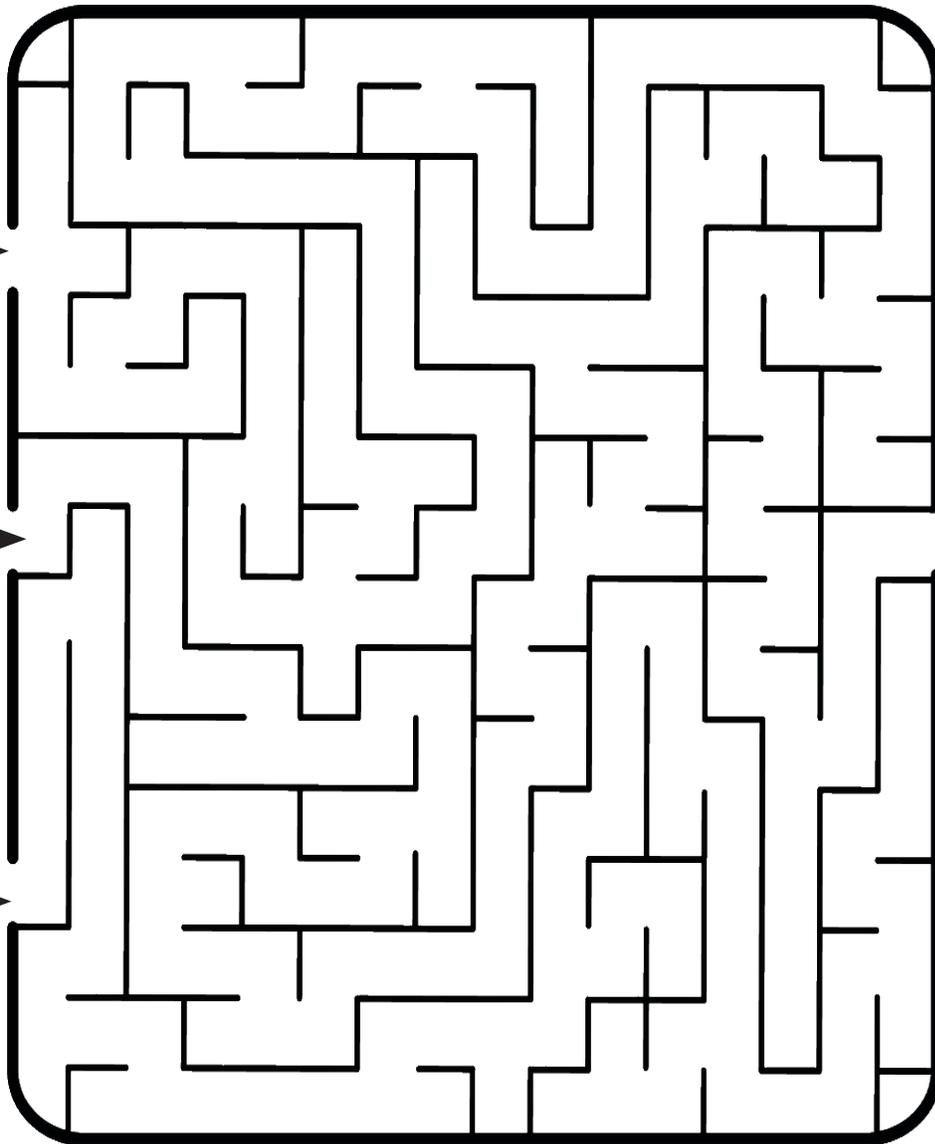
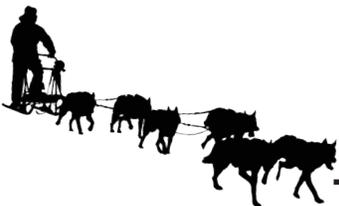
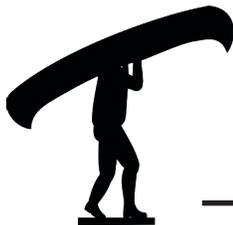
THE GRAND PORTAGE

The Grand Portage is an 8 1/2 mile footpath. A portage is where you carry your canoe and supplies between lakes and rivers. The Grand Portage is called grand because it is really, really long! The portage connects Lake Superior and the Pigeon River. The footpath has been used for over two thousand years! You can hike on the Portage, too! Ask a Ranger to point out where to start!

Ask a Ranger to show you where the Grand Portage begins.

If you are feeling adventurous, walk 100 steps on the Grand Portage.

Portage, ride, and paddle your way to the Northwest Company Depot on Lake Superior!



The National Park Service

There are over 400 National Park sites in the United States. These places include parks, battlefields, monument, seashores, historic sites, and recreation areas. The National Park Service preserves and protects these places because they are important to our nation.

The arrowhead is the symbol for the National Park Service. This shape reminds us of the culture and history National Park sites protect. Each picture inside the arrowhead represents something that is protected in a National Park site.



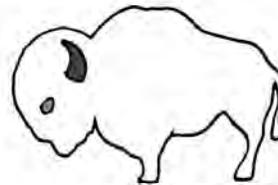
Arrowhead



Mountain



Lake



Bison



Tree

Directions:

Look at the National Park Service arrowhead at the top of the page.

Now look at the pictures and words on the right.

Fill in the blanks with the word you think best describes what National Park Service sites protect.

The _____ represents the wildlife protected by the National Park Service.

The _____ represents the plants protected by the National Park Service.

The _____ represents the beautiful scenery protected by the National Park Service.

The _____ represents the water protected by the National Park Service.

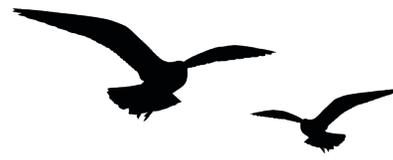
The _____ represents our nation's history protected by the National Park Service.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Looking at the world around us is a big part of being a park ranger. Let's take a walk outside!

What do you see outside today? What catches your eye?

Stop and close your eyes. Then, open your ears and listen to what is going on around you. What do you hear?



I see:

1.

2.

3.

I hear:

1.

2.

3.

Bonus Activity!!

Draw something that caught your eye



Do you think the birds listen to us?

YESTERDAY'S TRASH, TODAY'S TREASURE

These artifacts are part of the national monument's museum collections. National Park Service archaeologists study artifacts to learn about human activity in the past. Each one of these items is important to piecing together the story of Grand Portage.

Now it's your turn to be the archaeologist! Can you identify the artifacts? Write the word in the boxes provided.



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What do these artifacts say about the people who left them?

NORTHWOODS MAMMALS

Identify these northwoods mammals using the description and image to the right.

Waboose

This mammal turns white in winter and brown in summer.



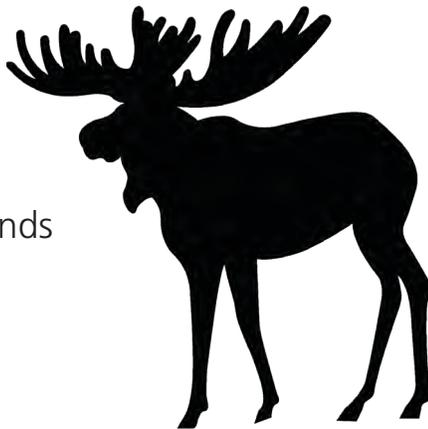
Zhigaag

This animal can blast its foul mist 10 feet!



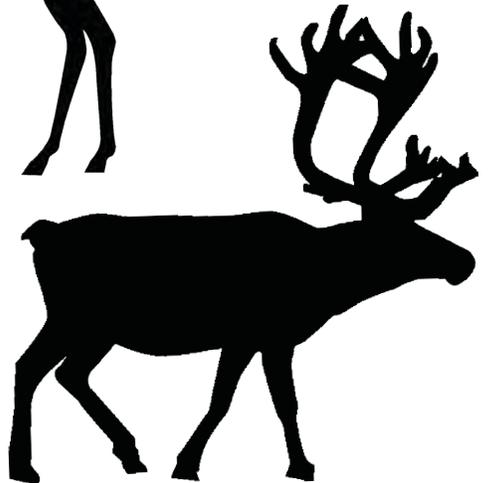
Mooz

This large mammal devours over 70 pounds of vegetation in a day.



Adik

Males and females of this species both have antlers, they don't have red noses, though!



Ajidamoo

This animal lives in a twiggy nest called a drey. Unlike chipmunks they do not hibernate.



Amik

This large rodent's big front teeth never stop growing



SHARED KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY

Native Americans shared what they know with fur traders. Unscramble the letters to identify tools, technologies, and foods that fur traders adopted from native people.



nocr



aicncoms



sonhsoew



aneco



pmlae uspyr



dilw ceir



ihsf net



auqssh



ntbogaog



What technology could you NOT live without?

OJIBWE FOODS WORD FIND

The Ojibwe diet varied throughout the year according to the food that was available. Many foods that were only available for a short time were preserved. Dried foods such as berries, corn, beans, and fish could be kept for months. All of these food items can be found in Ojibwe territory.

ODEIMIN - strawberry

MANDAAMIN - corn

MIINAN - blueberry

ZIINZIBAAKWAD - maple sugar

NABOOB- stew

MASHKODIISIMIN - bean

ANIIBIISHAABOO - tea

NIBI - water

MOOZOWIYAAS - moose meat

GIIGOONH - fish

OKOSIMAAN - squash

MANOOMIN - wild rice



Would you like to learn to pronounce the Ojibwe words? Ask a ranger for help!

THE BEAVER EXCHANGE

You have been working hard all winter to gather furs to buy your supplies. The North West Company traders are expected to visit your village and it is your first time trading with them.

- 1** Imagine a time before money. How would you get stuff? How would you eat? List three ways you might be able to get food if you had no money:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____



2 Native Americans traded animal furs for supplies like kettles, axes, and fabric. Furs were "Beaver Money." Beaver money (furs) could be traded for supplies. Use the chart on the left to figure out how much beaver money you have.

Convert to Beaver

- 1 Beaver = 1 Beaver
- 1 Otter = 2 Beaver
- 1 Moose = 2 Beaver
- 1 Fisher = 1 Beaver
- 2 Deer = 1 Beaver
- 2 Marten = 1 Beaver
- 10 Muskrat = 1 Beaver
- 1 Lynx = 2 Beaver

Convert to Beaver Currency

- 20 Beaver
 - 1 Moose
 - 2 Fisher
 - 10 Muskrat
 - 4 Deer
- = \$ _____ Beaver Currency
- (Example: In beaver currency: 1 Beaver, 1 Fisher, and 1 Lynx are equal to 4 beaver.)

3 Trade Good Price List

<u>Trade Good</u>	<u>Beaver \$</u>
1 Northwest Trade Gun	10 Beaver
30 Lead Balls	1 Beaver
1 Pound of Gunpowder	1 Beaver
1 Brass Kettle	7 Beaver
1 Axe Head	1 Beaver
1 Blanket	4 Beaver
1 Yard of Cloth	1 Beaver
2 Yards of Ribbon	2 Beaver
1 Package of Beads	5 Beaver
1 Length of Tobacco	2 Beaver
3 Fire Steels	1/2 Beaver
9 Flints	1/2 Beaver

Use the Trade Good Price List to shop for what you need.

<u>Beaver \$</u>	<u>Trade Goods</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PARK ADVENTURE WORDPLAY



Do you like funny stories? Fill in the blanks with words that match the description under it. When you finish, read the story aloud and get ready for the giggles!

- **Noun:** person, place, thing (skunk, elevator, table)
- **Adjective:** descriptive word (stinky, yellow, wet)
- **Verb:** action word (walk, sneeze, ride)
- **Plural:** more than one (geese, pianos, melons)
- **Silly Words:** Zonkers! Whoops!

Our Visit To Grand Portage National Monument

It was a _____ summer day and we had just finished loading our _____
(adjective) (type of vehicle)
for our trip to Grand Portage National Monument with my good pal _____.
(name of best friend)
_____ packed lots of snacks including _____ and _____. The
(family member) (type of food) (type of liquid)
drive must have taken _____ hours because when we got out of the car my _____ was
(number) (body part)
numb. When we arrived at the Heritage Center, my pal and I were determined to become Junior Rangers.
The _____ park ranger welcomed us to the park, gave us our Junior Ranger book, and
(adjective)
we were on our way!

The movie was _____, we learned the history of Grand Portage, why the portage
(silly word)
was so important, and how the traders and Ojibwe worked together. The gallery was full of
_____ artifacts and the park ranger told us there were _____ more
(adjective) (number)
artifacts stored in the basement.

My pal and I wanted to _____, so we went outside. We looked up to see a
(verb)
_____ fly over, it was headed for the lake so we followed it. _____
(type of bird) (family member)
said it was too _____ to swim from the dock so we decided to look at
(adjective)
_____ along the beach.

(plural noun)
The _____ fur depot was used over 200 years ago! The stockade walls around it were
(adjective)
_____ feet tall. My pal liked watching the rangers cook wild rice and _____. My
(number) (type of food)
favorite parts were _____ the Grand Portage trail and touching the _____
(verb ending in -ing) (animal)
fur. We even got to _____ in a forty foot canoe! _____, it was like
(verb) (silly word)
stepping back in time! Some of the rangers were dressed in _____ clothing. We
(adjective)
finished our activities and headed back to the Heritage Center to be sworn in as Junior Rangers!



How will you spend your day at Grand Portage National Monument?

COLORING FUN: THE BEAVER

Beavers swim every day! A layer of fat and thick, waterproof fur keeps them warm. Beavers have webbed back feet like a duck which lets them move more quickly in water than on land. They are powerful swimmers, they can swim up to 5mph. Their webbed rear feet provide the power while the tail steers.





Scottish Shortbread

Shortbread originated in Scotland as early as 1736. Many of the partners of the North West Company were Scottish. It is quite possible shortbread was served to the North West Company men in the Great Hall during the Rendezvous.

One pound flour, one-half pound butter, six ounces sugar. Work all together on a board. When thoroughly mixed, press with the hand into cakes one-half inch thick; cut into shapes and bake in a slow oven.

from: "Scotch Shortbread." The Neighborhood Cook Book

We have taken the above recipe and adapted it for your home kitchen. Have fun with this historic recipe but be certain to ask an adult for assistance in the kitchen.

Ingredients

1 cup butter (2 sticks)
3/4 cup sugar
2 cups flour

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a medium bowl, cut room temperature butter into chunks. Add sugar and mix until creamy. Gradually add 2 cups of flour and mix thoroughly.

With your hands, evenly press the dough into a round cake or pie pan. Bake in oven for 25-35 minutes or until golden brown. While warm, cut into wedges like a pizza and enjoy!

I AM A JUNIOR RANGER!

EXPLORE

Today, I explored...

LEARN

Today, I learned...

PROTECT

How can you protect our natural and cultural resources?

JUNIOR RANGER PLEDGE

I am proud to be
a National Park Service Junior Ranger.
I promise to respect and protect
the resources of the Parks.
I will continue learning about
the history, people, plants and animals
of these special places.
I promise to share what I learn
with my friends and family.

Mail your completed book to us! Include a return mailing address and we will send a Junior Ranger patch for each Junior Ranger named on the certificate. We will include your original book, too!

Mail your completed book to:

Grand Portage National Monument
Attn: Junior Ranger Desk
P.O. Box 426
Grand Portage, MN 55605



this certifies that

has fulfilled the requirements to be a

JUNIOR RANGER

at

Grand Portage National Monument



Official Signature

Date

