

LAKE OSWEGO JUNIOR RANGER

ACTIVITY BOOK



Thank you for your interest in the Junior Ranger Program! Inside you will find helpful tips, activities, & more to help you become an Official Junior Ranger!

LO Junior Rangers

Corps of Discovery



Becoming a Lake Oswego Junior Ranger is fun and exciting. You will have the opportunity to learn the stories, history and ecology that make up our park system. You will also learn how to safely **Discover**, **Respect**, and **Protect** the people, structures, plants, and animals of Lake Oswego Parks.



Become a Junior Ranger by completing the activities and journal in this activity book. Once you have completed the activities, please contact the Park Ranger so that you may say the Junior Ranger pledge and become an official Lake Oswego Junior Ranger.



Answers to the questions in the activity book may be found by exploring the park, going to the library, or asking the Park Ranger.

May the Forest be with you!



Park Journal

Park Rangers keep daily journals to track the health of the land, plants, and animals that live in the park.

Here is a chance for you to keep a Junior Ranger Journal.

Log at least three entries into your journal about your adventures in the parks. You can write about the sights and sounds you experienced, draw a picture of a plant or animal, or write about the special event you went to, such as a concert or sports game. You can describe what you liked best about the parks, or report areas that need our help!

Remember, always be respectful of our natural areas & the many things that live there!



Park Journal: Entry 1



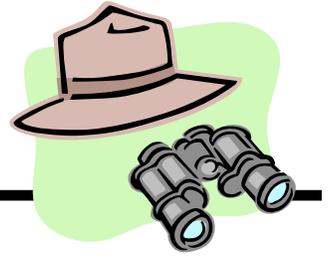
Park name:



You can write a poem, describe what you liked best about the park, or draw a picture of a plant or animal you saw while on an adventure in the park.



Park Journal: Entry 2



Park name:



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Park Journal: Entry 3



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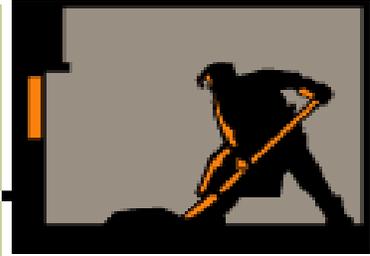
Park History



A Junior Ranger has the duty of knowing the history of the parks. How they were traditionally used, and how they were developed. The land that makes up Lake Oswego Parks has had been used by humans for the past 6,000 years. Historical reference suggest that George Rogers Park was once used by bands of the Clackamas Native American Tribes. In 1852 Albert Durham received a land claim and started a timber mill at the mouth of Oswego creek (traditionally it was called Sucker Creek). The land that makes up George Rogers Park was used for many purposes until in 1952 the land became officially known as George Rogers Park.

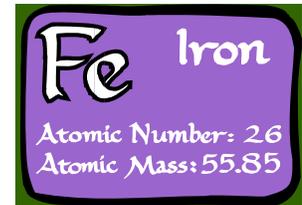


George Rogers Park



Pittsburg of the West, that was the vision of The Oregon Iron and Steel Company when construction started in 1865 on the historic furnace in George Rogers Park. The Furnace was the first Iron producing furnace on the west coast. Today it is the oldest industrial monument on the west coast. To learn more about the furnace visit the park and look for the interpretive signs next to the furnace and through out the park.

Questions:



What was the furnace used for?

When was it built?

Why is it important to save and restore the Furnace?

Natural Areas

Lake Oswego has over 490 acres of natural areas. Natural areas are an area of land that is protected from development and over use so that plant and animal habitats can live undisturbed. It is a Junior Rangers duty to protect these habitats by leaving a little foot print. What does it mean to leave a little foot print? It means to leave as little a mark as possible on the park. Here are a few ways to do this.

 Do not Litter

 Stay on Trails

 Keep all pets on a leash



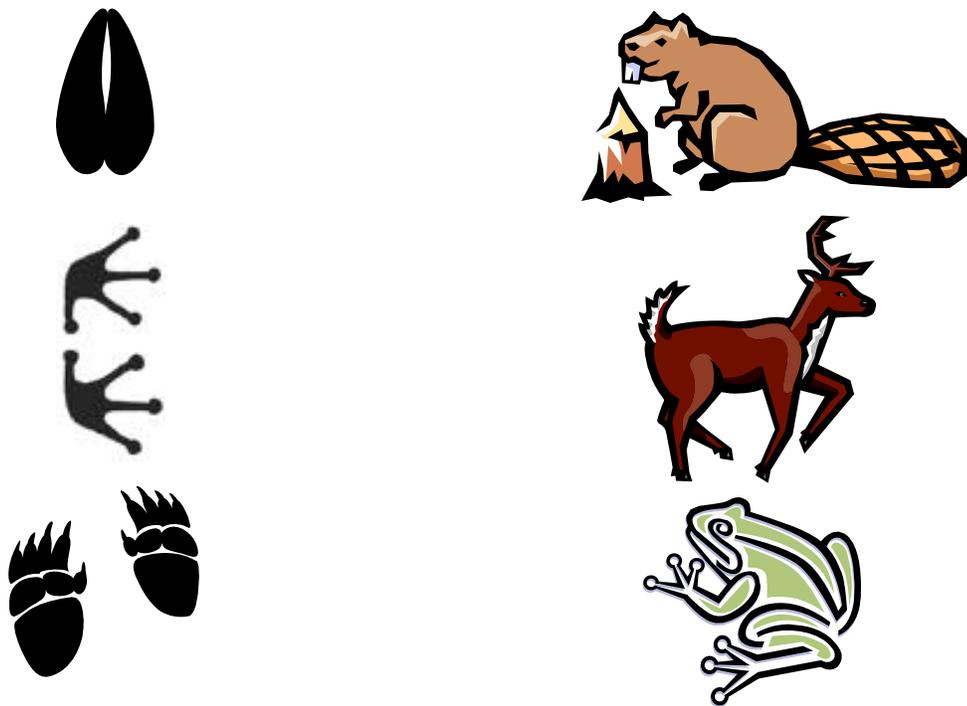
Can you think of other actions to take to leave a little foot print while hiking the natural areas?

Natural Areas

Within the 490 acres of Natural area that exists in Lake Oswego lives a diverse population of animal life.

Can you match the foot print to the animal?

Draw a line from the foot print to the correct animal.



Sketch a foot print of your favorite animal, or an animal you have seen in the parks.



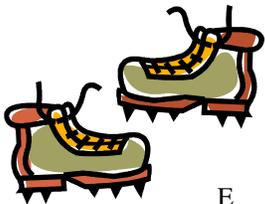
Park Safety

A Junior Rangers duties include keeping them selves and others safe while exploring the parks. Find the words that complete the safety tips all Junior Rangers should know.

1. Drink plenty of water on a hot day.
2. Always stay with a parent/group leader when hiking a trail.
3. Know all the rules of the park before entering.
4. Always wear the correct clothing for the weather.
5. Always wear a helmet when riding a bike.
6. Help others feel safe by keeping all pets on a leash.

Preparation tip: Know what to do ahead of time incase you get lost in the wilderness visit:

www.gpsar.org/hugatree.html



Word Find

E	X	P	L	O	R	E	R	A	B	W	Z
T	R	E	K	L	U	T	E	F	V	E	Y
L	C	Q	R	O	L	H	D	F	C	A	C
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Secret Code



Decipher the secret code and learn the Junior Ranger Motto.

1 = D	6 = E
2 = T	7 = O
3 = I	8 = R
4 = C	9 = V
5 = S	10 = P

1 3 5 4 7 9 6 8

8 6 5 10 6 4 2

10 8 7 2 6 4 2



Discover, all that our parks have to offer. Such as wildlife, nature walks, concerts, festivals, ball games and more.

Respect, all that exists in the park. Such as natural wildlife habitats, other people in the park, and the rules of the park.

Protect, the planet and the park from littering, destroying of natural areas, and pollution.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**You have successfully completed the
Junior Ranger Activity Guide!**

**Now that you've finished, you're
ready to take your pledge as an
Official Lake Oswego Junior Ranger!**

**Please contact Ben, the Park Ranger
at 971-563-8059 or email
blabounty@ci.oswego.or.us
to schedule your swearing in!**

Thank you for protecting our Parks!

