



Dear Junior Rangers,

What is the Mississippi River like in winter? Discover the answer to this question by participating in any of these programs designed just for Junior Rangers.



PROTECT

Plant a Prairie

Call for a prairie packet!

Ranger Ami Thompson: 651-290-303 x304

Prairie plants provide food and shelter for many Mississippi River animals. They also protect the soil by holding it in place when it rains while keeping the soil full of healthy nutrients. Call or email Ranger Ami to request a prairie packet which includes an instruction sheet and little bluestem (prairie grass) seeds which you can plant at home inside this winter and then transfer to your yard in spring. FREE! Contact Ranger Ami: 651-290-3030 x304, ami_thompson@nps.gov.

Winter River Exploration

February 25th, 1:30p.m.- 2:30p.m.

At Crosby Farm Regional Park: Call Ranger Ami: 651-290-3030 x304

EXPLORE

Learn how to find and read the nature's clues with Ranger Mary Maule and Ranger Ami Thompson as they explore Crosby Farm Regional Park. FREE! Please call or email Ranger Ami to register: 651-290-3030 x304 ami_thompson@nps.gov.

LEARN

Mississippi River Astronomy

March 24th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Indian Mounds Park: Contact Ranger Ami: 651-290-3030 x304

Join Katy Hauland from the Minnesota Astronomical Society and Ranger Ami Thompson in viewing the night sky through telescopes along the Mississippi River. FREE! Please call or email Ranger Ami to register: 651-290-3030 x304, ami_thompson@nps.gov.

Can't come to the programs? Explore, learn, and protect online by becoming a National Park Service Web Ranger. <http://www.nps.gov/webrangers/>

Many more activities listed at:

www.MississippiPassport.org

If you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Ranger Ami: 651-290-3030 ext. 304 or ami_thompson@nps.gov

This emblem symbolizes the things that the National Park Service cares about. Each part of the emblem represents something important.

Using the Symbol List, label the different parts of the National Park Service Emblem.



- Symbol List
- Mountain
Lake
Arrowhead Shape
Bison
Tree

Can you figure out what the National Park Service emblem means?

Fill in the blanks using words from the Symbol List.

A. The _____ represents historical and archeological treasures.

B. The _____ represents all vegetation.

C. The _____ represents land formations, scenery, and recreational opportunities.

D. The _____ represents all wildlife.

E. The _____ represents clean water and recreational opportunities.

Answers: 1. Arrowhead Shape, 2. Tree, 3. Lake
Shape, B. Tree, C. Mountain, D. Bison, E. Bison, 4. Mountain, 5. Lake, A. Arrowhead