



JUNIOR RANGER



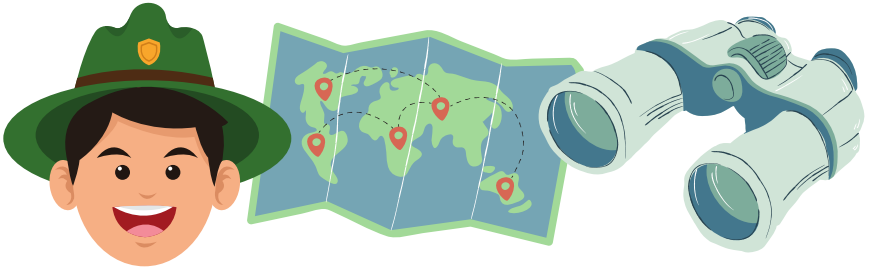
Activity Book

My name is:



WELCOME Junior Ranger!

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The National Park Service (NPS) preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. This includes many things such as special plants, animals, places and people that are called our national treasures. These treasures are protected and shared in places called national parks.

As National Park Service Rangers, it is our job to be the stewards, or the protectors, and teachers of the parks. It is our job to understand the treasures and share them with others. The more you understand how important the parks are to our country and the world, the more likely you are to help protect our parks so that your children and their children and their children can enjoy them too!

As a Junior Ranger, you too are a steward! In this case the steward of American Memorial Park. As a Junior Ranger you will help us honor the memories of the American servicemen and Marianas people who died during the Marianas Campaign of World War II. As you discover this national park, you will learn and understand this historical treasure. You can then help us share with your friends and families the importance of this special place.

LET'S GET STARTED!

When you are done with each activity, check the badge on each page. Then, give your Activity Book to a Ranger at the front desk. If you can't complete the activities while you are here, take this booklet home and mail it to the address below or simply visit us again and drop it off when you are done! You can also scan or take photos of each page and email it to AMME_Administration@nps.gov.

Whether by mail or in person, you will receive a Junior Ranger Badge, a certificate and the very special title of Junior Ranger!

**Use the address below to
mail your booklet:**

Interpretation Division
American Memorial Park
P.O. Box 5198 CHR
Saipan, MP 96950

WHY ARE NATIONAL PARKS IMPORTANT?

National Parks are all different. In some parks, Rangers take care of a beautiful place in nature. In other parks, Rangers take care of old buildings or places where a very special moment in history happened. People can go to these parks and enjoy the beautiful places in nature, or learn about the important people and events in American history. When we learn the stories of these important places, we want to help protect them so more people can learn about them too.



This symbol is located at every National Park. It represents the mission of the National Park Service and the things rangers protect.

Match the symbols on the left with what rangers take care of in parks.



• Represents animals



• Represents history



• Represents plants



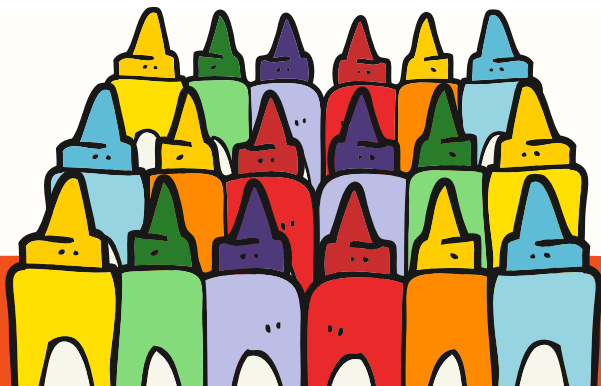
• Represents land formations



• Represents bodies of water



COLOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LOGO





WHAT IS AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK?

American Memorial Park is an area protected by the National Park Service. The mission of the park is to honor the American and Marianas people who gave their lives during the Marianas Campaign of World War II.

As a result of the Marianas Campaign, thousands of military personnel and many island residents lost their lives. American Memorial Park serves as a living legacy and honors their sacrifice at three distinct locations within the park: the Court of Honor and Flag Circle, the Marianas Memorial, and the Saipan American Memorial and Carillon Bell Tower.



Luminary Display
Memorial Day 2018

WHAT WAS THE MARIANAS CAMPAIGN OF WORLD WAR II?

At 8:40 am on June 15, 1944, the first United States Marines landed on the narrow shores of Saipan. The Japanese had worked to prepare the island for war and had built defenses throughout Saipan to fight off the American invasion. Families left their homes and walked to farms or caves to hide. For many of the Marines, soldiers, seamen, and airmen it was a new battle and part of a long war. For many it would be their last. For the world it was the beginning of the end of the Pacific War.



The Marianas Campaign of World War II was the most decisive battle of the Pacific Theater.

After 25 days of fighting, the U.S. forces were able to secure Saipan on July 9th. They began their attack on Tinian shortly after and were able to take control of that island as well. On August 6, 1945, the B-29 airplane named the Enola Gay took off from Tinian carrying the two atomic bombs used on Japan. The end of the war followed less than one month later.

THE PARK HAS FOUR
MEMORIALS IN HONOR OF
THOSE WHO DIED.

MEMORIALS



Court of Honor and Flag Circle

The Court of Honor and Flag Circle was dedicated on June 15, 1994, the 50th Anniversary of the American landings on Saipan. The American Flag is proudly displayed at the center of the Flag Circle and is surrounded by the flags of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army and U.S. Coast Guard, the armed services divisions that participated in the campaign. Designed to honor those who sacrificed their lives during the campaign, the Court of Honor memorial consists of 26 granite panels inscribed with the names of 5,204 service men who perished.



Saipan American Memorial and
Carillon Bell Tower

The American Battle Monuments Commission erected the Saipan American Memorial, which commemorates the Americans and the Chamorro and Carolinian people who died during the liberation of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam from June 15 to August 11, 1944. The memorial is a 12-foot rectangular obelisk of rose granite and is inscribed with the following: "This memorial has been erected by the United States of America in humble tribute to its sons who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the liberation of the Marianas. 1941-1945" The Carillon Bell Tower is adjacent to the obelisk and was dedicated on November 11, 1995, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II.



Marianas Memorial

The Marianas Memorial was dedicated on June 13, 2004, in memory of indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians of the Northern Mariana Islands who died during World War II. Caught in a war not of their making, the people of the Northern Marianas, like many civilians throughout the Pacific, became victims of war. The Marianas Memorial honors Chamorros and Carolinians who lost their lives as a result of war-related causes from the beginning of American aerial bombardment in Saipan on June 11, 1944, to the closure of civilian camps on July 4, 1946. The memorial consists of ten granite panels listing 929 names.

Directions: Draw a picture of your favorite part of the park.



As Junior Rangers we can help the National Park Service take care of important places. Why is American Memorial Park an important place for all to protect?



American Memorial Park is important because.....



WORD

SEARCH

AEPDTINIAN
JCDOEEFFOC
CAMPSUSUPE
YEPBATTLEG
FPSANAIRAM
MARINESKBB
OAHCOPATTM
ACOIPATHHQ
SUGARCANEF
RVNAPIASEL



BATTLE - CAMP SUSUPE - COFFEE - DDAY - JAPAN -
MARIANAS - MARINES - MT TAPOCHAO - PEACE -
SAIPAN - SUGARCANE - TAPIOCA - TINIAN



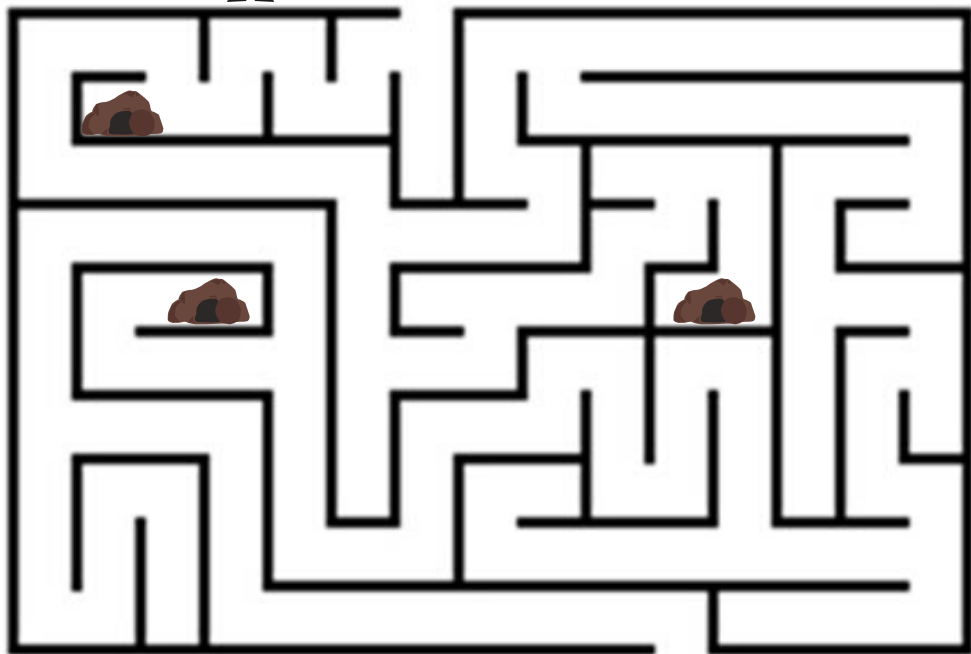
FINISH THE OBJECTIVE

Due to heavy opposition from the Japanese, it ended up taking the Americans 3 days to reach their first day's objective.

Directions: Get the soldiers through the maze to reach the flag.



Start here



End here



LET'S REVIEW THE PARK MEMORIALS

List two facts about each memorial.

Court of Honor and Flag Circle:

1.

2.

Marianas Memorial:

1.

2.

Saipan American Memorial:

1.

2.

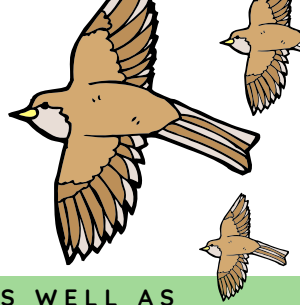
Carillon Bell Tower:

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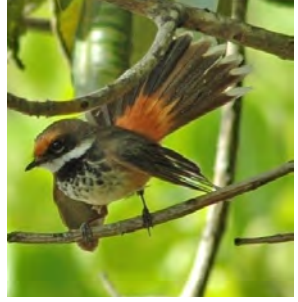
2.



GET TO KNOW OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS



THERE ARE 18 SPECIES OF BIRDS AS WELL AS NUMEROUS INSECTS, LIZARDS, CRABS, AND SNAILS THAT MAY BE OBSERVED WITHIN THE PARK. THE MARIANA MOORHEN AND MARIANA NIGHTINGALE REED WARBLER ARE FEDERALLY PROTECTED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. IN THIS ACTIVITY, YOU WILL BE IDENTIFYING BIRDS BY MATCHING THEM TO THE CORRECT CHARACTERISTICS PROVIDED.



Identify the bird

BY MATCHING IT WITH THE CORRECT DESCRIPTION .

DRAW A LINE TO CONNECT THE BIRD WITH ITS CORRECT DESCRIPTION.



Collared Kingfisher



Chamorro Name: Ga'ga pale'
Carolinian Name: N/A

This bird's body is a mix of white, brown and black. It has a white-colored belly. This bird is small, somewhat chubby and has a short neck and a thick bill.



Eurasian Tree Sparrow



Chamorro Name: Sihek
Carolinian Name: Waaw

This bird has a long, sharp beak, a white head and blue or turquoise backs and wings. They use cliffs, tree branches, fences and wires as perches. You will often find them hanging out on the telephone lines.

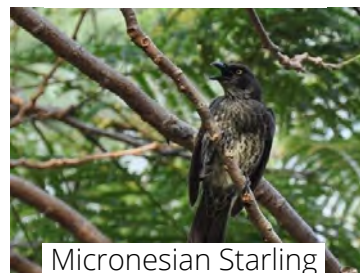


White Tern



Chamorro Name: Sali
Carolinian Name: Mwii

This glossy black bird has a short tail and yellow rings around its eyes. It is known for eating wild hot peppers and spreading the seeds around the island.



Micronesian Starling



Chamorro Name: Chunge
Carolinian Name: Geeghi

This bird has a completely white body excluding the black rings around its eyes. It can be found on beaches or near coastal areas.

Identify the bird

BY MATCHING IT WITH THE CORRECT CHARACTERISTIC .

DRAW A LINE TO CONNECT THE BIRD
WITH ITS CORRECT DESCRIPTION.



Chamorro Name: Egigi

Carolinian Name: Tigh'par

This bird is the only bright red bird in the Mariana Islands. Their beak is long and thin, specifically designed to poke into a long flower tube.



Chamorro Name: Kalalang

Carolinian Name: Ghuliing

This bird 's most distinctive features are the long curved bill and stirped head. It is covered in brown feathers. You can find this bird near the beach or walking down the shore.



Chamorro Name: Canario

Carolinian Name: Khanooriyo

This bird is bright yellow and often has a long, melodious, sing-song call. It is endemic to the Marianas Islands. They feed on seeds, fruits and insects as well as berries and papaya.



Chamorro Name: Chuchuko atilong

Carolinian Name: Ghe're'sch'l

This bird has long bills and legs. It has two color phases, white and dark grey. Dark grey being the more common color. Their necks are an S-shape when they fly, and they can land and take off from water.



PROTECT OUR PLANET!

The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

Help us fulfill our mission by helping us care for the earth. Complete the Earth Friendly Bingo activity on the next page.

EARTH FRIENDLY BINGO

Use Reusable
Straws



Turn off the water
when brushing
your teeth.



Learn proper
recycling techniques
and practice them.



Helped with a
Beach Cleanup



Shop Local



Keep a reusable
water bottle or
coffee cup



Bring reusable
bags to stores.



Eat Ice cream
with a cone. No
cup. No plastic
waste.

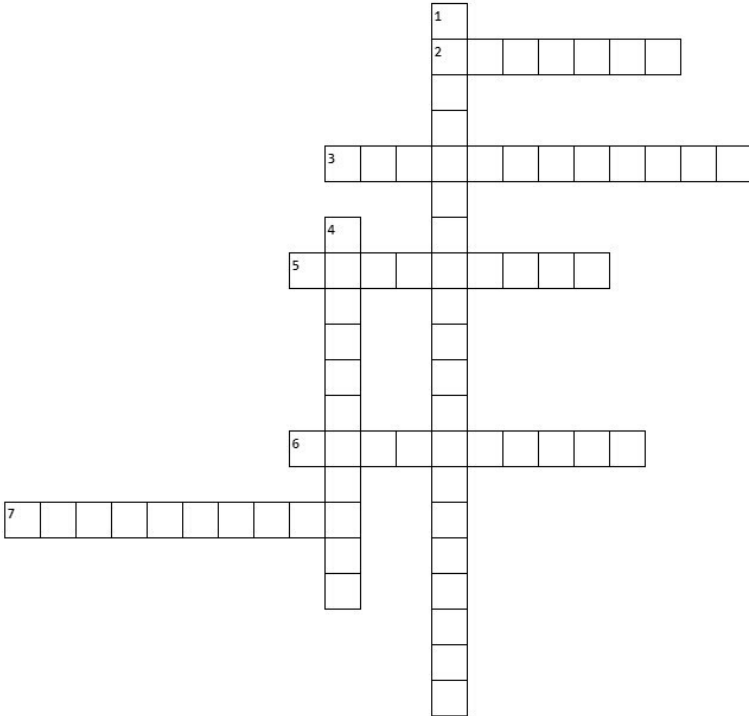


Turn off the
lights &
electronics
when
you're not
using them.



Cross out every box to
complete the activity.

Crossword Puzzle



Across:

2. An important goal or purpose
3. Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Yosemite, American Memorial Park are all examples of...
5. A person who does a job or work without being paid or forced to do it
6. Welcomes visitors, gives tours, answer questions and wears a cool hat
7. A feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

Down:

1. Name Saipan's National Park
4. A war that came to the Marianas in 1944





Now that you have completed the required activities, it is time to take the pledge.

Raise your right hand and recite the Junior Ranger pledge.

I, _____
(write your first and last name on the line above)

am proud to be a National Park Service Junior Ranger. I promise to appreciate, respect and protect all national park areas. I also promise to continue learning about the landscape, plants, and animals and history of these special places. I will share what I learn with my friends and family.



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU ARE NOW A
JUNIOR RANGER!