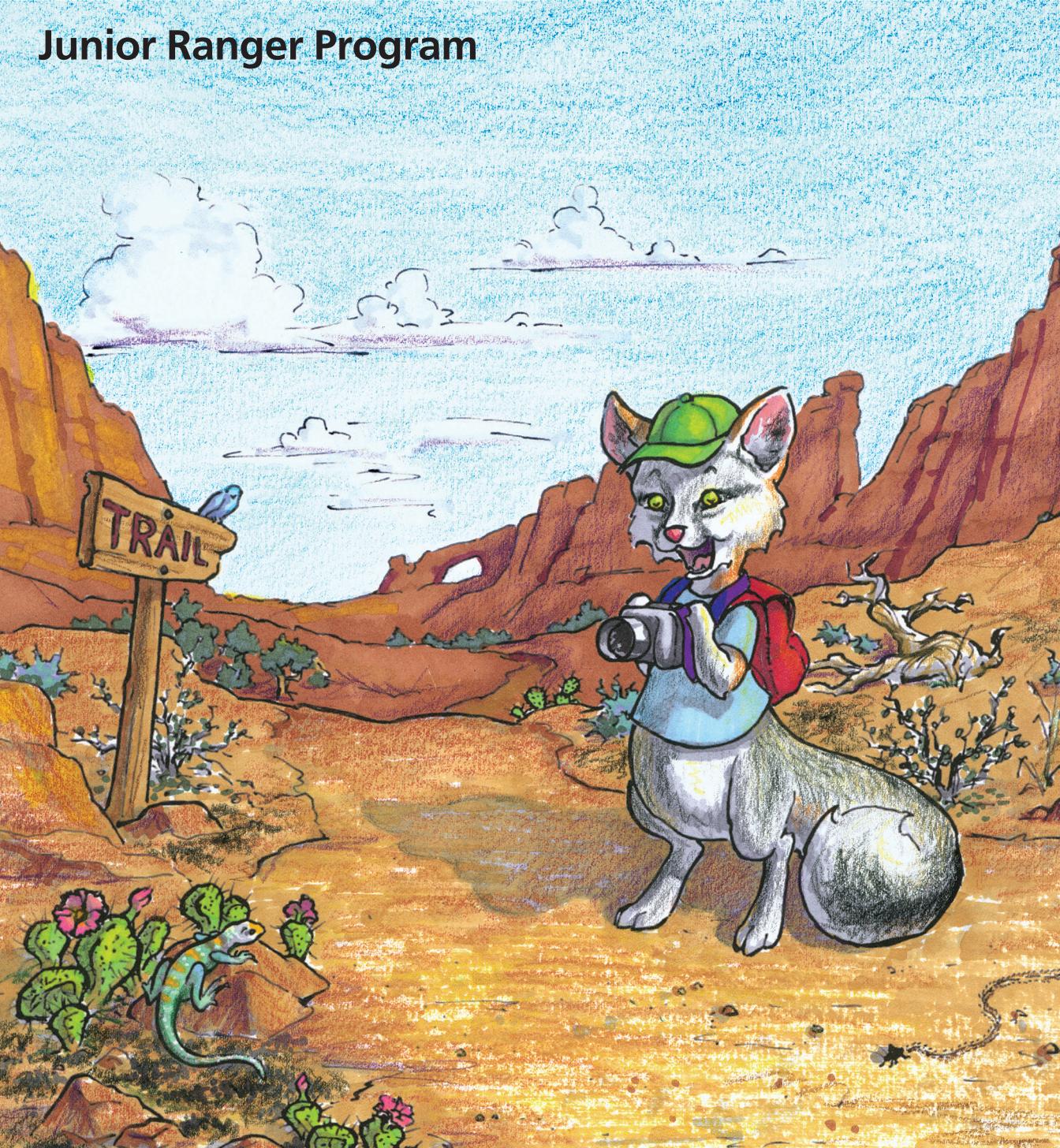




## Junior Ranger Program



**Welcome to Arches!** I'm Fiery Fox. Come join me in exploring the park and doing some fun activities. To earn your Junior Ranger badge, just follow the instructions below.



**1. Choose one of the following:**

Attend a ranger program.

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranger Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Something I learned: \_\_\_\_\_

Watch park movie at the visitor center.

Something I learned: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Pick up some litter in the park (please stay on trails).**

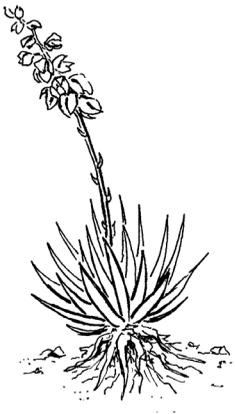
Have a parent initial that you have completed this: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Complete the three activities in this book that have a  next to them and one additional activity.**

Return to the visitor center so a park ranger can check your booklet, sign your certificate, and present your Junior Ranger badge.



★ Draw a picture of the place you chose.





# Arches Rocks

Arches National Park is a place of rocks - red rocks, tall rocks, balanced rocks. It has rocks that are really big and rocks that can fit in your hand. Delicate Arch is in a valley full of especially interesting and unusual rocks. As you hike, look around you. See how many of these unique rocks you can spot. Please remember to leave them where you find them for other Junior Rangers to enjoy.



\_\_\_\_\_ green or blue rock

\_\_\_\_\_ rock that sparkles in the sun

\_\_\_\_\_ milky white and red rock with sharp edges

\_\_\_\_\_ an arch

\_\_\_\_\_ a second arch

\_\_\_\_\_ rock that is stained black

**Bonus:** Which rock do you think is the most unique and why?

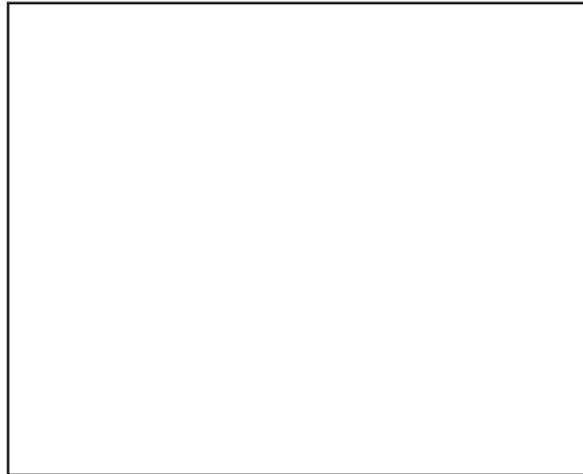
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# What They Leave Behind

In the desert, animals don't often come out in the heat of the day, but we can tell they were here by what they leave behind. The Windows area is an especially great place to look for tracks.

Find an animal track and draw it here:



Some common animals that leave tracks in the sand are lizards, mice, birds, beetles, and kangaroo rats. What kind of animal do you think left this track?

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**Bonus:** What do you think the animal was doing when it passed through here?

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# Rock Art Record

People have lived on the land that is now Arches National Park for a very long time. The Fremont, ancestral Puebloan, and Ute people all left images on the area's rocks. Some of the images in Arches are over 700 years old! From the Delicate Arch trailhead, you can take a short walk to see rock art left by the Ute people.



Draw some of the images you see here:

A large empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing some of the rock art images.

Use your own symbols to record something that is important to you or your family:

A large empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing one's own symbols.

**Did you know?** Oils from our skin make rock inscriptions fade! Help preserve these ancient drawings by admiring them without touching them.

# Plant Pursuit

The desert is a hard place to grow, but the plants at Arches are experts! See if you can identify these three common Arches plants. Be sure to write down where you found them.



## Juniper

This tree often has dead-looking branches and a trunk that twists. It also has blue “berries” that are actually its cones.

Found at: \_\_\_\_\_



## Yucca

This plant has long, tough leaves with really sharp tips. When it blooms, it sends up a tall stalk with creamy white flowers. The leaves have strong fibers that can be used to make rope.

Found at: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prickly Pear

This cactus has green pads covered with spines. It uses these fleshy pads to store water. When they bloom, prickly pears can have pink, orange, or yellow flowers.

Found at: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus:** Choose one of these plants and teach someone else (like a parent or ranger) how to identify it.

# ★ I Was Wondering

Fiery Fox's friends, the rangers, know a lot about the park, and they love to answer questions. Write down two questions you thought of during your stay at the park. See if the ranger checking your book knows the answer.



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes things you see can inspire you to want to learn more. Write down some things you are going to find out more about when you get home. To find out the answers to your questions you could look in a book or on the Arches National Park website ([www.nps.gov/arch](http://www.nps.gov/arch)).

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



# *Certificate of Completion*

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*has successfully completed the  
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Park Ranger

Date



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