

Several different types of rangers work together as a team to protect Sleeping Bear Dunes. Answer the questions below to find out what type of ranger you are.

If you were an animal at Sleeping Bear, you would be a

- a. **Beaver.** you like to change the environment around your home.
- b. **Porcupine.** you defend yourself and others.
- c. **Spring peeper frog.** You enjoy expressing yourself.
- d. **Black bear.** You have a curious mind.

If you could do one activity at Sleeping Bear, you would like to

- a. **Climb a dune.** You like to explore and get your feet dirty.
- b. **Jump in Lake Michigan.** You like to take the plunge.
- c. **Attend a guided tour.** You like to learn about the park.
- d. **Identify wildflowers.** You like to look up close at the details of nature.

If you wrote a book about Sleeping Bear, it would be called

- a. *How to Build and Take Care of Trails and Campgrounds*
- b. *Protecting Dune Resources with Leave No Trace*
- c. *Sleeping Bear Plant and Wildlife Nature Guide*
- d. *Sleeping Bear: A Great Place for Research*

If you were a tree at Sleeping Bear, you would be

- a. **Big-tooth aspen.** You like to grow as part of a team.
- b. **Paper birch.** You like to take the lead.
- c. **Northern white cedar.** You like to help people.
- d. **Eastern hemlock.** You are comfortable in a wide variety of places.

What type of ranger are you?

If you answered

Mostly a: maintenance rangers maintain trails and campgrounds, generate water and power, and keep buildings safe.

Mostly b: protection rangers respond to medical emergencies, perform search and rescues, and fight wildland fires.

Mostly c: interpretation rangers help visitors plan trips at Sleeping Bear and give programs about park resources.

Mostly d: resource rangers travel all over Sleeping Bear to study plants, wildlife, and human history.



SECRET CODE

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A	A	B	C	D	E
B	F	G	H	IJ	K
C	L	M	N	O	P
D	Q	R	S	T	U
E	V	W	X	Y	Z

Crack the secret code

below by filling in the blanks. Use the grid to find out what the letter is supposed to be by matching the letter to the column on the left and the number to the row on the top.

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A3 B3 A5 A5 D2 D3 D4 C4

50 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___!
E4 A5 A1 D2 D3!

Create your own code

by completing the sentences below. See if someone in your group can solve it.

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is a national park that protects

My favorite thing to do at Sleeping Bear Dunes is



Celebrate with us and become a **50th anniversary Junior Ranger!** Complete the required number of activities and then trek to the ranger station (visitor center, campground, island ranger station) with an adult to get your special wooden 50th Anniversary Junior Ranger badge! Don't forget to wish the Lakeshore 'Happy Birthday!'

If you are **4-6 years old**, complete at least 2 activities,

If you are **7-9 years old**, complete at least 4 activities.

If you are **10 years old** or older, complete all of the activities.

Number of activities completed: _____

50th

It is time to celebrate!

We are celebrating our birthday all year with fun events, parties, hiking and biking challenges, and scavenger hunts. How would **YOU** celebrate the park turning 50 years old?

Draw a picture or write a story about what you would do.

The Story of Sleeping Bear

Sleeping Bear Dunes is the homeland of the Anishinaabek—a group of culturally related native peoples in North America. The Anishinaabek use stories to teach cultural values and pass on lessons to future generations. The park is named after the story below.

Once, long ago, in the land called Wisconsin across the great lake, there was terrible hunger and many people died. A bear and two little cubs were trying to leave and find a place where there would be more food.

They walked for many days. But after a while, the two little cubs began to whimper with hunger, and so the bear decided they would swim across the lake.

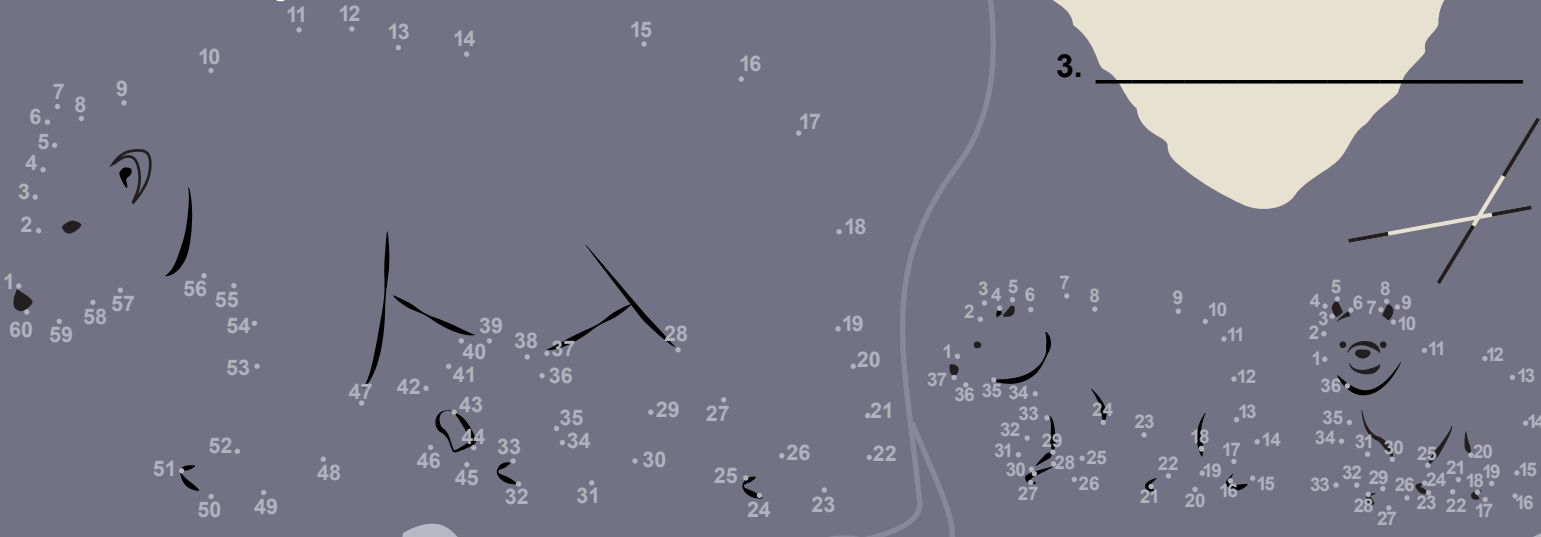
They waded into the water, one cub on each side of the bear, and swam off into the lake. But gradually the cubs go weaker, and only ten miles away from shore, one cub sank into the water. Soon after, the other also sank beneath the waves.

Heartbroken and exhausted the bear waded ashore and lay down, looking out where her cubs disappeared. Eventually, both of them came to the surface as two little islands, and so the bear still lies there atop the dunes, covered by a blanket of sand, looking after her children.

Children of the Anishinaabek

Take a look at displays in the visitor center and/or near the river at the Platte River picnic area to find three ways that traditional life for an Anishinaabek child is similar to your own.

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- _____
- _____



Principles of Leave No Trace

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate to other visitors

To protect our wilderness, we try to leave little impact on nature by following the principles of Leave No Trace.

Which choices about where to go and what to do would you make on this trail? Circle your answer on the maze, add up your score, and check your impact level below.

9 – GREAT JOB!
 10 to 12 – not bad, but please take care.
 12 or more – take more care, you are leaving impacts.

If you got a 5 on any action – YIKES! You should not be doing this!

your score _____

1970
 Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore becomes part of the National Park Service

1977
 Pierce Stoking Scenic Drive becomes part of the Lakeshore

1984
 North Manitou Island becomes part of Lakeshore

1984
 The Pierce Stoking Scenic Drive is paved and the platform added

1991
 Upgrades made to Platte River Campground

1997
 Port Oneida added to Historic Registry

2009
 South Manitou Lighthouse light turned back on

2011
 Ground breaking for Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail

2014
 Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is designated a wilderness

2020
 HAPPY 50th

Fill in the National Park Service arrow-head. Circle your favorite moment in Sleeping Bear Dunes history, and add two dates from your life to the timeline