



Mount Rainier National Park

Citizen Ranger Program



Sunrise or Paradise Area Quest #1

Title: Journaling Sunrise/Paradise

Length: 60 – 120 Minutes

Safety Reminders: Watch your step around the parking areas!

Materials Needed: pen/pencil, optional: digital camera, colored pencils

Skills Needed: Drawing, writing, photography (optional), detective skills (study the environment and exhibits, talk to rangers, borrow books)

Guidelines: Quests can be completed by individuals or families/small groups. Have your Citizen Ranger Certificate stamped and initialed for each Quest you complete.

Level of Difficulty: Recommended for ages 12 through adult. Younger children may be able to complete with assistance.

Background: The National Park Service balances use with preservation as it manages over 400 special natural and cultural sites. Employees, volunteers, partners, and visitors take care of these unique sites so that present and future generations may experience our heritage. One aspect of taking care of these special areas involves studying what is at a site. Many living and non-living things studied by researchers have been named by those exploring the Mount Rainier area. In this Quest you will be challenged to find, name, describe, and compare some of the unique living and non-living things in the Sunrise or Paradise areas.

1. Find two different types of trees in the Sunrise or Paradise areas. Either take a **picture, draw, or provide a detailed written description** of examples of the two tree types. (If you take a picture note that in the space below. Also, be prepared to show the pictures to the Ranger who will verify your Quest completion).

Tree Type 1: Detailed description or drawing:

Tree Type 2: Detailed description or drawing:

2. In the space below **create a unique name** for each of the two types of trees you found. Then, use your detective skills to find out the actual common name for the tree.

Tree Type 1 Unique Tree Name:

Actual Common Name:

Tree Type 2: Unique Tree Name:

Actual Common Name:

3. Find two different species of birds in the Sunrise or Paradise areas. Either take a **picture, draw, or provide a detailed written description** of examples of the two bird species. (If you take a picture note that in the space below. Also, be prepared to show the pictures to the Ranger who will verify your Quest completion).

Bird Species 1: Detailed description or drawing:

Bird Species 2: Detailed description or drawing:

4. In the space below **create a unique name** for each of the two species of birds you found. Then, use your detective skills to find out the actual common name for each of the birds:

Bird Species 1 Unique Name:

Actual Common Name:

Bird Species 2: Unique Name:

Actual Common Name:

5. Find two different peaks/hills in the Sunrise or Paradise areas. Either take a **picture, draw, or provide a detailed written description** of each of the two different peaks. (If you take a picture note that in the space below. Also, be prepared to show the pictures to the Ranger who will verify your Quest completion).

Peak 1: Detailed description or drawing:

Peak 2: Detailed description or drawing:

6. In the space below **create a unique name** for each of the two peaks you found. Then, use your detective skills to find out the actual name for each of the peaks.

Your Name for Peak:

Actual Name:

Your Name for Peak:

Actual Name:

7. Find two different rock types in the Sunrise or Paradise areas (inside or outside). Either take a **picture, draw, or provide a detailed written description** of each of the two different rock types. (If you take a picture note that in the space below. Also, be prepared to show the pictures to the Ranger who will verify your Quest completion).

Rock 1: Detailed description or drawing:

Rock 2: Detailed description or drawing:

8. In the space below **create a unique name** for each of the two different looking rocks you found. Then, use your detective skills to find out the actual type of each of the rocks.

Your Name for rock:

Actual Type:

Your Name for rock:

Actual Type:

9. Use your detective skills and find out about a study that is currently going on in the park. Briefly describe it below:

10. Which of the things you discovered today would you most like to do a study on (trees, birds, peaks, or rocks)?

Why?

Sunrise/Paradise Journaling Quest Completion Verification:

Ranger Signature: _____

Date: _____/_____/_____

Obtain a Citizen Ranger Certificate from a visitor center. Have it stamped and initialed each time you complete a Quest! Complete and get verification stamps for four Quests to become a Mount Rainier Citizen Ranger.