



Pre-K Junior Dunes Ranger Activity Book





Become a Junior Dunes Ranger!



Welcome to White Sands friends! My name is Riley, and I am excited to share my favorite place with you today. We are going to have a great adventure exploring and learning about White Sands, the world's largest gypsum dunefield.

When you are finished with your activities, please return your book to a park ranger in the visitor center to be sworn in as an official White Sands Junior Dunes Ranger! If you have any questions, please ask a park ranger. Let's explore White Sands!

Riley

Parents: This is a family program. Feel free to help your aspiring Junior Ranger. We hope that your whole family learns about the monument.

Are you on a tight timeline and can't return your book today? Not a problem. Mail in your book to the address below and a ranger will take a look at it. Just make sure you let us know if you want a badge or patch.

Address: White Sands NM, PO Box 1086, Holloman AFB, NM 88330.

Needing Color

Riley's been out in the sun to long and has lost all of her color. Help her get her color back by coloring her in.

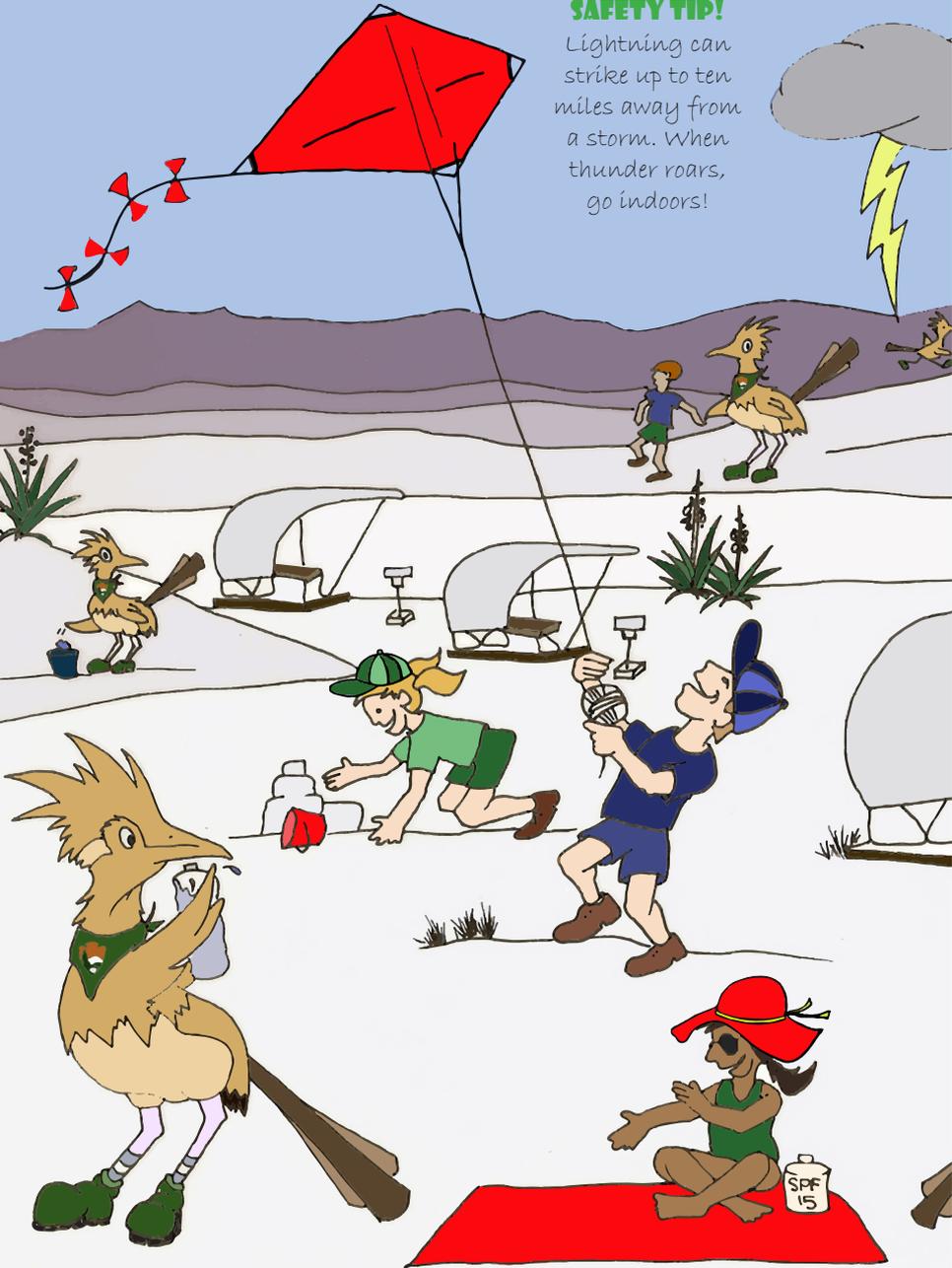


Having Fun and Being Safe

Leave No Trace

SAFETY TIP!

Lightning can strike up to ten miles away from a storm. When thunder roars, go indoors!



Riley loves being outside and having fun! She knows the best way to enjoy White Sands is to follow a few safety tips. Find and circle all the safe ways Riley is enjoying the dunes. Riley's safety tips:

Drink lots of water

Be prepared for your hike

Throw away trash in a trash can

Keep pets on a leash

Wear a hat, sunscreen, & sunglasses

Hike with a friend

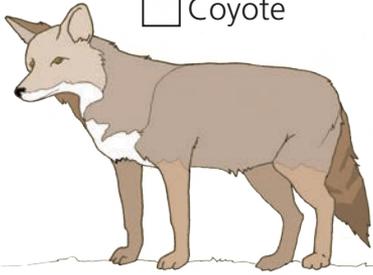


Nature and Geology Checklist

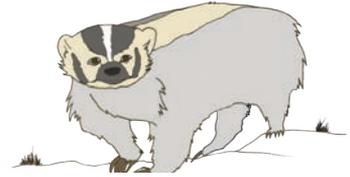
This is a checklist of some of Riley's favorite things. As you visit the monument, check off any of them that you find. Some of the critters only come out at night so don't be discouraged if you can't find them all.

Mammals

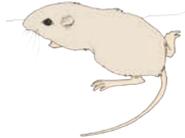
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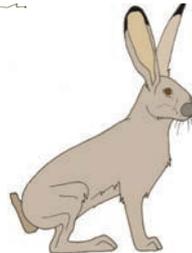
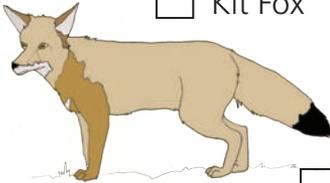
American Badger



Apache Pocket Mouse



Kit Fox



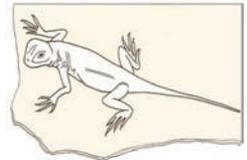
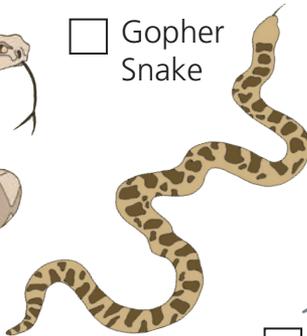
Kangaroo Rat



Blacktail Jackrabbit

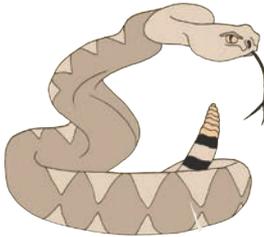
Reptiles

Gopher Snake



Bleached Earless Lizard

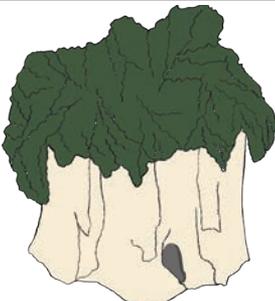
Western Diamondback Rattlesnake



Little striped Whiptail



Geology



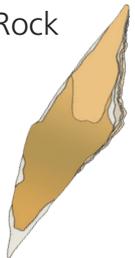
Plant Pedestal



Gypsum Rock

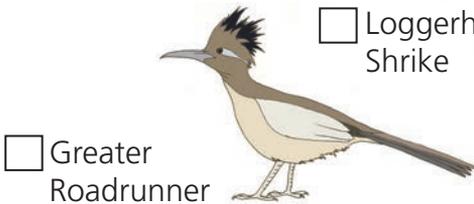


Sand

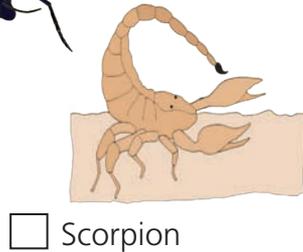
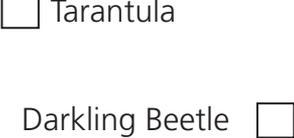
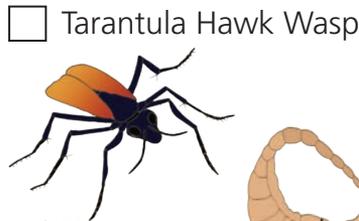


Selenite Crystal

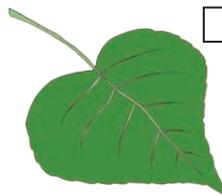
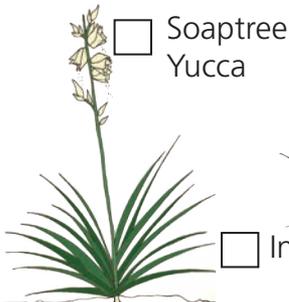
Did you see something that's not on the list? Draw or describe it in the space below. Ask a ranger if they can help identify it.



Birds



Insects



Plants

Junior Ranger Pledge

I promise to,



Learn about other National Parks;



Help keep special places clean, safe,
and beautiful for everyone;



Not disturb or collect objects I see
and leave them for others to enjoy;



Become a Junior Ranger in other National Parks.

Certificate of Achievement

This certifies that

_____ has met the requirements of a
White Sands Junior Dunes Ranger.

_____ Ranger Signature

