



Arts Badge



Ranger Peggy

Junior Rangers must complete each section in "ARTS" to qualify for the Arts patch:

- 1. Portage Wildlife Portrait
- 2. Design Your Own Playground
- 3. Favorite Place in Portage Poster
- 4. Arbor Art: Create A Tree Sculpture
- 5. Create A Sock Puppet Mascot
- 6. Park Storybook

Once you have completed the ARTS activities please submit them all in one email to JrRangerClub@portagemi.gov, and in the Subject line write ARTS and your name to receive your ARTS Badge! You can also mail or drop off items to the address on the main page. If you need any assistance email Ranger Peggy at napierp@portagemi.gov or call 269-329-4522.

You are on your way to becoming a City of Portage Junior Ranger!

1. Portage Wildlife Portrait

There are lots of animals and plants that live in our parks. Choose an animal, insect, reptile or plant in their habitat and create a work of art. You may use pencil, crayons, paints, colored pencils or whatever medium you desire and use a 8 1/2 x 11" sheet of paper. We will upload your drawings to Facebook over the next few months.



2. Design Your Own Playground!

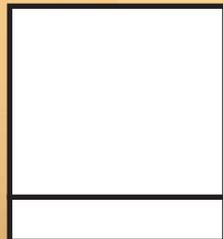
Design and draw your very own playground with all the equipment you would like to play on. Swings, slides, climbers, large turtles, forts, houses, logs--whatever you can imagine, its' your playground!



3. Favorite Place in Portage Poster

Using an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper, create a poster showing your favorite place in Portage using the format below. Use all the space for your work-of-art. These posters will be displayed in the future outdoor Gallery Walk for all to see your special place in Portage. Take a photo for your badge, but keep your art and we will ask for you to bring in your original piece this summer to exhibit.

2" (Name of your favorite place, why you like it, and sign your first name and last name initial only)



9.5" (Fill completely with your work-of-art)



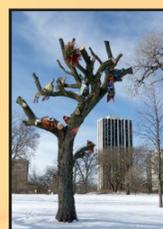


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4. Arbor Art Sculpture

Using a “downed” tree branch laying in your yard create your own tree work of art. Mount the branch upright in foam, glue or other method to use as a base so it looks like a tree trunk with some branches if you wish. Then add any item to your “tree” to create a sculpture. Be creative and be sure to use your imagination. Write a small paragraph about what your tree represents and sign with your first name and last initial.

Take a photo of your Arbor Art sculpture and send in with your paragraph for your badge. Please keep your sculpture for an exhibition later this year at City Hall.



Examples of real Arbor Art in Chicago
Photo Courtesy: The Chicago Tree Project –
Chicago Sculpture International.

5. Create A Sock Puppet Mascot

Find an old sock and fold in at the toe. Create a Park Mascot using yarn, fabric, buttons, ribbon and other household items. Your mascot should be represent an feature (plant, animal, fish) found in Portage or a symbol that represents the City (currently we have Mr. Crispy the celery stalk). Give your Mascot a name, take a photo of it and write small paragraph about your mascot including its name and why you choose your look. Send all three in for your badge.



* Please keep your sock Mascot. It may be used in a future display.

6. Create A Short Story Featuring A Portage Park

Create a story with your own characters having an adventure in your favorite Portage park. There are over 20 parks and miles of trails to choose from, all with different places for your characters to explore. These include Ramona Park & Beach, Lakeview Park, Schrier Park, South Westnedge Park, and more!

Your story should be either four or eight pages (8 ½ x 11 sheets) with drawings. Don't forget to also create a book cover with the title and your name as the author. Make sure to ask a parent or caregiver if you need help putting everything together. When you are done, scan or take a picture of each page to email to the Jr Ranger Club as part of your badge requirements. Or, make a copy for yourself and mail/drop off your pages with the rest of your badge requirements.

