



Nature Badge



Ranger Tyler

Junior Rangers must complete either "Let's Go Fishing" or "Wilderness Explorer" booklet, and sections 3-5 in "Nature" to qualify for the Nature patch.

- 1. "Let's Go Fishing" Fish ID
- 2. Wilderness Explorer
- 3. Explorer Scavenger Hunt
- 4. Flora and Fauna Identification
- 5. Nature Craft Face

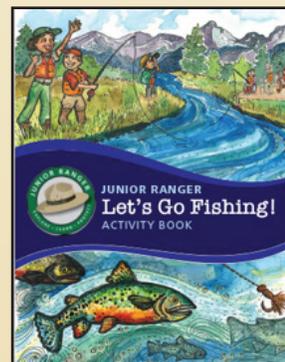
Once you have completed the NATURE activities please submit them all in one email to JrRangerClub@portagemi.gov, and in the Subject line write NATURE BADGE and your name to receive your Nature Badge! You can also mail or drop off items to the address on the main page. If you need any assistance email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

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

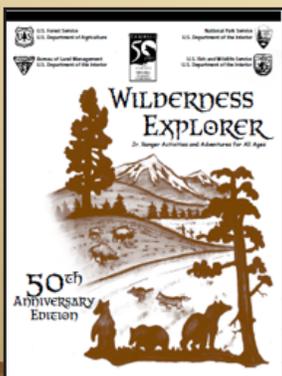
1. "Let's Go Fishing" Fish ID

Junior Rangers will complete the "Let's Go Fishing!" ID booklet provided by the National Park Service. This booklet helps Junior Rangers identify fish species and their traits, as well as conservation efforts for keeping fish environments clean and healthy. The booklet must be filled out and handed in or scanned and emailed. Ask a parent for help!

This booklet was provided by the National Park Service. Please visit their website at <https://www.nps.gov/index.htm> for additional resources.



2. Wilderness Explorer



Junior Rangers complete the "Wilderness Explorer" booklet. This booklet explains the importance of the wild and promotes exploration safety and leave no trace rules. This booklet is good for parents and children alike. The booklet must be filled out and handed in or scanned and emailed. Ask a parent for help!

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3. Explorer Scavenger Hunt

Junior Rangers must complete a scavenger hunt for items they can find around the yard. Junior Rangers must compile these items onto a sheet of paper, by either describing and noting the location, or attaching the item that you collected preferably with glue. Junior Rangers should ask an adult for help gluing the items to your paper! Some items that you will be looking for include flowers, leaves, twigs and more. Once the items have been found, email a picture of the completed list and found items or mail/drop off your items on the sheet.



4. Flora and Fauna Identification



Photo Courtesy: Ronald Wormbrand

Junior Rangers will explore their backyard for wildlife. It could be a flower, a leaf, a bug, a fish, a bird, or other interesting specimen. Once you have located the item, take a picture and identify the creature or plant correctly. Email a picture and description of the correct identification.

For local flora and fauna identification help, look here:
https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79135_79218_79615---,00.html.

5. Nature Face Craft

Junior Rangers will explore their backyard for items they can use to craft a "nature face". Assemble a face out of nature by placing the items on the ground freely. Or, for more fun, ask an adult to help glue items to a paper plate or piece of paper in order to make your face.



Email a photo of the completed project or mail/drop off your paper plate face (with the rest of your documents) to show your nature face craft.

