

Junior Ranger

Inspired by *Tasha's Voice* by Carmen Bogan

Goal: Plan a trip to a state or national park and become a Junior Ranger.

Background Information: Junior Ranger programs help visitors learn about natural and cultural resources, often through activity books and activities that can be done at home and in the outdoors. Each program is a little different. Some offer virtual activities and others must be completed while in the park. You can find out more about these free programs at park websites and visitor centers. Over 100 California State Parks and more than 400 sites managed by the National Park Service offer Junior Ranger programs.

You will need:

- Internet Access

What to do:

- Research state or national park to decide which you'd like to visit. Some parks can be visited virtually!
 - You can find a list of National Parks with Junior Ranger programs here: <https://www.nps.gov/kids/parks-with-junior-ranger-programs.htm>
 - Learn more about the California State Parks Junior Ranger programs here: <https://learning.parks.ca.gov/visitors/youth/junior-ranger-program/>
- Plan your visit.
 - The [Junior Ranger Park Explorer Ready, Set, Go! booklet](https://bit.ly/45TWEGR) (bit.ly/45TWEGR) will help you plan your trip to a national park.
 - This guide can be used to explore any California State Park.
 - California State Park Junior Ranger Guide: https://kids.parks.ca.gov/pages/22783/files/JR%20Ranger%20AdventureGuide_English%20-%20remediated.pdf
 - Guía de Aventuras del Guardabosque Juvenil: <https://kids.parks.ca.gov/pages/22783/files/jradventureguide-spanish.pdf>

To think about:

- What can you learn from a park's website? What park activities would your family enjoy doing together?

