



Congratulations!

This certificate acknowledges that

has completed this Jr. Ranger booklet and has earned the Jr. Ranger badge!

South Suburban Ranger Signature

Guide to becoming a Jr. Ranger



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This Jr. Ranger booklet belongs to:

South Suburban Parks and Recreation has over 120 city parks and natural areas with 100 miles of trails.

South Suburban Park Rangers have an important duty to help park visitors be safe while they are having fun in the parks.

We need your help!

Fill out this booklet and take the pledge at the end to become a Jr. Ranger!

Jr. Ranger Pledge

As a South Suburban Park Jr. Ranger, I pledge to:

Enjoy nature safely

Obey all park rules

Respect wildlife and park visitors

Share my knowledge with others

Fish Finder

Many people fish in South Suburban parks so Park Rangers need to know what kind of fish live here!



Can you find six fish species below?

W	Α	L	L	E	Y	Ε	Х	U	Ρ
В	Ρ	U	Ι	C	K	D	A	V	Т
L	С	Α	L	Y	В	Μ	Ρ	U	Q
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0	Α	R	Μ	X	Ρ	D	S	Ν	Ι

Ranger Tip

Be sure to check the rules on how many fish you are allowed to keep before you go fishing!

Animal Tracks

Many park visitors want to know what kind of animals live in South Suburban parks. Park Rangers find clues like animal tracks that help them answer this question.

Can you match the tracks to the animal?



Ranger Tip

If you see a coyote or bobcat on the trail, scare it away by yelling and making loud noises.

1-Bobcat 2-Raccoon 3-Coyote 4-Rabbit 5-Beaver

Ranger Backpack

What's inside a South Suburban Ranger's backpack? Park Rangers carry items for themselves but also extra things to hand out to park visitors.

What items below do you think Park Rangers carry in their backpack? Why?



Outdoor Place

Park visitors come to South Suburban parks to fish, bike, run, view wildlife, and to just be outside. Do you have a quiet outdoors place you like to visit? Draw it here.



Throw it Away!

Park Rangers help keep parks clean. Clean parks benefit water, wildlife, and people!

Draw a line from the trash on the left to the correct container on the right.









Ranger Tip

Fishing line can stay in the environment for hundreds of years! Don't throw it away! Recycle it by placing it in the fishing line recycle container.

Park Rules

Educating the public about park rules is one of the main jobs of a Park Ranger.

If a park visitor asked you the questions below, what would your answers be?



- 1. Can I swim in a river or pond in South Suburban Parks?
- 2. Can I drive a golf cart on the trail in a South Suburban park?





3. Can I walk my cat/dog on the trail with a leash in a South Suburban park?

4. Can I ride my bike as fast as I want on the trail?





5. Do I need a fishing license if I am younger than 16 years old?

5. No. Anyone younger than 16 does NOT need a fishing license.

- 4. No. Bikes can not go faster than 15mph.
- 3. Yes! Dogs and cats are welcome on the trails as long as they are on leash.
 - 2. No. No motorized vehicles allowed on trails!
 - 1. No. Swimming is not allowed in any of the parks.

South Platte Park Map

Park Rangers help visitors by answering many different types of questions about the parks.

Using the map, can you answer these questions ?

- 1. Can I park near Reynolds Landing?
- 2. Where is a spot that I can go fishing?
- 3. Am I allowed to hike in Cooley Lake without a guide?
- 4. Which lake has a place to view wildlife?
- 5. What lake is named after a bug?
- 6. Circle the bathrooms on the map.

