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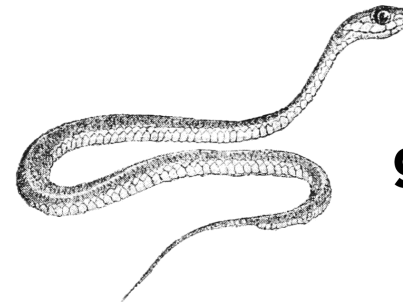
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person.



Pere Marquette

State Park Patch for Girl Scouts



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This book belongs to: _____

Welcome to Pere Marquette State Park!

Pere Marquette State Park was founded in 1931 as the Piasa Bluffs State Park but was quickly renamed after Father (Père pronounced like pear, the fruit) Jacques Marquette. Father Marquette was a Jesuit priest who was the co-leader with Louis Joilet of a 1673 voyage of exploration on the Mississippi River.

Take only memories. Leave only footprints!



Spiral activities are good for young rangers! 

Grades K-3
Must complete at least **3** activities

Grades 4-8
Must complete at least **5** activities

Grades 9-12
Must complete at least **7** activities



A park ranger knows how to read a map. Find a park map at the Visitor Center and circle your favorite places that you visited. Bring the map when you finish your book.

My favorite place was _____



The "V.C." activity!

We call the Pere Marquette Visitor Center the V.C. for short, there's a lot of information to be found in the VC Museum and the Audio/Visual Room. What will you learn?

There are animals that live around the V.C.! What kind of animals are they and where did you see them?

- _____
- _____
- _____

What type of large raptor bird is in the Audio/Visual room in the display case?



Attend a Ranger Program (such as a guided hike), or watch a park movie in the Audio/Visual Room. Write something you learned:

Be like Bigfoot

Millions of people visit Pere Marquette SP every year, sometimes their trash does not end up in the right place. This can be dangerous for the wildlife.

Pick a trail or a shelter and pick up trash. Get a trash bag from the Visitor Center or bring one. Be safe, don't pick up anything sharp.

Be like Bigfoot, leave no trace, don't litter!

1. What trail or shelter did you choose?

2. Why do you think littering is harmful to plants and animals?

3. How do you think we can help prevent people from littering?

Pere Marquette recycles paper and aluminum cans in the dumpster outside the visitor Center



Pere Marquette Rocks!

Pere Marquette has a special history with rocks. Check out the Visitor Center Museum to answer these questions.

What is the name of the fault line at Pere Marquette?

What is the wind blown soil called?

Pere Marquette has a rock climbing wall, what ferry is it near?



A park ranger always checks the weather when planning an adventure!

High Temp

_____ F or C

Low Temp

_____ F or C

What time is sunset today? ____PM

What time is sunrise tomorrow? ____AM

What is the weather like today?

Get Ready Bingo



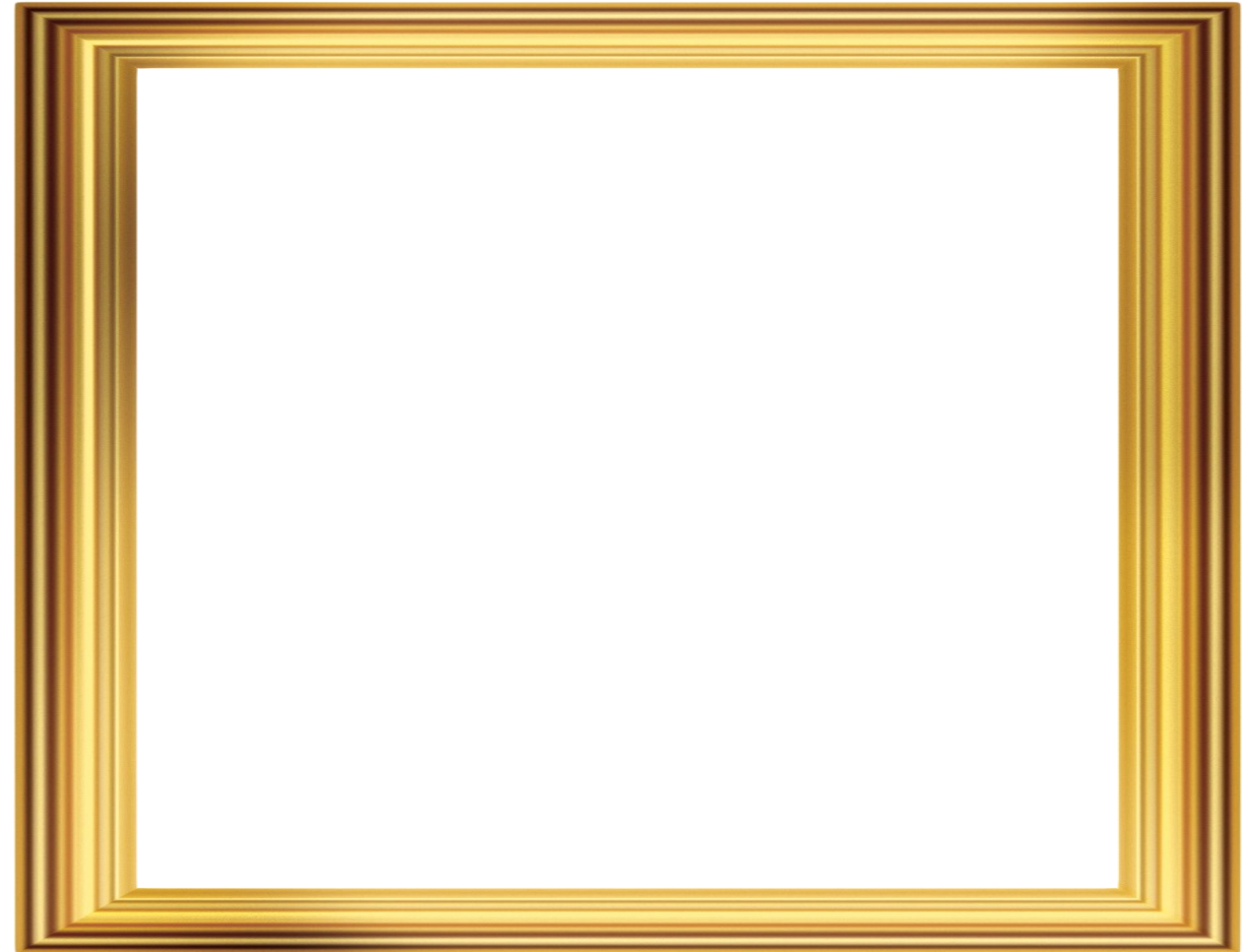
A good ranger is prepared for anything!

Cross off the items you have with you today.

Can you get five in a row?

McAdams Peak

1. Can you find McAdams Peak on the park map? What four trails intersect at McAdams peak?
2. Hike to McAdams Peak, what river are you looking at?
3. When you reach McAdams Peak, watercolor paint or color what you see in the area below



I Spy

Can you find these five items in front of the Visitor Center?



Goat Cliff Trail Activity



Goat Cliff Trail is one of our favorite hikes at Pere Marquette State Park. Spring is the best time to view wildflowers along this trail. Hike Goat Cliff Trail and answer the questions below.

- What symbol and color designates Goat Cliff Trail?

- How many miles is Goat Cliff Trail?

- At what overlook does Goat Cliff Trail end?

- While hiking Goat Cliff Trail, find 3 plants and take a picture of them with your phone or camera. Can you identify the plants? When you think you have identified the plants, post them on Pere Marquette's Facebook page @PereMarquetteSP

The three plants I identified are

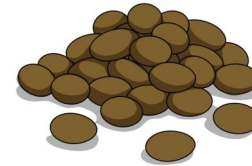
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



All plants and animals are protected in State Parks. It is illegal to remove anything from the trails. Help keep us safe!

Whose poos?

Draw a line between the scat and the animal it belongs to!



Field Mouse

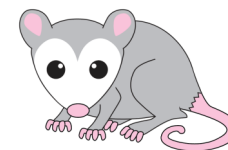
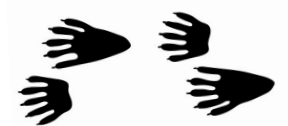
Turkey

Coyote

White Tail Deer

Animal Tracks

Draw a line between the track and the animal it belongs to!



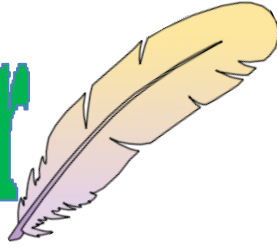
Opossum

White Tail Deer

Song bird

Raccoon

Birds of a Feather



Pere Marquette State Park is located along the Illinois River, just a bit further South, another river meets the Illinois.

What is this river? _____

Pere Marquette is also a stopping point for many birds as they migrate South in the winter and North in the Spring. This is called a flyway. Look up the flyways of North America on the internet. What is the name of the flyway Pere Marquette is on?

Bald Eagles like to hang out along rivers because it provides food sources for them. Name 3 things Bald Eagles will eat

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Time to go bird watching! Rent a pair of binoculars from the Visitor Center, or use your own and identify 3 birds that you can see or hear.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Trees of Illinois

Google red oak leaf, white oak leaf, and maple leaf. Write under each leaf which tree corresponds to each leaf.



BIG Bark

Google Shagbark Hickory bark, Hackberry bark, and Persimmon bark. Then write next to each image the corresponding tree. These trees are very easy to identify because of their iconic bark, can you find them at Pere Marquette?

