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GIRL SCOUTS STATE PARKS PASSPORT

Are You Ready to Go on a State Parks Adventure?

About State Parks

There are hundreds of state parks in Oregon and Washington waiting for you to explore! State parks are protected areas managed by the state they're located in; each state in the USA has them. They are often protected for their natural beauty, historical significance, or recreational opportunities. Some state parks are hosted by rangers who can help you get to know the park and why it's important.

Some state park systems include land with different "designations." This means that an area managed by state parks may have a different name, like state recreation site/area, state natural site/area, state heritage site/area, state scenic viewpoint, state trail, or state scenic corridor. No matter which type of park, many of these areas have campgrounds, visitor centers, interpretive trails, and more!



About This Passport

This Girl Scouts State Parks Passport will help you document your travels as you visit different parks and try various outdoor activities. Completing the passport will earn you a GSOSW fun patch! To earn your GSOSW state parks patch, complete all of the following steps:

- 1 Visit at least five state parks anywhere in the country. Go to oregonstateparks.org and parks.state.wa.us to find state parks located within our council.
- 2 Record your visits in your passport. To earn your patch, you will need to visit and log at least five state parks!
- 3 Complete at least two of the "Explore More" activities in the passport.
- 4 Send a photo and story from your passport to outdoorprogram@girlscoutswa.org.

Once you've completed all of these steps, head to your local GSOSW shop to purchase your GSOSW state parks fun patch!

State parks offer endless options for activities. You can choose to do whatever activities interest you as you work on your passport. Here are some ideas to get you started:

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| Walking | Biking | Creating Artwork |
| Hiking | Rock Climbing | in the Outdoors |
| Boating | Fishing | Scavenger Hunts |
| Junior Ranger | Volunteer Work | Picnics  |
| Programs  | Ranger-led Activities | Snowshoeing |
| Camping | Historical | Cross-country Skiing |
| Geocaching | Reenactments | Photography |
| Visitor Centers | | |

Some of the activities in this passport recommend use of the internet. Be sure to complete the Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge at girlscouts.org before you start!

Explore More Other States' Parks

Do you have wanderlust? Choose a state in a part of the country you're not very familiar with. Research the state parks in that state, and choose one that you'd love to visit someday! In the space below, write the name and location of the park, describe what makes that land special, and draw a picture of a feature in the park.



State Park Name:

What did you do while you were there?

Favorite memory?

Draw a picture or attach a photo of the park.



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Explore More Leave No Trace

We want future Girl Scouts to enjoy our state parks as much as we do now, so it is important to observe low-impact practices while exploring. Search for “leave no trace” at [girlscouts.org](https://www.girlscouts.org). Read the seven Leave No Trace principles to learn how to minimize your impact on the environment when you visit state parks. For each of the seven principles, write an example of how you would follow the principle when visiting a park!

1 Plan Ahead and Prepare

2 Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

3 Dispose of Waste Properly

4 Leave What You Find

5 Minimize Campfire Impact

6 Respect Wildlife

7 Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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Explore More

State Parks Word Search

Hidden in this puzzle are the names of thirteen state park areas located in our Girl Scout council. Can you find and circle them all?

F	R	M	K	R	Y	Z	W	H	V	T	Z	S	D	M
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D	M	J	O	C	O	R	U	Y	P	L	C	F	A	N
V	H	I	T	S	O	R	O	B	I	H	H	A	L	R
H	A	O	T	W	T	N	N	H	W	E	A	N	S	S
B	R	I	S	H	C	E	A	O	C	B	M	G	I	I
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F	U	L	Y	Y	Y	O	Q	V	P	B	K	C	Z	F
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AINSWORTH
BEACON ROCK
CHAMPOEG
COLUMBIA HILLS
DARLINGTONIA

ECOLA
MEMALOOSE
NEHALEM BAY
REED ISLAND
ROOSTER ROCK

SILVER FALLS
SMITH ROCK
TRYON CREEK

Explore More

Giving Back

The parks need people like you to care about them and keep the environment healthy! You can make a difference by helping with a volunteer project at a park near you. In some parks or states, you can earn special perks, like an annual parks pass, by volunteering a certain amount of hours! Learn more by searching for “volunteer” at oregonstateparks.org or parks.state.wa.us.

If you participate in a volunteer project at a state park, write about or draw what you did and attach it here.

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Visitor Center Exploration

Visitor centers are jam-packed with fascinating facts and stories about parks. Go to a visitor center at a state park and complete the following:

- 1 Examine a map of the park. Can you find where you are?
- 2 Talk to a ranger. Ask them about their job or what they like about the park.
- 3 Explore any exhibits in the visitor center and write down three facts you learn about the park:

1.

2.

3.

Explore More

Five Senses Nature Walk

Take a nature walk at a state park, and use your senses to explore the area! Remember to only touch and taste what an adult says is safe.

Name of trail/area in park:

Now, describe or draw the following...

Five things you can see:

Four things you can touch:

Three things you can hear:

Two things you can smell:

One thing you can taste:

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Become a Junior Ranger

Want to get more involved? Ask a park ranger how you can become a Junior Ranger! They will give you a booklet with activities to complete in the park. Depending on the state, you might earn a special certificate or patch. Both Oregon and Washington have Junior Ranger programs. Visit parks.state.wa.us or oregonstateparks.org and search for “Junior Ranger.”

Where did you become a Junior Ranger?

What was your favorite activity that you did to become a Junior Ranger?

Get Your Patch and Share Your Adventure

Have you visited at least five state parks, recorded your visits in your passport, and completed at least two “Explore More” activities? Don’t forget to send a photo and story from your passport to outdoorprogram@girlscoutsosw.org! Then you can head to a GSOSW shop to purchase your GSOSW State Parks patch. Share your adventures with friends and family to inspire them to visit state parks. You can share your experiences on social media using [#gsoutdoors](https://www.instagram.com/girlscoutsosw/). Encourage your fellow Girl Scouts to find a state park they love!



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