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# **GET ACTIVE**

# Visit Federal Lands and Waters With Your Family



Free Entry to Federal Lands and Waters With Your Fourth Grader

Starting **September 1, 2015**, every U.S.
fourth grader can use a personalized pass to gain unlimited, fee-free access for themselves and their families to most day-use federal land and water sites!

The Every Kid in a Park program is open to every U.S. fourth grader, including home-schooled and free-choice learners 10 years of age. To participate, families can download passes at everykidinapark.gov and plan their trips at recreation.gov.



### What's So Great About Federal Lands and Waters?

Play this fun family game to discover what federal lands and waters can offer families like yours.

#### **HOW TO PLAY**

- On small slips of paper, write the following activities: camping, hiking, swimming, canoeing, learning about history, learning about science, biking, fishing, exploring nature, rock climbing, horseback riding, wildlife watching, playing winter sports.
- 2. Fold the slips of paper so that the words are hidden. Put the paper slips in a central place.
- 3. Make family teams and set a timer for one minute.
- 4. One player picks a slip of paper and tries to get the other team members to guess the action.

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- Players cannot speak or write. They can act out the words, draw the activities, or use clay to make shapes.
- When the minute is up, the opposing team gets a turn.
- When there are no more slips of paper the team who has identified the most activities wins.

Follow up the game by visiting recreation.gov to plan a family trip.

# **EVERY KID IN A PARK**



A Free Opportunity to Visit Federal Lands and Waters With Your Family

## What are federal lands and waters?

Federal lands and waters are areas where the U.S. government:

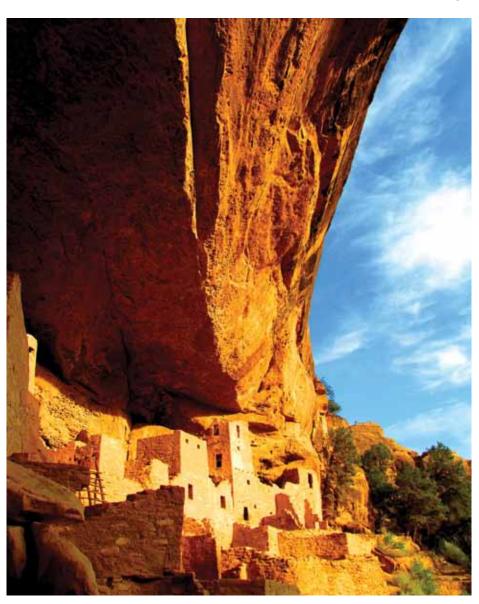
- protects wildlife
- · preserves natural landscapes
- commemorates historic events or places
- provides recreational areas for public use
- manages natural resources for the future

Federal lands and waters are full of rich resources that help families explore science and nature, learn about our nation's history and cultural diversity, and enjoy recreational activities. From nature walks to hiking and canoeing to stepping back into history, federal lands and waters have something to offer everyone in the family.

#### Why fourth graders?

Your fourth grader is part of the next generation of environmental stewards who will protect and preserve our nation's natural wonders, natural resources, and historic treasures. Visiting federal lands and waters can help show your family the importance of preserving and protecting our nation's natural and historical resources.

As your family is enjoying federal lands and waters, you can share opportunities to care for our environment with your fourth grader. Guide them to keep areas clean and litter-free, or make time to serve as family volunteers. Federal lands and waters belong to the people of the United States and the responsibility to manage them sustainably extends to us all.



#### How does it work?

To obtain a pass for your fourth grader, visit the "Get Your Pass" section of **everykidinapark.gov**. After your fourth grader completes an online game, you will be able to download a personalized pass to print out and use at most day-use federal land and water sites. Vehicles with a pass and a participating

fourth grader will gain free entry for all passengers. If your family enters federal land or water areas by bicycle or on foot, the fourth grader and up to three accompanying adults will gain free entry. The fourth grader must be present to use the pass. Once you download your pass, you can enjoy free entry from September 1, 2015, to August 31, 2016.