



JUNIOR RANGER

GUIDE AND WORKSHEET

Welcome

We are glad you're here and are participating in the Junior Ranger program. This worksheet is designed to help you explore the visitor center and self-guided interpretive trail in the park and experience activities conducted by the park rangers and volunteers. Complete this worksheet and you will earn your Junior Ranger Badge.

San Juan Island National Historical Park belongs to you. It was established to protect and preserve everything within its boundaries, as well as the idea that individuals and nations can settle their differences peacefully. As a Junior Ranger you can help others remember that this area is for everyone to enjoy and protect.

MEET THE STAFF

San Juan Island National Historical Park receives about 250,000 visitors a year! That is a lot of visitors for a small park located on an island. The park staff works hard to make your visit enjoyable.

Park employees include rangers, maintenance workers, administrative officers and official National Park Service "Volunteers in the Parks," better known as VIPs.

Park rangers do many different types of work. Some rangers work in law enforcement and others are involved in education and preserving park resources.

1. Ask a park employee what he or she does for the park (Write it below).

2. How long has he or she worked for the National Park Service?

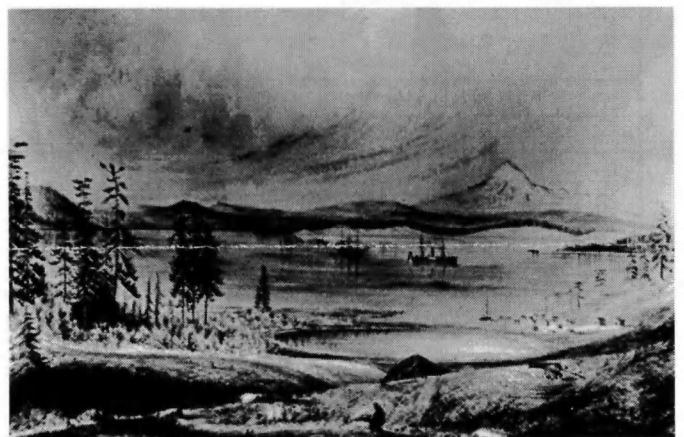
3. At how many parks?

4. Whom did you interview?

The Pig War Story

In 1859 an American farmer named Lyman Cutlar shot a pig that was digging in his potato patch on San Juan Island. But more was involved than just a dead pig. Ask for an Official Park Guide or After-

hours Guide and read about what happened here, or ask a ranger or volunteer to explain it to you.



Old Town Lagoon in 1859

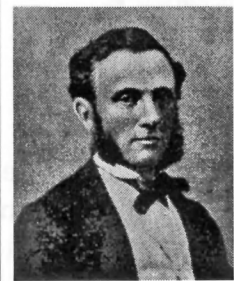
1. Captain George Pickett landed at Old Town Lagoon in July 1859. Show a ranger or volunteer where this is on the map table in the Visitor Center. Can you locate in the park the spot where the artist painted this picture? Hint: the view has changed very little from this point.

2. What is the name of the mountain in the painting? Can you see it today?

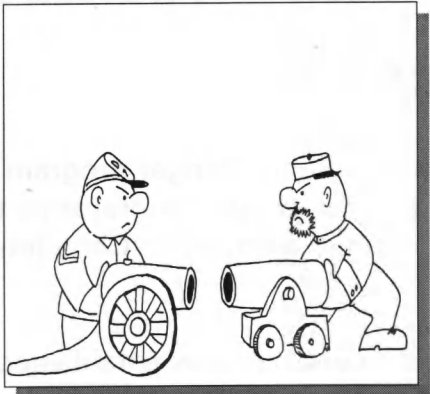


3. In cartoons, Lyman Cutlar has shot the pig and now Charles Griffin is going to be angry.

Have you ever been angry and then felt bad after you calmed down? What happened?



Captain Hornby stayed calm when tempers flared.



4. Soldiers from both sides brought cannon to the island, but did not fire them. Captain Hornby, the British commander, decided it was better to be calm and talk rather than fight. Tell about a time when this might have helped you to resolve a conflict?



5. In addition to being rich in history, American Camp abounds with wildlife. Can you identify the animal pictured above?

6. Where do they live in the park? _____

7. Bald eagles also make their homes at American Camp. In fact, a large nest is located near the visitor center. Can you say where? What animal might they prey upon?

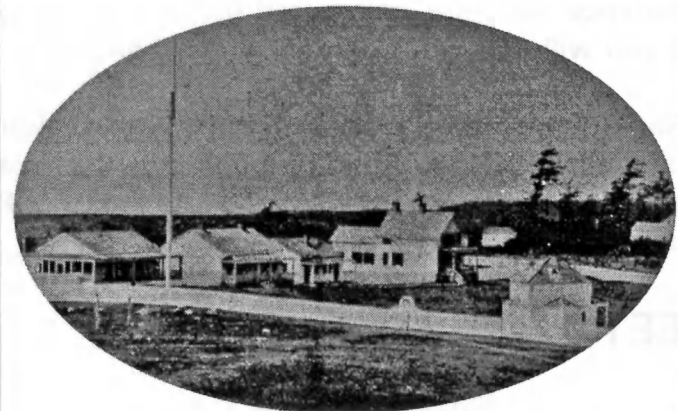
8. In addition to bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, golden eagles, falcons and ravens live at American Camp.



Describe one of these birds to a ranger or volunteer.

9. The twisty tree in front of the Visitor Center is a Douglas fir. Douglas firs are immediately distinguishable (twisty or not) from hemlocks because the very top of the fir is straight, while the hemlock is bent. Find a hemlock in the parking area and show a volunteer or ranger.

10. Walk out to the Parade Ground (if it's not raining too hard). How many buildings are left from the photograph below? _____



American Camp in the mid-1860s.

Who lived in these buildings?

11. American Camp's redoubt, an earthen fort, still stands. It was built in 1859 by Lieutenant Robert and his squad of engineers (below) to discourage the British from landing. Check your park map for how to get there. How many gun platforms (raised earth surfaces) did you count inside the redoubt? _____.



Finished?

Congratulations. Now, return this worksheet to a park ranger, have it checked and signed and you will receive your Junior Ranger badge.

Park Ranger