



Backpack-tivity:

An @Home Learning Activity

Which Park Is It?

Introduction:

As you complete this activity, you'll plan a family trip to a national park.

Materials:

You'll need a computer with Internet access, a map, a pen or pencil, and this paper.

Directions:

At home or at your town or city library, visit the National Park Service Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/parks.html>. There, you can locate national parks alphabetically or by state. Do you want to visit a nearby park on a day trip or travel to a distant park? Do you like camping, hiking, fishing, or sightseeing? Do you want to explore nature or see historical sights? Browse information about a number of parks and pick 3-5 your family might like to visit. Then call or write the National Park Service to obtain brochures about each of those parks. Share the brochures with your family and choose the one park you will travel to.

Talk About It:

What can you see at U.S. national parks? How many parks are in your state? How many parks are within a days' drive of your home? Which park is closest to where you live? Write your answers on the lines below.

Learn More:

Find more information about the park you plan to visit, including the answers to these questions: What activities can you participate in at the park? How much will it cost your family to get in? How do you get a National Park Pass? Do you need to make reservations for your visit? What will you need to bring with you?

This activity was completed by _____ and _____.