

Lesson 8

Idaho State Park Brochure

Theme: “Stay and Play”

Content Objectives:

Students will:

- Gain an understanding of the purposes of state parks
- Select a state park to analyze, identifying its features, history and location
- Create a visitors guide tri-fold brochure for selected park that will attract visitors

Suggested Level:

Fourth (4th) Grade

Standards Correlation:

- Language Arts
 - Standard 1: Reading Process 1.2
 - Standard 2: Comprehension/Interpretation 2.1, 2.2
- Language Usage
 - Standard 3: Writing Process 3.1; 3.2; 3.3; 3.5
 - Standard 5: Writing Components 5.4
- Health
 - Standard 1: Healthy Lifestyles 1.1
 - Standard 2: Risk taking Behavior 2.1
 - Standard 5: Mental and Emotional Wellness 5.1
- Humanities: Visual Arts
 - Standard 3: Performance 3.1, 3.2, 3.3
- Physical Education
 - Standard 3: Physically Active Lifestyle 3.1
 - Standard 5: Personal and Social Responsibility 5.1
- Social Studies
 - Standard 2: Geography 2.1

Suggested Time Allowance:

Two 1-hour sessions

Materials:

- Idaho State Parks and Recreation Guide** (One for each student, if possible)
- “Idaho State Park Resource Sheet”
- “Tri-fold Brochure Planner” Sheets pages 1 & 2
- Examples of tri-fold brochure visitor guides
- Computers with internet access
- Books or information sheets about Idaho State Parks
- Writing instruments
- Art supplies
- Computer with art program
- Heavy standard size paper
- Pocket folders (portfolios)

Preparation:

- Order **Idaho State Parks and Recreation Guides** (Free from IDPR)
- Make copies of “Idaho State Park Resource Sheet” (one per student)
- Make copies of “Tri-fold Brochure Planner” Sheets pages 1 & 2 (one per student)
- Gather examples of tri-fold brochures
- Locate a book with information on Idaho State Parks
- Print out information sheets pertaining to Idaho State Parks
- Bookmark Internet Sites with information about Idaho State Parks
- Pocket folders (each student's portfolio)

Procedures:

Session 1:

1. Ask students if they know what a state park is and if they have been to any? Idaho State Parks?
2. Give each student a pocket folder for information, research, and project.

3. Hand out "Idaho State Park Resource Sheet" and let students look through for a couple of minutes. Together pick out and highlight the mission. Discuss the history of the formation of state parks
4. Give each student a State Parks and Recreation Guide. Discuss the legend and markings on the map.
5. Locate the State Park closest to your school.
6. Present any books, information sheet, or bookmarks of web sites with information about Idaho State Parks.
7. Allow students to briefly look through the information and decide on which park they would like to make a brochure.
8. Hand out "Tri-fold Brochure Planner" page 1 to each student.
9. Allow students time to research their state park while filling out the information on the planner.

Session 2:

1. Have students finish any uncompleted research for the chosen park.
2. Hand out "Tri-fold Brochure Planner" page 2 to each student.
3. Hand out a sheet of heavy standard size paper to each student. Students that are finished may start on their brochure. Use the model plan to create brochure.
4. Have art supplies available.
5. After brochures are finished, allow students to present their brochure to the class.

Assessment Strategies:

- Class participation
- Final visitor guide brochure

Extension Activities:

- Refer to Idaho State Park 100th Anniversary Activity Book for additional activities.
- Choose ten (10) parks and graph the acreage using a bar graph or a line graph.

Resources:

- Idaho State Parks Guidebook** (Paperback) **Author:** Bill Loftus **Publisher:** Tribune Pub Co **Date Published:** 1989 **ISBN-13:** 9780960750658
- Idaho State Parks and Recreation Guide FREE** Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Regional Service Center contact information: PO Box 83720 • Boise, ID 83720-0065 • (208) 334-4199 or online at www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov
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Idaho State Park Resource Sheet

Mission:

"To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship."

Vision:

"We are innovators in outdoor recreation, committed to excellent service and resource stewardship. We foster experiences that renew the human spirit and promote community vitality."

In 1965, the Idaho State Legislature enacted legislation creating the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR). The legislation reads, in part:

"It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Parks and Recreation shall formulate and put into execution a long range, comprehensive plan and program for the acquisition, planning, protection, operation, maintenance, development and wise use of areas of scenic beauty, recreational utility, historic archeological or scientific interest, to the end that the health, happiness, recreational opportunities and wholesome enjoyment of life of the people may be further encouraged."

Before Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation was created, there were areas declared "Scenic and Recreational". These areas were parks and campgrounds taken care of by the State Land Board starting in 1907. Heyburn became the first Idaho State Park and first state park in the Pacific Northwest in 1908. In 1947 the Highway Department became responsible for parks along with any new ones. In 1949 the State Land Board again took control of the areas and in 1953 a Parks Division was created within the Land Board. A former superintendent of Glacier National Park took charge of the Idaho program in 1958.

In 1965, two things came together that resulted in the creation of a state park system in Idaho. First, Roland and Averell Harriman agreed to donate what is now Harriman State Park to the State of Idaho on the condition that a professional agency be created to manage it. Second, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund was created. Statewide recreation planning was required to qualify for the federal funds, which were used to develop state and local recreation facilities. It would take a state agency to do that. Currently there are 30 state parks and recreational trailways in Idaho. This year we are celebrating 100 years of state parks in Idaho.

Even though Idaho has vast wildernesses and a high percentage of federal lands, the state does not have a single *national park* within its boundaries. However, the National Park Service administers several national monuments, a historical park and a national reserve in Idaho.

Idaho State Parks Fast Facts

State Park	Acres	Elevation	Campsites
Bear Lake	966	6,000	48
Bruneau Dunes	4,800	2,470	98
Castle Rocks	1,240	5,800	0
City of Rocks	14,300	6,500	76
Coeur d'Alene Parkway	34	2,188	0
Dworshak	850	1,600	105
Eagle Island	545	2,724	0
Farragut	4,000	2,054	184
Harriman	4,440	6,120	0
Hells Gate	960	733	93
Henry's Lake	585	6,470	45
Heyburn	5,505	2,140	132
Lake Cascade	4,450	4,825	300
Lake Walcott	65	4,250	23
Land of the Yankee Fork	482	5,280	115 nearby
Lucky Peak	240	3,000	0
Massacre Rocks	990	4,400	43
McCroskey	5,412	3,600	12
Old Mission	18	2,200	0
Ponderosa	1,470	5,050	117
Priest Lake	755	2,440	151
Round Lake	142	2,122	53
Thousand Springs	1,900	3,190	0
Three Island Crossing	513	2,484	82
Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes	1,056	2,300	0
Winchester Lake	418	3,900	68

Tri-fold Brochure Planner

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Research

Directions:

Use books, information sheets and book resources to research information about the state park you chose. Fill in the form below to help you complete your research.

Park Name: _____

State: _____

Location: _____

Date Created: _____

Major interests found at the park (mining, water formations, Oregon Trail, etc...): _____

Animals: _____

Plants: _____

Natural features: _____

Other important facts: _____

Tri-fold Brochure Planner

Page 2

Tri-fold Brochure Model

Directions:

Plan your state park brochure using the model below. Use all of the information you gathered from your research.

Inside

Page 2

(fold)

Page 4

(fold)

Page 5

Location

Natural features

Plants

Map to park (close up)

Major interest

Animals

Outside

Page 3

(fold)

Page 6 (back cover)

(fold)

Page 1 (cover)

Date created

Map of state showing park

Name of Park

Historical facts

Author (your name)

Illustration
(highlighting park)

Other interesting facts

Date