

Lesson 7

Idaho State Park Travel Plan

Theme: Destination: Idaho State Parks

Content Objectives:

Students will:

- Learn what State Parks have to offer
- Plan vacation purpose, route, and mileage.
- Learn to read a legend
- Determine mileages based maps

Suggested Level:

Fourth (4th) Grade

Standards Correlation:

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

Suggested Time Allowance:

One to Two 1-hour sessions

Materials:

- Idaho State Parks and Recreation Guide** (One for each student if possible)
- Idaho Official Highway Map** (One for each student if possible)
- "Idaho State Park Travel Plan Sheet" (One for each student)
- Computers with internet access
- Books or information sheets about Idaho State Parks
- Writing instruments
- Several sets of five different colored highlighters

Preparation:

- Order **Idaho State Parks and Recreation Guides** (Free from IDPR)
- Order **Idaho Official Highway Map** (Free from Idaho Tourism)
- Make copies of "Idaho State Park Travel Plan Sheet" (One for each student)
- 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

Procedures:

1. Talk about the differences between State Parks and National Parks
2. Hand out the **Idaho State Parks and Recreation Guides** and the **Idaho Official Highway Maps**.
3. Go over the Legends on both maps as a class.
4. Hand out the "Idaho State Park Travel Plan Sheet" to each student.
5. Choose 5 State Parks to visit that are at least 100 miles from your home or school. Have a specific reason for visiting the State Park. Some of these activities may be listed on the Legends of the map or guide. (camping, mining, rock climbing, waterslide, etc...)

6. Plan the routes to the various state parks using the maps and guides by recording the road, direction, and mileage information on the "Idaho State Park Travel Plan Sheet".
7. Draw the routes using different colored highlighters on the map and/or guide.
8. Have students share their vacations with the class.

Assessment Strategies:

- Class participation
- Final Travel Plan

Extension Activities:

- Refer to Idaho State Park 100th Anniversary Activity Book for additional activities.
- Graph the mileages on a bar graph to your chosen parks.
- Average the number of miles to the parks.

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
- Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Homepage** www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov

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- Idaho Official Highway Map** (allow 1 – 2 weeks for delivery) **Free**
Idaho Tourism
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Idaho State Park Travel Plan Sheet

Fill in the following information to help you plan your vacations to the State Parks. Add up all of the mileage at the bottom to get the grand total of all of your vacations.

Sample:

POINT OF ORIGIN	HIGHWAY/ROAD	DIRECTION	MILES	STATE PARK DESTINATION/ -REASON(S) FOR VISITING
1. Blackfoot	US 93 SH 75	N	135	Land of the Yankee Fork -Custer Ghost Town -Gold Panning
		S	42	
		N	12	
Total miles			<u>189</u>	

POINT OF ORIGIN	HIGHWAY/ROAD	DIRECTION	MILES	STATE PARK DESTINATION/ -REASON(S) FOR VISITING
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total miles			+ _____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total miles			+ _____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total miles			+ _____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total miles			+ _____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total miles			+ _____	
Grand total			= _____ miles	

Graphing Grid

Extension Activity

