

# BE A JUNIOR RANGER

Texas State Parks are looking for some junior rangers. Lake Whitney State Park is a special place that needs special people like you to help take care of it. To become a junior ranger you will need to know many things about Lake Whitney State Park and how to protect the resources. In order to earn your merit award and junior ranger badge, you must try your best to answer the questions and complete the activities. Feel free to ask a park ranger if you need some help.

1. How did the park get its name?

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2. There is a historical marker in the park. What is that marker for?

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3. Name three trees in the park.

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4. Is Lake Whitney a natural or man-made lake?

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5. Name the two rivers that feed Lake Whitney.

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6. Wildlife is plentiful here; insects, frogs, snakes, birds, rabbits, fox, white-tailed deer, raccoons and others make their home within the park. Name two animals that you have seen and describe what they were doing.

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7. What is the name of the Native Americans who once lived in this area?

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8. Why do you think this was a good place for Native Americans to live?

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9. Why do you think it is important to have state parks?

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10. Did you know that over 100,000 people visit Lake Whitney State Park every year? What are some of the things we can do to protect the natural resources in the park?

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11. Do one of the following projects:

Fill a small bag with litter collected within the park.

List three reasons to protect and preserve Lake Whitney State Park.

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12. What are some of the activities you can do on the lake?

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13. What is some of the safety equipment you must have in a boat?

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14. What have you learned about the park?

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DEER	I	K	C	A	M	P	E	R	Q	A	P	N
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TREES	E	O	B	V	R	Z	S	H	E	K	A	L
RIVER	T	X	Y	E	N	T	I	H	W	A	N	I
WHITNEY	A	T	E	T	A	Q	X	Z	J	H	G	K
WHITETAIL	I	D	C	T	J	U	N	I	O	R	E	B
JUNIOR	L	W	R	A	C	C	O	O	N	W	R	M
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RACCOON												
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**Junior Ranger Pledge**

As a junior ranger I want to be a protector of the parks. When I visit the parks, I pledge that ...

- I will stay on the paths and trails.
- I will help keep the park clean by not littering or polluting.
- I will not feed, pet or harass wildlife.
- I will not harm plants, so they will be there for other people to enjoy.
- I will talk to my friends and family and encourage them to protect the park, too.

**If you would like a Junior Ranger Certificate,  
print your name and address below so we can send it to you.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

