



Riordan Mansion State Park Patch

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Purpose

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Activities

Complete at least one activity per step.

This is a popular place to visit so make sure to make tour reservations in advance by calling the state park at (928) 779-4395. The park is at 6,900 feet so make sure you are drinking lots of water at this high altitude location.

1. Plan your visit to the State Park.
 - a. Plan how you will get to the park and how long it will take. Make reservations for a tour. If you are traveling with your troop, reservations must be made in advance. What is the fee? Plan for any snacks or meals you may need.
 - b. Plan your park visit. What time do the tours start? How long will a tour take? What is the fee? What other things can you do at the Park?
 - c. If staying overnight, what are your options for camping nearby? Make a list of at least 3 sites and discuss the costs and distance from the park.
2. Learn about the proper etiquette when visiting this and other historic sites to help preserve our heritage.
 - a. Ask a docent or tour guide to go over the proper etiquette for touring this site and others.
 - b. Make a poster, brochure, or video to share with your troop about how to behave at historic sites. Include at least 5 tips or rules.
 - c. Put on a skit for your parents demonstrating the do's and don'ts of visiting historic sites.
3. Take a guided tour of the Riordan Mansion.
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- b. Take the exterior self-guided walk of the grounds. Discuss your favorite feature with a friend.
 - c. Compare a map of present day Flagstaff with the 1904 Sanborn Fire Insurance map in the museum. How have things changed? Do you recognize anything on both maps?
4. Discover how the Riordans helped their community thrive and prosper.
 - a. As you go on the tour make a list of five ways the Riordans were involved in helping the community of Flagstaff.
 - b. When in the Visitor Center, ask a docent on duty to help you make a list of five ways the Riordans contributed to their community.
 - c. Check out books from your local library to learn more about the Riordans.
5. Ask about careers available at Arizona State Parks and Trail.
 - a. Ask a ranger what type of training they need to perform their job. What do they like most about their career and what is the best way to get started?
 - b. Ask a ranger what kind of education is needed to enter the job field. Are there lots of different college majors or just one?
 - c. Research job applications at the state and national level to gather more information about this exciting career.

More to Explore...

Here are a few additional activities for those of you who are really interested in this topic.

1. Make a drawing, model, or floor plan of the Riordan Mansion.
2. Create a drawing, model, or floor plan of your dream house. What features will you include?
3. Ask about volunteer opportunities at the park.

Now that I've Earned this Patch...

1. I can spread the word about this unique mansion by using social media.
2. I can look for other historic buildings and learn about the process of historic preservation.
3. I can remind my family about the proper etiquette when visiting historic places and why it is so important.