
Path of the Thunderbird Family/Teacher Activities

Family/Teacher Activities:

1. The setting for the Path of the Thunderbird is the Grand Canyon National Park in the state of Arizona. It has also been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization) and one of the seven wonders of the natural world. Since there are other National Parks, National Monuments, National Memorials, National Historic Sites, National Historical Parks, and UNESCO sites throughout the United States, a trip to one or more of these would be a wonderful experience for the whole family. The list below will help you find the ones closest to you.

The National Park Service also has a Junior Ranger Program.

<https://www.nps.gov/kids/jrRangers.cfm>

- Alabama** National Monuments – Russell Cave
National Historical Sites – Tuskegee Airmen, Tuskegee Institute
- Alaska** National Parks -Denali, Gates of the Arctic, Glacier Bay, Katmai, Kenai Fjords,
Kobuk Valley, Lake Clark, Wrangell – St. Elias
National Monuments – Aniakchak, Cape Krusenstern
National Historical Parks - Sitka
UNESCO World Heritage Sites_- Kluane / Wrangell-St. Elias / Glacier Bay /
Tatshenshini-Alsek
- Arizona** National Parks – Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Saguaro
National Monuments – Canyon de Chelly, Casa Grande Ruins, Chiricahua,
Hohokam Pima, Montezuma Castle, Navajo, Organ Pipe Cactus, Parashant,
Tonto, Tuzigoot, Walnut Canyon, Wupatki
National Memorials – Coronado
National Historical Parks - Tumacacori
National Historic Sites – Fort Bowie, Hubbell Trading Post
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Grand Canyon National Park

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- Arkansas** National Parks – Hot Springs
National Memorials – Arkansas Post
National Historic Sites – Fort Smith, Little Rock Central High School
- California** National Parks – Channel Islands, Death Valley, Joshua Tree, Kings Canyon, Lassen Volcanic, Redwood, Sequoia, Yosemite, Death Valley,
National Monuments – Cabrillo, Devils Postpile, Lava Beds, Pinnacles
National Historic Sites – Manzanar
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Redwood National Park, Yosemite National Park
- Colorado** National Parks – Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Great Sand Dunes, Mesa Verde, Rocky Mountain
National Monuments – Colorado, Dinosaur, Hovenweep, Yucca House
National Historic Sites – Bent’s Old Fort
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Mesa Verde National Park
- Connecticut** National Historical Sites – Weir Farm Historical Site
- Delaware** National Historical Park – First State
- Florida** National Parks – Biscayne, Dry Tortugas, Everglades
National Monuments – Castillo de San Marcos, Fort Matanzas
National Memorial – De Soto, Fort Caroline
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Everglades National Park
- Georgia** National Historical Parks – Chickamauga & Chattanooga
National Monuments – Fort Frederica, Ocmulgee, Fort Pulaski
National Historic Sites – Andersonville, Jimmy Carter, Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Hawaii** National Parks – Hawaii Volcanoes, Haleakala
National Historical Parks – Kalaupapa, Kaloko-Honokohau, Pu’uhonua O Honaunau
National Historic Sites – Puukohola Heiau
National Memorials – USS Arizona
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Papahānaumokuākea

Idaho	National Monuments – Craters of the Moon, Hagerman Fossil Beds, Minidoka Internment National Historical Parks – Nez Perce
Illinois	National Historic Sites – Lincoln Home UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
Indiana	National Memorials – Lincoln Boyhood National Historic Sites – George Rogers Clark
Iowa	National Monuments – Effigy Mounds National Historic Sites – Herbert Hoover
Kansas	National Historic Sites – Brown v. Board of Education, Fort Larned, Fort Scott, Nicodemus
Kentucky	National Parks – Mammoth Cave National Historical Parks – Cumberland Gap National Historic Sites – Abraham Lincoln Birthplace UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Mammoth Cave National Park
Louisiana	National Historical Parks – Cane River Creole, Jean Lafitte, New Orleans National Monuments – Poverty Point UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Monumental Earthworks of Poverty Point
Maine	National Parks – Acadia
Maryland	National Historical Parks - Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Monuments – Fort McHenry National Historic Sites – Assateague Island, Clara Barton, Hampton, Thomas Stone
Massachusetts	National Historical Parks – Lowell, New Bedford Whaling, Adams, Boston, Minute Man National Historic Sites – Springfield Armory, Boston African American, Frederick Law Olmsted, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Longfellow, Salem Maritime, Saugus Iron Works,
Michigan	National Parks – Isle Royale National Historical Parks - Keweenaw

Minnesota	National Parks – Voyageurs National Monuments – Grand Portage, Pipestone
Mississippi	National Historical Parks – Natchez, Vicksburg
Missouri	National Memorials – Jefferson National Expansion National Monuments – George Washington Carver National Historical Sites – Harry S. Truman, Ulysses S. Grant
Montana	National Parks – Glacier National Monuments – Little Bighorn Battlefield National Historical Sites – Grant-Kohrs Ranch UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Waterton Glacier International Peace Park
Nebraska	National Monuments – Agate Fossil Beds, Homestead NM of America, Scotts Bluff
Nevada	National Parks – Great Basin
New Hampshire	National Historic Sites – Saint-Gaudens
New Jersey	National Historical Parks – Morristown National Historical Sites – Edison
New Mexico	National Parks – Carlsbad Caverns National Historical Parks – Chaco Culture, Pecos National Monuments – Aztec Ruins, Bandelier, Capulin Volcano, El Malpais, El Morro, Fort Union, Gila Cliff Dwellings, Petroglyph, Salinas Pueblo Missions, White Sands UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Chaco Culture, Taos Pueblo, Carlsbad Canyon National Park
New York	National Historical Parks – Saratoga, Women’s Rights National Memorials – Federal Hall, General Grant, Hamilton Grange National Monuments – Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Fort Stanwix, Castle Clinton National Historic Sites – Eleanor Roosevelt, Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Van Buren, Sagamore Hill, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural, Vanderbilt Mansion, St. Paul’s Church, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Statue of Liberty
North Carolina	National Parks – Great Smoky Mountains

National Memorials – Wright Brothers
National Historic Sites – Carl Sandburg Home, Fort Raleigh

North Dakota National Parks – Theodore Roosevelt
National Historic Sites – Fort Union Trading Post, Knife River Indian Villages

Ohio National Parks – Cuyahoga Valley
National Historical Parks – Dayton Aviation Heritage, Hopewell Culture
National Memorials – International Peace Memorial
National Historic Sites – First Ladies, James A. Garfield, William Howard Taft

Oklahoma National Memorials – Oklahoma City
National Historic Sites – Washita Battlefield

Oregon National Parks – Crater Lake
National Monuments – John Day Fossil Beds, Oregon Caves
National Historical Parks – Lewis & Clark

Pennsylvania National Historical Parks – Independence Hall, Valley Forge, First State
National Memorials – Flight 93, Johnstown Flood, Thaddeus Kosciuszko,
National Historic Sites – Allegheny Portage Railroad, Edgar Allan Poe,
Eisenhower, Friendship Hill, Hopewell Furnace, Steamtown, Independence,
Valley Forge
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Independence Hall

Rhode Island National Memorials – Roger Williams

South Carolina National Parks – Congaree
National Historical Parks – Kings Mountain
National Monuments – Fort Sumter
National Historic Sites – Charles Pinckney, Ninety Six

South Dakota National Parks – Badlands, Wind Cave
National Monuments – Jewell Cave
National Memorials – Mount Rushmore
National Historic Sites – Minute Man Missile

Tennessee National Parks – Great Smoky Mountains
National Memorial Parks – Shiloh
National Historic Sites – Andrew Johnson
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Great Smoky Mountains National Park

- Texas** National Parks – Big Bend, Guadalupe Mountains
National Historical Parks – Lyndon B. Johnson, San Antonio Missions
National Monuments – Alibates Flint Quarries
National Memorials - Chamizal
National Historic Sites – Fort Davis, Palo Alto Battlefield
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – San Antonio Missions
- Utah** National Parks – Arches, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Canyonlands, Zion
National Monuments – Cedar Breaks, Natural Bridges, Rainbow Bridge, Timpanogos Cave
National Historic Sites – Golden Spike
- Vermont** National Historical Parks – Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller
- Virginia** National Parks – Shenandoah
National Monuments – George Washington Birthplace, Booker T. Washington
National Historical Parks – Appomattox Court House, Cedar Creek & Belle Grove, Colonial, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania
National Historic Sites – Maggie L. Walker
National Memorials – Robert E. Lee, George Washington
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Monticello & the University of Virginia in Charlottesville
- Washington** National Parks – Olympic, Mount Rainier, North Cascades
National Historical Parks – Klondike Gold Rush, San Juan Island
National Historic Sites – Fort Vancouver, Whitman Mission
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Olympic National Park
- Washington D.C.** National Memorials – Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Korean War Veterans, Lincoln Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington Monument
National Monuments – White House, Theodore Roosevelt Island,
National Historic Sites – Ford’s Theatre, Frederick Douglass, Pennsylvania Avenue, Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
- West Virginia** National Historical Park – Harpers Ferry
- Wisconsin** National Lakeshore – Apostle Islands
- Wyoming** National Parks – Grand Teton, Yellowstone

National Monuments – Devils Tower, Fossil Butte
National Historic Sites – Fort Laramie
UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Yellowstone National Park

2. Family friends and relatives often have photographs, brochures, and post cards from National Parks they have visited. Contact them and ask if you can borrow these. Plan a family ‘National Park’ night where you can share information about our national treasures and make a ‘bucket list’ of places you all would like to visit.

3. In the book, *Path of the Thunderbird*, the kids hiked about 30 miles in a week. So you can experience what it’s like to walk/hike that distance create, paths to follow in your neighborhood or area to duplicate that distance. Keep a log of not only how far you traveled but what you saw.