

Hot Springs

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Hot Springs National Park
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B.A.R.K. Ranger Program



Do you have what it takes to become a B.A.R.K. Ranger? Complete at least 2 activities and get your human to learn the B.A.R.K. principles on the back of this card. Once complete, see a park ranger for your certificate.

Activity Checklist

Embark on a Hike

Get to know the park trails. Be sure to check for ticks afterwards. Always use a poop bag and dispose of it properly in a trash can.

Drink the Spring Water

Take your human on a quest to find Happy Hollow or Whittington Spring & hydrate yourselves with clear, cool, artesian spring water.

Explore Bathhouse Row

Keep your human on a 6 ft. leash so you can stay safe from cars, horses, and other dogs, and leave wildlife undisturbed.

Take a Picture

Find your favorite spot in the park and take a picture. Upload it online, tag Hot Springs National Park & use the hashtag #BarkRanger



I, _____,

Promise to learn, respect and model the B.A.R.K. Ranger Principles to help Hot Springs and all other National Parks remain safe and beautiful for humans, dogs, and all wildlife.



B.A.R.K. Ranger



Principles



Bag your poop

Keep Hot Springs National Park clean by disposing of all dog waste. Be sure to carry the poop bag off the trail. Garbage cans are located throughout the park.

Always wear a leash

Keeping your dog on a leash 6' or shorter is required in Hot Springs National Park. Not all other dogs are friendly and not all people like dogs, no matter how friendly they are.

Respect wildlife

Dogs can chase and threaten wildlife, scaring birds and other animals away from nesting, feeding, and resting sites.

Know where to go

We are one of the most dog friendly National Parks and dogs are allowed on all of our trails. Dogs are not allowed inside federal buildings unless they are service animals.