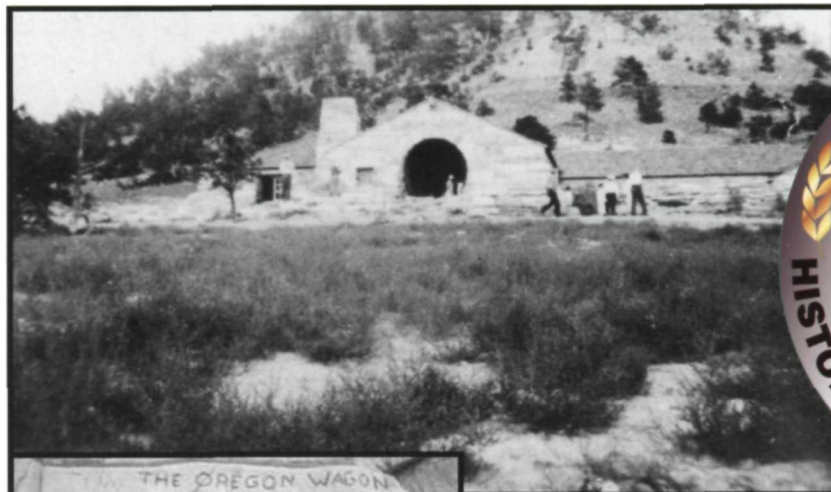


Guernsey State Park

Register Cliff and Oregon Trail Ruts
State Historic Sites



Be a Junior Park Ranger!



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Your Name _____

Here's how to get started:

Begin in the museum.



Answer all the questions marked with a pinecone.

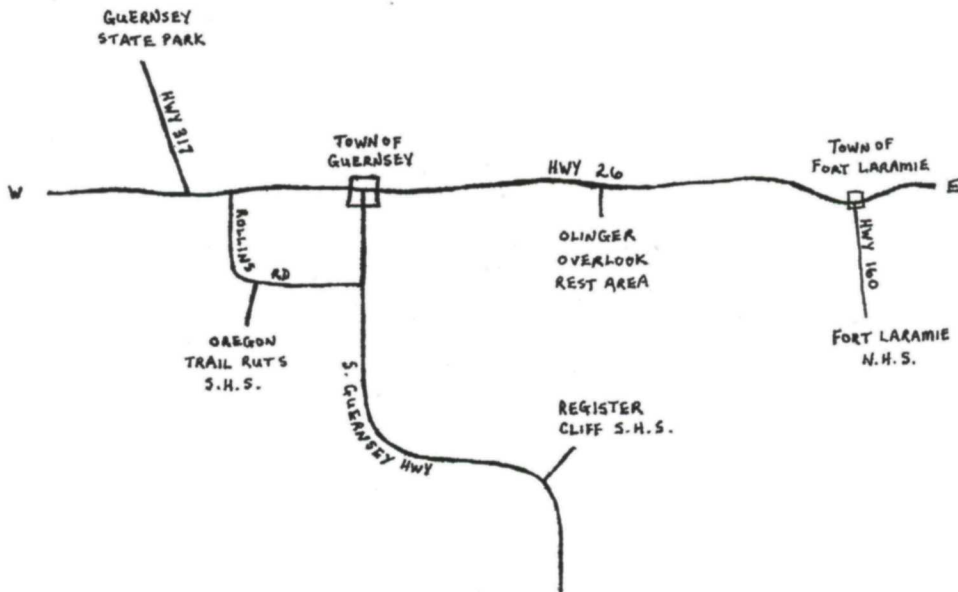


You will need to read signs, look at exhibits, explore the historic building, make observations and visit Register Cliff and the Oregon Trail Ruts.

Return your completed booklet to any park employee at the museum to receive your **Junior Ranger Badge!**

You may also earn a special award by completing the Fort Laramie section of this booklet at Fort Laramie National Historic Site.

The questions can be answered in any order. Use the map below to guide you on the adventure. Please note the map is not to scale.



Guernsey State Park

(Begin at the information sign outside the Guernsey Museum.)

Most people visit Guernsey State Park for its swimming, boating and camping opportunities, but it is one of the most notable Great Depression-era (1929-1941) parks in the nation.

During the 1930's America experienced the "Great Depression" and many people were out of work and had a hard time finding jobs.



President _____ created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to put jobless men back to work doing land conservation projects. The CCC was also known as the “ _____
_____ .”

The Guernsey Museum is one of the projects completed by the CCC. It cost \$ _____ to build the museum. How much do you think it would cost to build this museum today? _____



Find the flagpole. Look at the 1936 photograph below. How many years ago was this picture taken?

_____ - _____ = _____
 (This year) (Year the museum was built) (Answer)



Guernsey Museum, 1936. Wyoming State Archives.



How has the museum changed? You may need to move closer to the building to see the changes. List three things that are different and three things that are the same.

DIFFERENT

SAME

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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2. _____

3. _____



Find the compass on the sidewalk outside the front door. You have a perfect view of Laramie Peak. The museum and The Castle were both built to frame the view of the mountain. What direction is Laramie Peak from the front door of the museum? _____

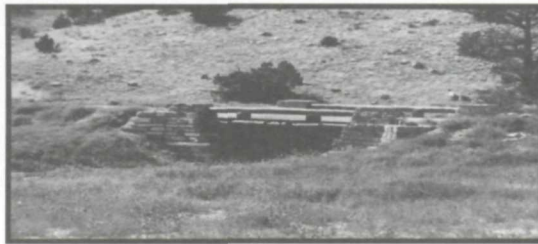


Go inside the museum and look at Laramie Peak using the telescope.

The structures at Guernsey State Park are what make it unique. They are built in a style of construction known as “Rustic architecture.” It can be easily identified by the use of natural, local materials and the blending of the structure with its natural surroundings. It is often difficult to tell where the ground stops and the building starts! The use of local stone and hand labor made the structures cost very little to build!



Below are examples of some of the Rustic architecture in the park. What local materials were used to build them? _____



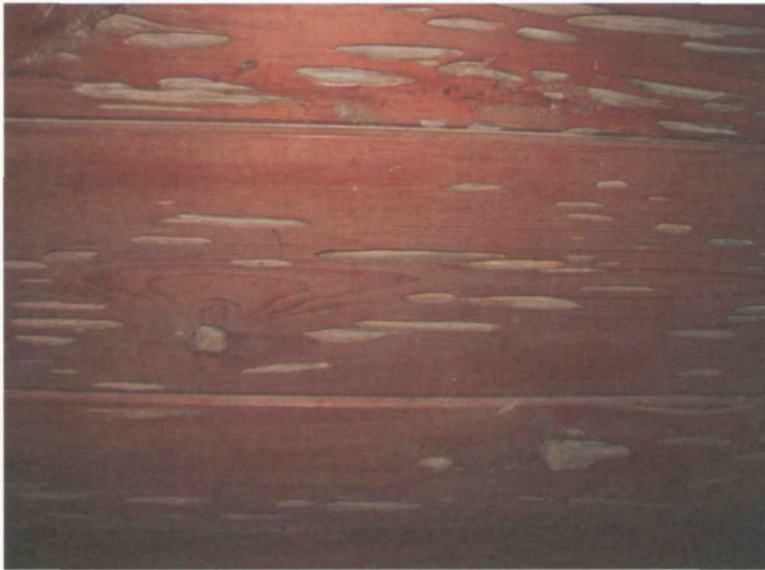
Photographs courtesy Wyoming State Archives.

How many CCC projects can you spot as you travel through the park?
(*Hint: They might be bridges, trails, steps, picnic shelters, fountains, walls.*)

Find the library. Remember that in Rustic architecture local materials are used to blend a building with its surroundings.



Look at the walls in this room. The wood paneling used here is called “pecky” cypress. These trees are from Florida. The “pecky” or pockets occur when the wood is attacked by fungus. No one knows why it occurs or why it only attacks certain trees, but it is used to give a rustic appearance to a room. No one knows why Florida “pecky” cypress was used in this Wyoming room! Why do you think it was used?_____



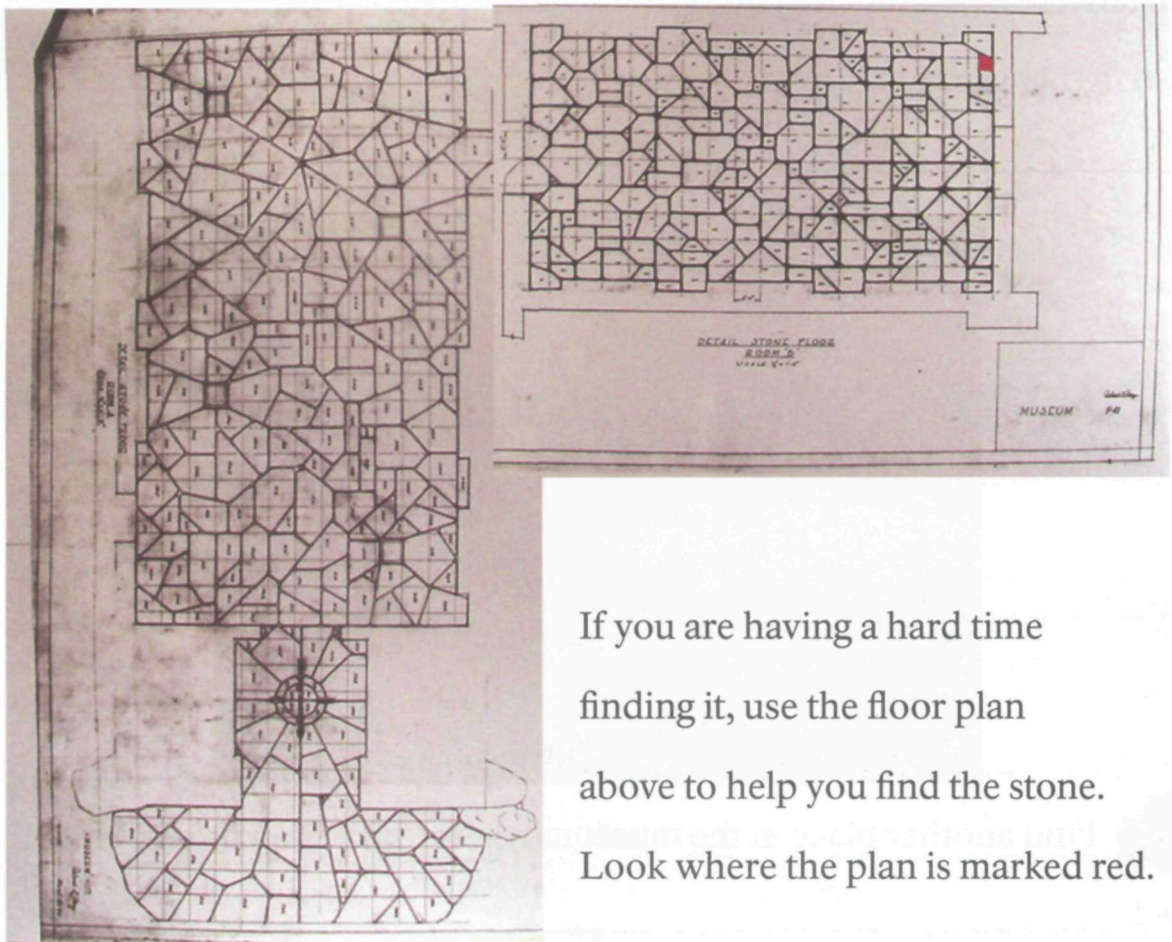
Find another place in the museum where “pecky” cypress was used. _____



What year was the Guernsey Museum completed? _____



The stones used to build the museum floor were quarried (*dug*) in _____, Wyoming. CCC workers numbered the stones at the quarry and then reassembled the floor piece by piece. One of the stones was placed with the number side up. Can you find it? Write the number here. _____



If you are having a hard time finding it, use the floor plan above to help you find the stone. Look where the plan is marked red.

Find the display case entitled, “John Ewers His Vision, His Design”.

Dr. Ewers designed the displays in this museum.



What year was he born? _____



What famous museum did he work at before he retired? _____



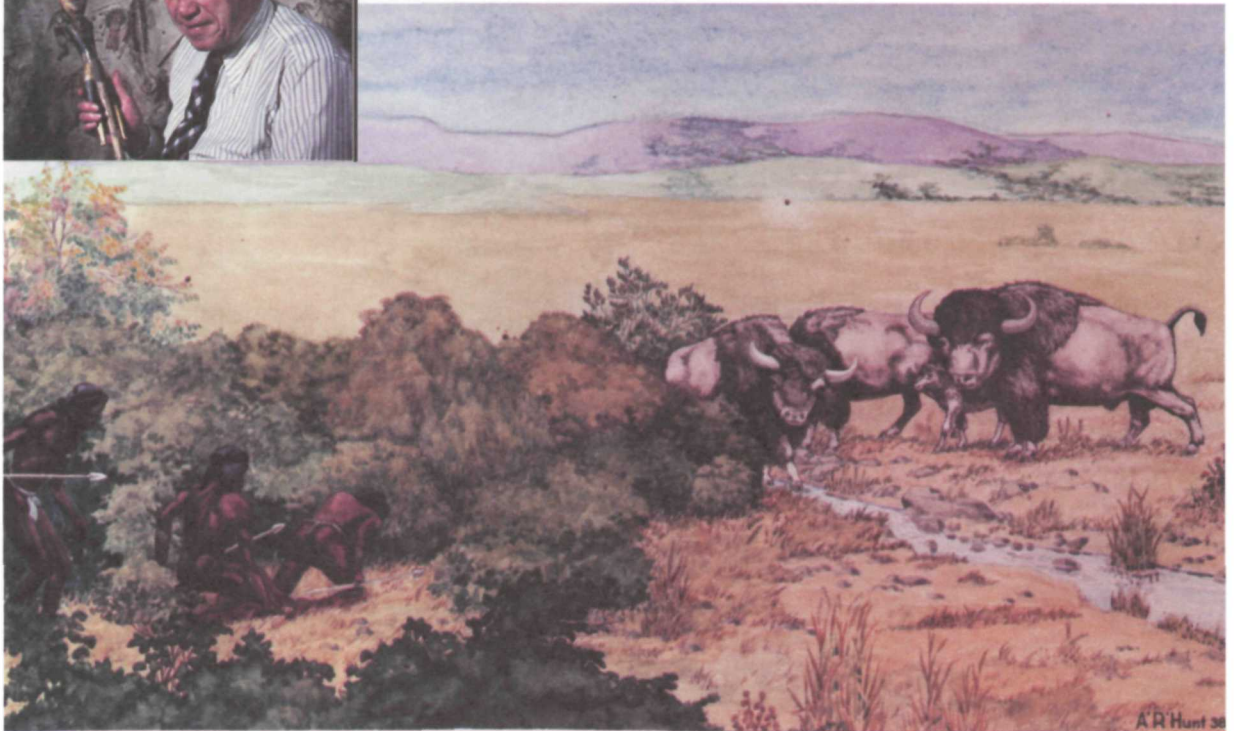
How many of the present display cases do you see being

constructed in the exhibit photos? (Look carefully.) _____



Dr. John C. Ewers, 1996

Buffalo Hunt, by A. R. Hunt (Background for a Ewers' Exhibit, Guernsey)





Find the display case entitled “Guernsey Dam.”

Who was Guernsey Dam named for? _____

What year did construction begin on the dam? _____

How high is the dam above the river? _____ feet




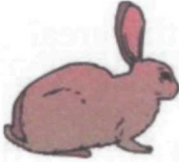










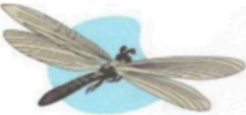



Guernsey Dam, 1948. Wyoming State Archives



Artifacts are objects that are made or modified (*changed*) by people. Archeologists study artifacts to learn about the past. There are many different artifacts in this museum. What is your favorite artifact? _____



Scavenger Hunt Bingo! Watch for these plants, animals and activities on your journey through the park. Mark the ones you see with an X. Try to get 4 in a row!

Oregon Trail Ruts

Within a day's journey of Fort Laramie, this rough terrain saw thousands of westward bound travelers. Today we wonder why the emigrants chose this difficult path.

Use the brown information signs to find the answers to the questions below



What dangerous river was below this area? _____



What three emigrant trails passed through this spot? The

_____, _____ and _____ Trails.

Across the road from the Oregon Trail Ruts is a grave marker for Lucindy Rollins, one of the many pioneers who died along the trail. No one knows how Lucindy died.



The most common causes of death along the trail were

_____, _____, _____, _____.



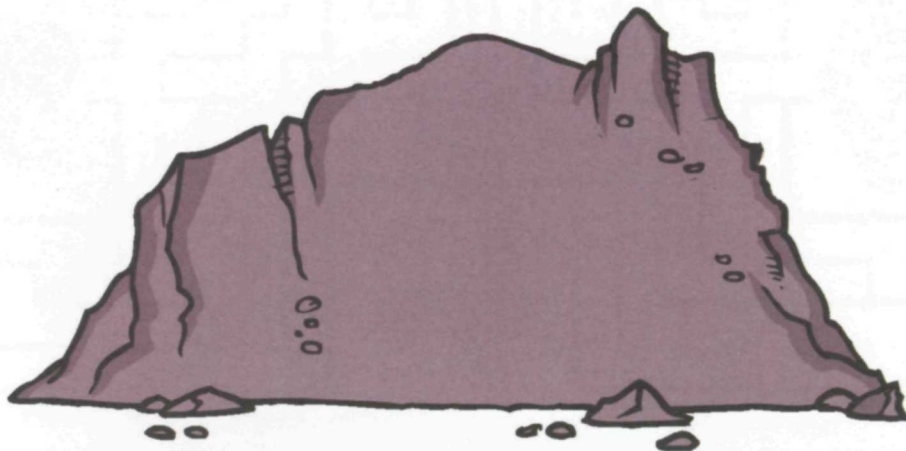
Register Cliff



After leaving Fort Laramie, emigrants could reach Register Cliff in one day. Here they rested and made camp for the night. The other name for Register Cliff was _____ . It later became a small trading post operated by Mr. _____ and Mr. _____ .

Many who traveled the trails left their names on this sandstone cliff for others to see. What is the oldest date you can find on the cliff? _____

There is a difference between historic graffiti and vandalism! These names share with us a part of the history of the Overland Trails. Unfortunately, today a few visitors leave destructive marks on the cliff. These scars are unsightly and cost money to restore. Leave your mark in this book and **NOT** on this national treasure. Put your name and date on the cliff below.

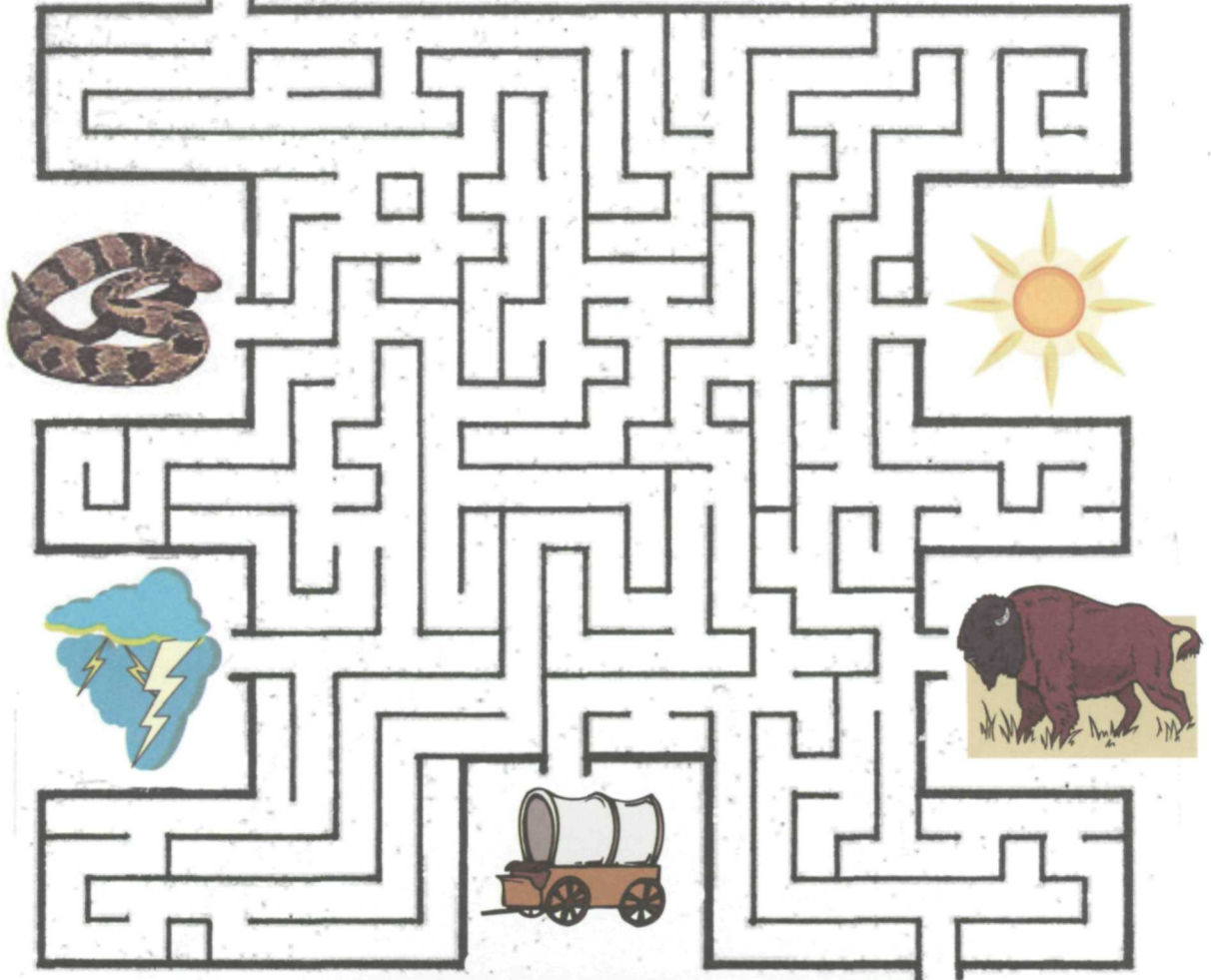




Follow the Emigrant Trail!

Backseat Activity

After emigrants left Fort Laramie, they followed the North Platte River to a landmark known as Register Cliff near present-day Guernsey, Wyoming. There they rested for the night and many carved their names into the sandstone cliff. Can you find your way to Register Cliff in the maze below?

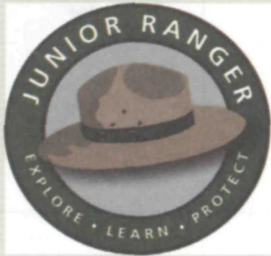


Junior Ranger Pledge

I promise to discover all I can about
my National and State Parks
and to share my discoveries with others .

I pledge to preserve and protect
my National and State Parks
for the enjoyment of future generations.

(print your name here)



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