

# VISITING YOUR NATIONAL PARK



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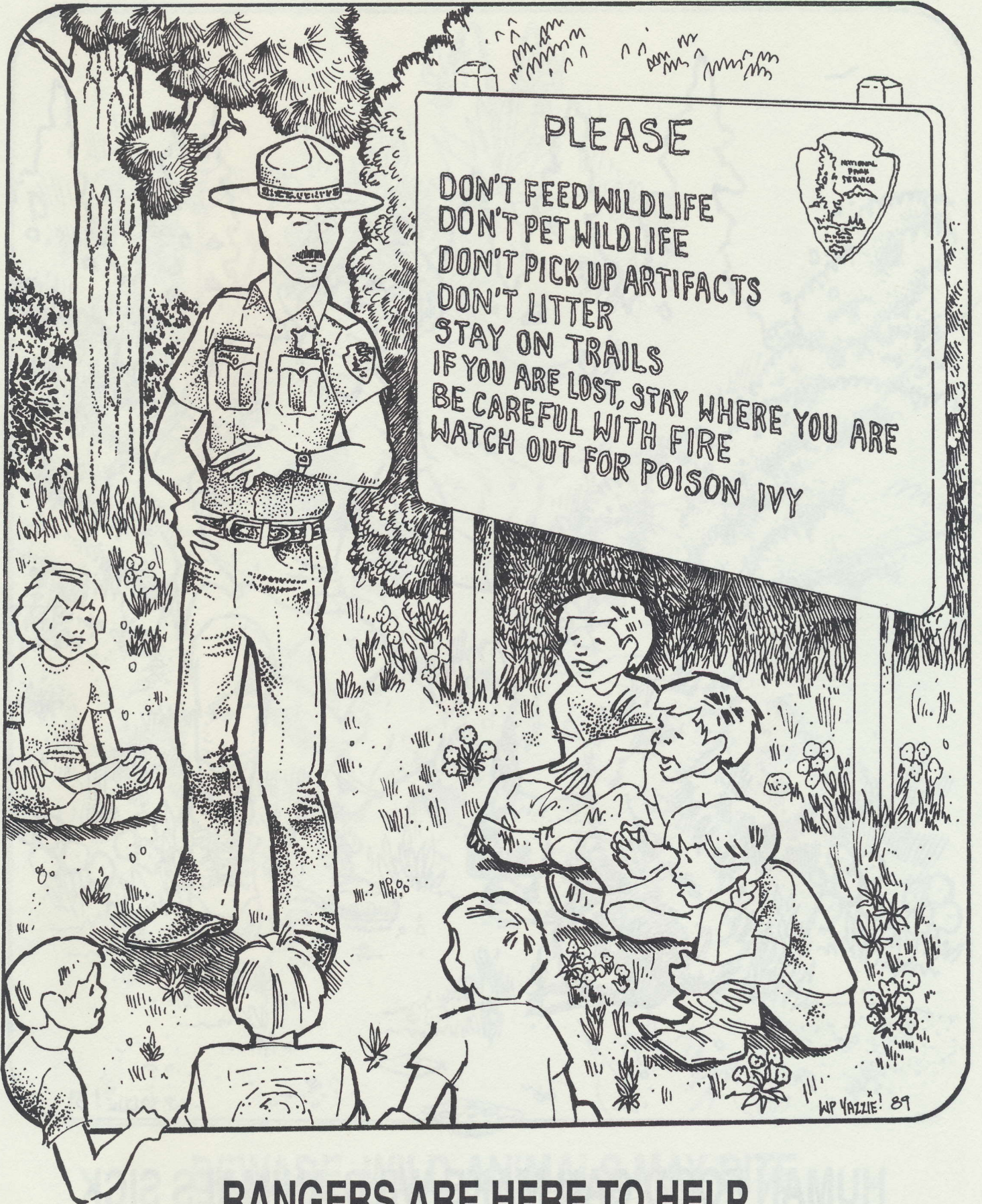
# Welcome to your national park!

This is a very special place—a place where you may see Indian ruins, plants, animals, birds, and other neat things to enjoy. But to have a really good visit here, you need to be careful with everything in the park. The park is like a museum, except that everything is outside in its natural place. Things may be different here than around your home so you need to be careful for your own safety, too.

When you color the pictures in this book, you will be learning some of the important things to remember here or in any national park, things like:

- **Human food can make wild animals sick.** Animals know how to find their own food and people food is often bad for them, so please don't feed them. Also, some animals have fleas that carry disease and fleas could jump on you.
- **Wild animals may bite.** Even though animals here might be used to having people around, they aren't tame. If you get close or try to pet one, it might bite to protect itself. That would hurt and could also make you sick. If an animal does bite you, be sure to report it to a ranger.
- **Artifacts should be left in place.** Hundreds of years ago this was the home of prehistoric Indians. Now, archeologists study the things they left behind, like stone tools and fallen-down homes to learn more about their way of life. Even little bits of broken pottery are important parts of the story.
- **Taking pride in your park means disposing of garbage properly.** A special, beautiful place like this can only be made ugly by litter. Carry out trash with you and use trash cans. **Recycle what you can!**
- **Stay on trails.** Trails lead you to all the best things to see without getting lost. If you stay on the trail, you won't be damaging plants that animals need for food and you won't break fragile old ruins or artifacts or fall over things.
- **If you do get lost, stay where you are.** If you look around and realize that you don't know where you are or where your parents or leaders are, **stay put!** Keep calm and sit down where you can be seen by the people who will be looking for you.
- **Watch out for poison ivy.** Leaves of three, let it be! If you do get into poison ivy, wash the oil off so it won't spread. Also, don't eat any berries, nuts, leaves, or mushrooms unless you are positive it is okay to do so.
- **Rangers want to help you learn more about the park and have the best visit ever.** The men and women in the gray and green uniforms will be happy to answer your questions. Play it safe, ask a ranger.

**NOW—have fun coloring these pictures to help you remember these important ideas.**



PLEASE

- DON'T FEED WILDLIFE
- DON'T PET WILDLIFE
- DON'T PICK UP ARTIFACTS
- DON'T LITTER
- STAY ON TRAILS
- IF YOU ARE LOST, STAY WHERE YOU ARE
- BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE
- WATCH OUT FOR POISON IVY



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OTHERS TO ENJOY AND STUDY**





**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR PARK,  
DON'T LITTER**



Mr. & Mrs. VALLIE! '89

**STAY ON TRAILS**





**IF LOST, STAY WHERE YOU ARE**



**REMEMBER, FIRE CAN  
DESTROY YOUR PARK**





**WATCH OUT FOR POISON IVY**

