

Junior Ranger Angler 2021-2022 Grant Programs

NPS UNIT	STATE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Acadia National Park	Maine	<p><i>Hooking into the Great Fish Migration!</i></p> <p>Through <i>Hooking into the Great Fish Migration</i>, school groups and families will enjoy local fishing experiences in the park while learning about Maine's rich fishing history, Leave No Trace and Conservation Ethics. A series of themed fishing programs over the course of the year will engage school groups and families with the opportunity to ice fish, dig for clams and worms, and explore pond life and learn about food webs.</p>
American Memorial Park	Northern Mariana Islands	<p><i>Let's Go Fishing! Engaging Junior Rangers and Future Fishers to Support Safe and Active Stewardship</i></p> <p>American Memorial Park plans to engage and educate youth in safe and active fishing and marine stewardship by conducting community outreach at Saipan's only marina, located in the park. While family members head out to sea on boats for a day(s) of competitive fishing, families often wait behind at the marina to greet the fishers upon their return. The "Let's Go Fishing!" Junior Ranger station will be an inviting and interactive space at these derbies where youth of all ages can meet with park rangers, participate in fun learning activities, and earn their Junior Ranger Angler Badge.</p>
Amistad National Recreation Area	Texas	<p><i>Fishing with Family</i></p> <p>The Fishing with Family program will include parent/guardian-child kayak fishing trips to create family memories, learning about the resources Amistad is known for. Two trained staff members will provide basic kayak paddling training on land before everyone loads into the kayaks for a day of fun and fishing at world-famous Lake Amistad. Three trips per year, supporting 5 adults and 5 kids, will provide opportunities for the Del Rio community and others to experience one of the park's most popular pastimes. Fishing rods will also be available for loan through a gear library at the time of the programs and after.</p>
Big Thicket National Park & Preserve	Texas	<p><i>Fishing at Big Thicket</i></p> <p>Fishing at Big Thicket would fund one seasonal position to promote and lead fishing activities during the summer 2021. The activities would be focused on engaging underserved youth in the local area and participating in fishing activities in the area and developing new activities for visitors.</p>
Biscayne National Park	Florida	<p><i>Fish On! Biscayne Bay Junior Angler Program</i></p> <p>The goal of the "Fish On! Biscayne Bay Junior Angler Program" is to continue to offer quality youth fishing opportunities as well as expanding Biscayne National Park's capacity to serve Miami-Dade County through a partnership with the Deering Estate.</p>

Blue Ridge Parkway	Multiple	<p><i>Kids in Parks: TRACK Trail Pathways to NPS Recreational Fishing</i></p> <p>The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation will support recreational fishing for 19,000 kids and adults annually at nearly 200 NPS sites that allow recreational fishing. Kids in Parks will (A) establish 10 new Fishing "TRACK Trails" at NPS sites to complement; (B) design a new self-guided recreational fishing brochure; (C) develop a similar fishing e-Adventure that kids and families can use at any NPS site offering fishing; (D) create new fishing-themed incentives to encourage kids for their fishing adventures; and (E) organize four fishing clinic events at NPS sites to launch these new recreational fishing resources.</p>
Canaveral National Seashore	Florida	<p><i>Jr. Ranger Anglers: Fishing = Fun at Canaveral National Seashore</i></p> <p>Canaveral National Seashore's Junior Ranger Angler program teaches young anglers about casting techniques, bait use, fish identification, rules and regulations, fishing safety and ethical angling. Whether their first fish or one of many, the Junior Anglers learn safe handling for catch and release, and why conservation is important. This past summer, Canaveral provided 4 programs per week for up to 20 children per day. This summer, Canaveral plans to expand the program to teach a multi-generational adult and younger anglers class.</p>
Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail	Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, DC	<p><i>Anglers on the Rivers of the Chesapeake</i></p> <p>This project will bring families to the York River and Susquehanna River, two major rivers of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, to learn how to fish, understand water safety, and about the fishing legacy of these rivers. The introduction of Native American fishing techniques by Ancestral Lands Corp members will bring a unique perspective to the Virginia based program. Special guest anglers representing a variety of professions will introduce participants to fishing as a hobby and as a career.</p>
Chesapeake Bay Office	Maryland	<p><i>Connecting Maryland's Diverse Youth and Families to Fishing on Chesapeake Public Lands</i></p> <p>This program will amplify existing fishing programs, engage youth in Junior Ranger and stewardship activities, and create new, targeted events for the diverse, underserved communities of Central Maryland's Chesapeake Bay watershed at two sites in the Chesapeake Gateways Network - Masonville Cove in Baltimore and Patuxent Research Refuge in Annapolis. The sites expect to directly engage 180 youth and 180 adults through this initiative. Participants will learn about the recreational opportunities and resources available on public lands, how to fish responsibly, and the benefits to themselves and the Bay as a result of stewardship ethics.</p>
Chickasaw National Recreation Area	Oklahoma	<p><i>Facilitate an Expanded Junior Angler Program at Chickasaw National Recreation Area</i></p> <p>Chickasaw will hire a Spanish-speaking seasonal Park Guide to facilitate increased Junior Ranger Angler programs and more</p>

		successfully interact with our large numbers of Spanish speaking visitors. The additional position will allow the park to expand the JRA program beyond what would be possible with the current staffing level.
Cuyahoga Valley National Park	Ohio	<p><i>Let's Go Fishing! Engaging Communities at the Pond's Edge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park</i></p> <p>This project will allow Cuyahoga Valley National Park to deliver a robust, 15-week summer fishing program series that engages local children and their families in shore fishing in park ponds. The grant will allow the park to integrate fishing into all aspects of community programming. These include programs for the general public, family programs marketed to the region's African American community, and programs offered for community-based organizations.</p>
Dry Tortugas National Park	Florida	<p><i>Opportunity Youth & Families Sustainable Fishing Program</i></p> <p>Dry Tortugas National Park's Junior Ranger Angler program will utilize best practices for sustainable fishing in South Florida, while connecting youth and families with natural resources at the park. Dry Tortugas is world renowned for effective Marine Protected Areas resulting in high abundance of economically important species of fish. The Junior Ranger Angler program will remove financial barriers to access these resources for youth and families, caused by the park's remote location and high cost of transportation.</p>
Fire Island National Seashore	New York	<p><i>Let's Go Fishing at Fire Island National Seashore</i></p> <p>Fire Island National Seashore will create a lending library for fishing gear and other equipment (clam rakes, seine nets, crab traps) at the Watch Hill site for visitor use. A seasonal park ranger will be hired during the heart of the season to lead demonstrations of equipment use, discuss biology and management, and serve as the lead for Junior Ranger marine-based activities. In coordination with interns, the ranger will assist with community-based programs and outreach.</p>
Gateway National Recreation Area	New York	<p><i>Jr. Ranger Angler: Learn to fish and discover what lives in the waters of Gateway!</i></p> <p>Gateway National Recreation Area will partner with the American Littoral Society and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to provide Junior Ranger Angler programs to New York and New Jersey units of the park. These programs will provide participants with the opportunity to learn how to fish and discover what lives in the waters.</p>
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area	Utah	<p><i>Every Fourth Grader Casting in Page, Arizona, a Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Gateway Community</i></p> <p>Glen Canyon will purchase rod, reel, and tackle kits for 225 fourth graders in Page Unified School District to kickstart junior anglers on the shores of Lake Powell and the Glen Canyon Colorado River Corridor. The information in the kit will include an array of educational topics specific to angling in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area including the Incentivized Trout Harvest Program, an ongoing fishery management program that</p>

		rewards anglers for catching invasive brown trout. The park also plans to develop digital mini-clinics on angling topics. Educational material kits will facilitate an immersive outdoor experience for area youth, allowing them the opportunity for angling with their friends and families--some for the first time.
Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site	Montana	<i>Fishing 101 at Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site</i> The park will implement a Fishing 101 program for children ages 7-14 and their parents or guardians. This two-hour long program will have two components. The first part will be an educational component where children learn about the fish species native to the area, fish habitat, the best environment for fish, what fish eat and how they survive. The second piece will teach children how to fly fish. At the end of the program the children will earn a Junior Ranger Angler badge.
Isle Royale National Park	Michigan	<i>Angling the Archipelago</i> "Angling the Archipelago" will be an immersive experience that connects youth and their families with a fundamental park resource, the island fishery, that almost always requires gear and knowledge that many do not possess. Park rangers will provide hands-on fishing programs that teach intergenerational families how to fish safely and responsibly. Afterwards, they can check out gear to use throughout their Isle Royale adventure, making fishing a memorable part of their national park experience.
Moore's Creek National Battlefield	North Carolina	<i>Enhance Accessibility to Fishing at Moore's Creek</i> Enhanced accessibility and interpretive resources of a fishing area alongside the Moore's Creek watershed will enable the park to offer a series of Junior Ranger Angler events and other recreational opportunities to local community youth, families, and visitors.
Moore's Creek National Battlefield and Island Wildlife Cape Fear Region	North Carolina	<i>Cape Fear Fishing Clinic & River Education</i> Local non-profit organization, Island Wildlife-Cape Fear Region, has partnered with Moore's Creek National Battlefield to provide fishing clinics and river education opportunities to children (K-6) through the YWCA at the Lower Cape Fear, an organization that serves low-income families. Grant funds will support transportation and educational boat tours to provide children with memorable fishing experiences in their local community.
Musconetcong Wild & Scenic River	New Jersey	<i>Reel Musconetcong</i> Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) and People Enjoying Active Conservation of the Environment in NJ (PEACE NJ) will work together to develop an equitable and inclusive program that allows a diverse population of children and their families to access the river through providing fishing equipment and licensing. MWA will host fishing events and community engagement programs, as well as a new "Tackle Access" program, which will develop a gear library of gently used gear from local anglers. PEACE NJ plans to provide outreach, material

		translation, and event support to underserved communities of color in the Musconetcong Watershed.
Natchez Trace Parkway	Tennessee	<i>Fun, Free and Fly! Family Fishing with Natchez Trace Parkway</i> From the gear itself to the fishing licenses and transportation to a site, this grant would open the doors of potential to communities that are not actively being served by the interpretation division employed at Natchez Trace Parkway. This grant would serve three visitor contact stations covering a 444-mile national park from Nashville, TN to Natchez, MS and bring local awareness to this national park, stewardship of the resources, community engagement through numerous planned activities and a furthered interest in public lands.
National Mall & Memorial Parks	Washington, DC	<i>Fishing in America's Front Yard: A Family Fishing Event</i> To bring accessible fishing opportunities and environmental education to local families, National Mall & Memorial Parks will hold two family fishing events, with one day of instruction specifically designed to engage with the local deaf community. NAMA will hire a fishing guide, American Sign Language interpreters, and provide fishing rigs for families that attend.
Niobrara National Scenic River	Nebraska	<i>Junior Angler Fishing Clinics: Waters of the Niobrara Fishing Extravaganza!</i> Niobrara National Scenic River will hold a series of fishing clinics throughout the summer of 2022. Each month, Niobrara will work with partners to promote a fishing clinic to engage local youth, youth visiting the area, and interested adults. The primary goal is to get kids outside and interested in local ecosystems of the Niobrara River Valley. The secondary focus will be to provide volunteer opportunities for individuals interested in fishing and ways to explore the Niobrara National Scenic River.
Oklahoma City National Memorial	Oklahoma	<i>Let's Go Fishing!</i> Let's Go Fishing will provide the Oklahoma City National Memorial the ability to connect with those who rarely spend time out in the natural environment. Many individuals do not know how close they live to lakes they can fish in or cannot afford the license they need to fish. By capitalizing on the "Fee-Free" fishing days, one barrier will be toppled.
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore	Michigan	<i>Family Fishing and Junior Ranger Angler Program at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore</i> The Junior Ranger Angler program will promote the vast fishing opportunities and unique freshwater resources at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The park will hire a seasonal summer employee to run the program, which will incorporate the activity book, badge, and placed-based fishing programs. The program will be designed to allow youth opportunities to fish, learn fishing techniques, and incorporate stewardship activities in a Great Lakes environment. Visitation in 2020 was 1.2 million, and with this large visiting population there is a demand for more opportunities to recreate responsibly.

River Raisin National Battlefield Park	Michigan	<p><i>Troubled Waters – Expanding the Understanding of Treaty Fishing Rights</i></p> <p>The Troubled Waters – Expanding the Understanding of Treaty Fishing Rights project will enable the Park to partner with Great Lakes Tribal Nations to expand the level of understanding of Junior Ranger Angler participants about Michigan’s Ceded Territory and the retained treaty fishing rights of Great Lake’s Nations. Funding will be used to develop an educational video for Junior Rangers of all ages in addition to participating in their outdoor experiences. The video will teach traditional Great Lakes fishing practices, the loss of ancestral lands in the Aftermath of the Battles of the River Raisin, and the continuing struggles of Great Lake’s nations to protect fishing rights retained in treaties over ceded lands.</p>
Rocky Mountain National Park	Colorado	<p><i>Including All Anglers: Creating Inclusive and Accessible Fishing Opportunities for Families at Holzwarth Historic Site</i></p> <p>Including All Anglers will support the creation and pilot of a fishing program in the Colorado River District of Rocky Mountain National Park at a historic trout fishing lodge. Park staff will work in conjunction with National Sports Center for the Disabled to build infrastructure to support anglers with disabilities. These programs will provide multigenerational families the opportunity to learn and practice angling skills such as reading the water, tying flies, casting, and fish identification.</p>
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	Michigan	<p><i>Junior Ranger Angler Days</i></p> <p>There are endless opportunities for fishing in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore’s 26 inland lakes. Many of these lakes are family friendly with calm waters, accessible docks, and access points. However, proper gear and know-how are barriers for local families and visitors. Youth-focused fishing events and multi-touch school programs will increase access to fishing. Families will discover a new way to connect with their local NPS site.</p>
St. Croix National Scenic River	Wisconsin	<p><i>“Let’s Go Ice Fishing!” in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway</i></p> <p>The goal of this project is to teach youth and their families how to ice fish in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, creating the next generation of anglers and conservationists. The St. Croix National Scenic River will host a series of “Let’s Go Ice Fishing” clinics and community events, getting families outdoors during some of Minnesota and Wisconsin’s coldest months.</p>
Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	Florida	<p><i>Timucuan Preserve Jr. Ranger Angler Series</i></p> <p>Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, along with partners, will be conducting four Junior Ranger Angler events. Each event is designed to expand public learning opportunities for youth participants and their families from diverse communities in and around the city. The events will be scheduled on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm during high tide in the area. They will be staged at various locations throughout the preserve and other natural water recreation areas managed by the city and state park systems, two primary partnering entities.</p>

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River	Pennsylvania	<p><i>Connecting the Past with the Present</i></p> <p>The goal of this program is to establish a shared understanding of modern and historical connections of past and present Delaware River Valley residents through fishing. The key element of the cultural exchange is bringing young Lenape descendants to the home of their ancestors as interns. They will learn the traditional Lenape methods of fishing in the Delaware River Valley, develop and present interpretive programs comparing older fishing methods with the methods of today to residents of the river valley and park visitors. The experience will remind everyone involved how the river valley ties inhabitants and their cultures together.</p>
War in the Pacific National Historical Park	Guam	<p><i>Peskadot Junior Ranger Angler ("Peskadot" means "fisherman, hunter" in native Chamoru language)</i></p> <p>This project will conduct traditional fishing clinics and family fishing derbies for local villagers promoting safe and sustainable fishing practices, community engagement, and stewardship of natural and cultural resources. The Peskadot Junior Ranger Angler program will consist of 3 days of educational activities and games for youth and their family members, culminating in a Family Rod and Reel Fishing Derby.</p>
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	Alaska	<p><i>Engage Local and Native Youth in Junior Ranger Angler Day Camps</i></p> <p>Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve will utilize Junior Ranger Angler day camp programs to educate and engage the next generation of fishing enthusiasts as well as build and strengthen relationships between local communities and the park. The park will work with local tribal councils and schools to recruit youth to the day camps, and include elders sharing information about traditional skills.</p>