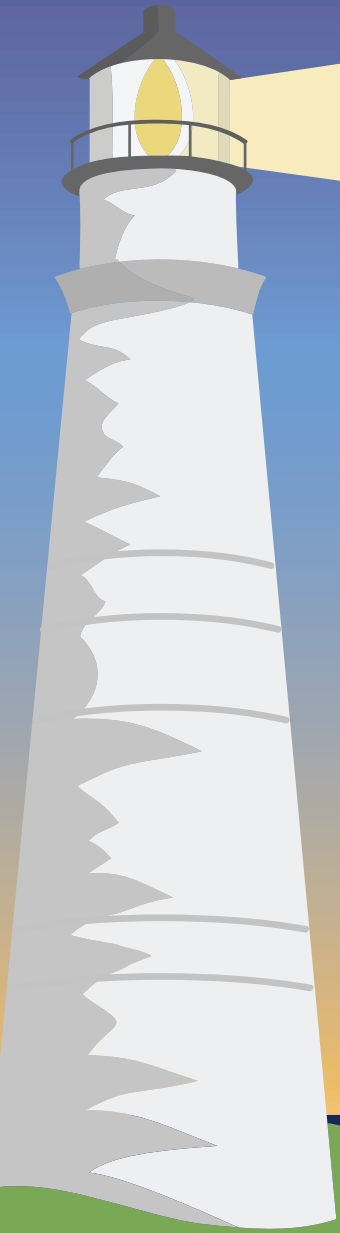


Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area



Junior Ranger Program Booklet

Peddocks Island



A Map of Boston Harbor





What is a Boston Harbor Islands Junior Ranger?

Park Rangers protect the natural and historic treasures of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area. As a Junior Ranger, you can help Park Rangers by exploring the islands, learning about their history, and helping to take care of this beautiful natural resource.

How To Become a Junior Ranger

- If you are . . .
 - 7 or under:* complete 3 or more activities
 - 8 - 12:* complete 5 or more activities
 - 12 or above:* complete 6 or more activities
- If possible, attend a park program such as a tour, hike, performance or activity
- Show your completed booklet to a park staff member, recite the Junior Ranger pledge together and receive a signature

Practice "Leave No Trace." You can protect the park by guiding visitors to stay on the trails and off historic walls, by respecting wildlife and by carrying your trash off the island. Remember to always leave what you find, so the next visitor can enjoy the same!



PEDDOCKS ISLAND

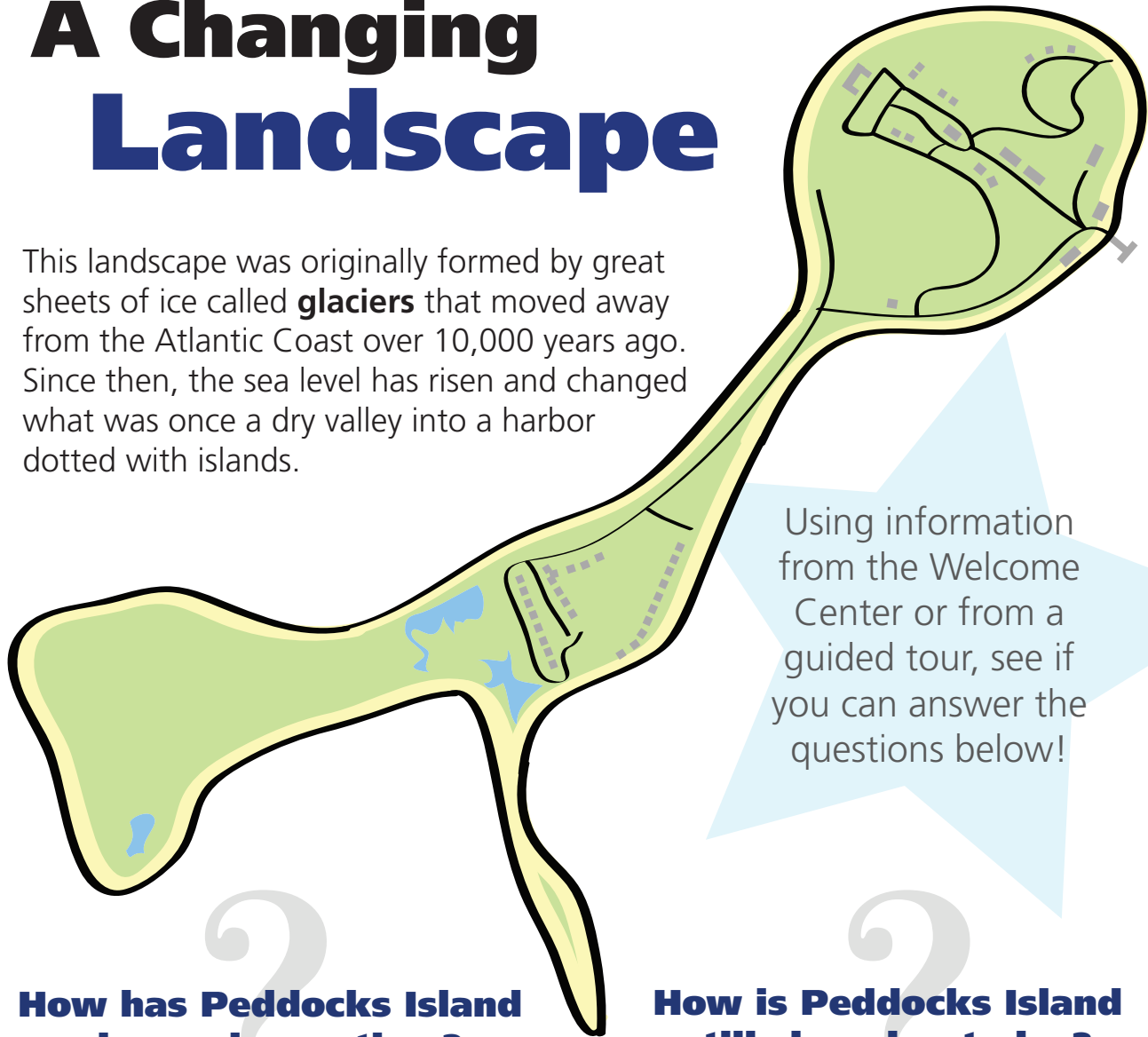
Peddocks Island has been home to many different communities since Native American tribes first used the land for fishing and growing food.

European settlers used Peddocks for farming in the 1600s, and in 1898, the island became an important military base with the construction of Fort Andrews. Many of these military buildings are still visible today.

In the early 1900's, a Portuguese fishing village sprung up on the island, while inns and summer cottages provided retreats for Boston area residents. Today as part of a public park, Peddocks island is a favorite destination for hiking, picnicing and camping just a short boat ride from the city's urban center.

A Changing Landscape

This landscape was originally formed by great sheets of ice called **glaciers** that moved away from the Atlantic Coast over 10,000 years ago. Since then, the sea level has risen and changed what was once a dry valley into a harbor dotted with islands.



Using information from the Welcome Center or from a guided tour, see if you can answer the questions below!

How has Peddocks Island changed over time?

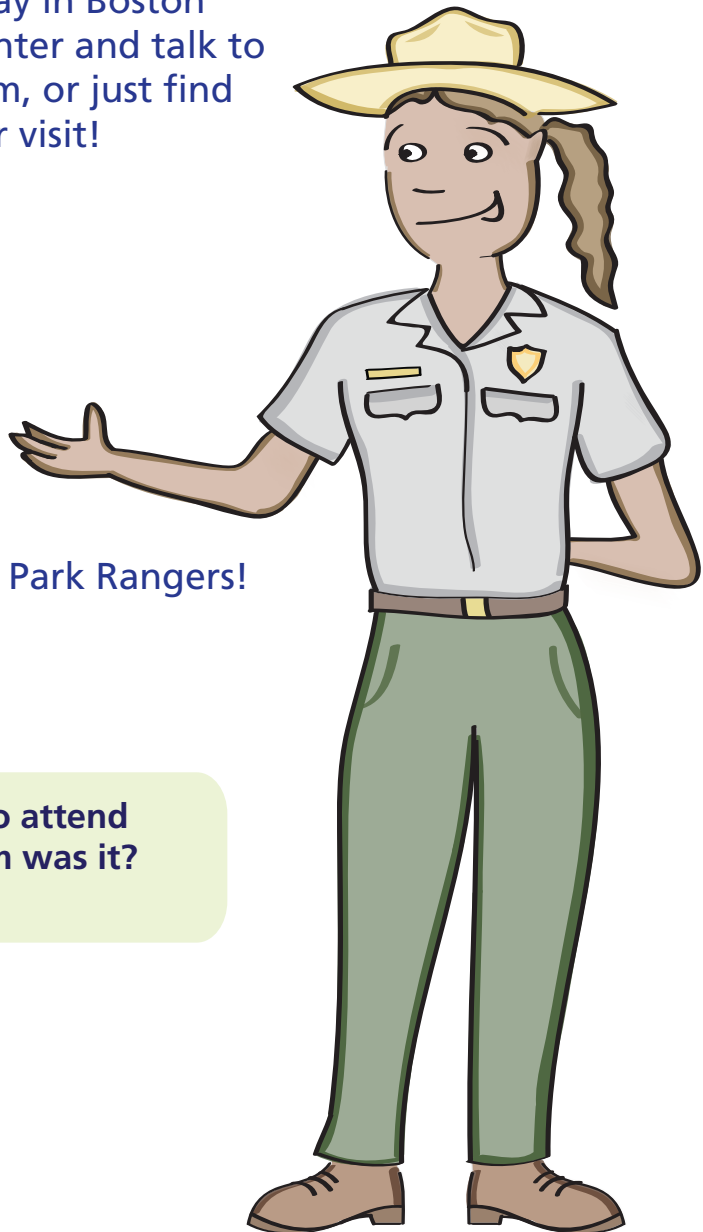
How is Peddocks Island still changing today?

Conduct a Ranger Interview

As you prepare for an exciting day in Boston Harbor, stop by the Welcome Center and talk to a ranger, participate in a program, or just find out what you can do during your visit!

- What is your name?
- What does a Park Ranger do?
- Ask a question *you* have about Park Rangers!

If you can, find an activity to attend on the island. What program was it?
What did you do?



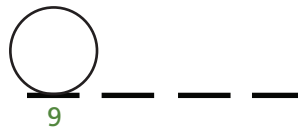
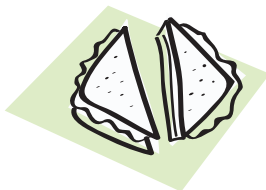
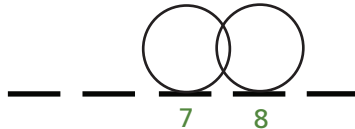
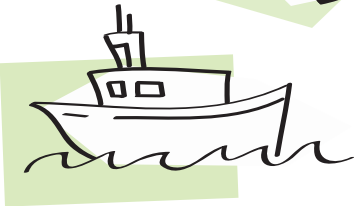
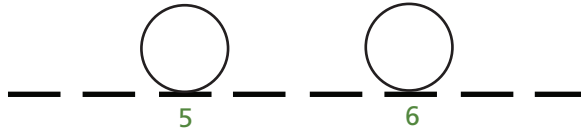
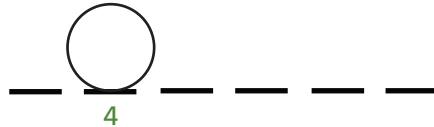
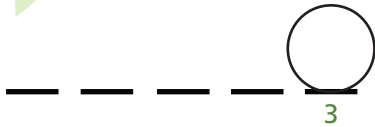
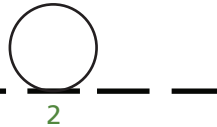
Leave no Trace



While you're exploring this park, you might not see any trash cans! All of the islands follow the rules of **Leave No Trace**, which means you should make sure to stay on trails, respect wildlife and bring home everything you brought today (and nothing more)! Use the images below to figure out the code of the Boston Harbor Islands.

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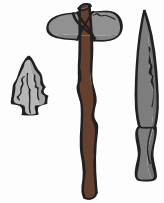


Native American Home

Peddocks Island was home to Native Americans for thousands of years. Evidence shows that people have used this island as many as 6,000 years ago! Match each historical event with the correct image to learn more about this island's past.

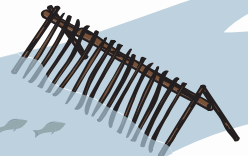
Fish weirs were among many clever methods of catching animals for food on a newly formed Peddocks Island

**6,000
years ago**



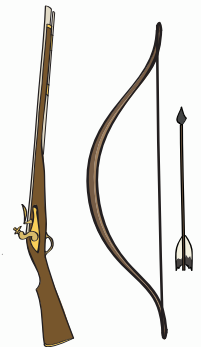
The discovery of artifacts such as shell middens led archaeologists to add Peddocks Island to the National Register of Historical Places

**4,200
years ago**



Native people forged simple tools from natural resources before Peddocks became an island

1600's



Battles and disease killed many native people during King Phillip's War, which began as a dispute over land when Europeans settled the area

1985

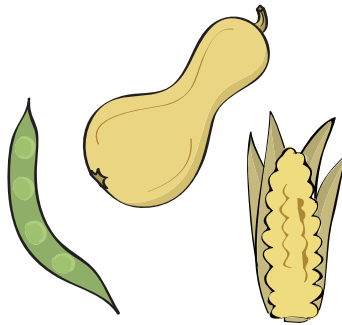


Historical Growth

Native Americans were the first to farm the island's soil, growing three foods that helped sustain one another. In the 1700's, European colonists cleared trees to create open pasture. When Peddocks became an active military base, many soldiers and officers supplemented their diets with food grown in garden plots.

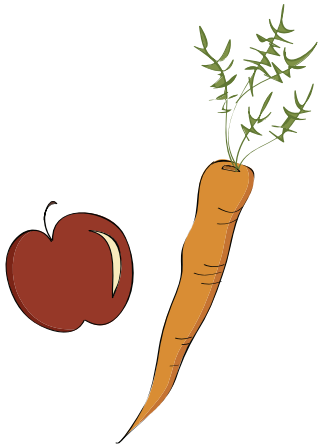
Connect each group of island inhabitants to the kind of food they grew!

European Settlers



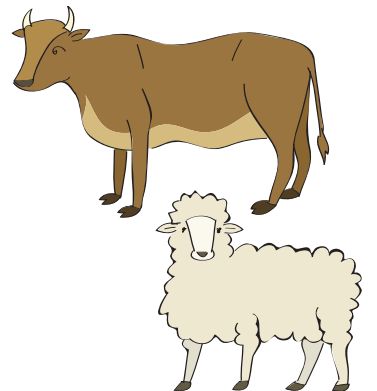
The "Three Sisters"

Native Americans



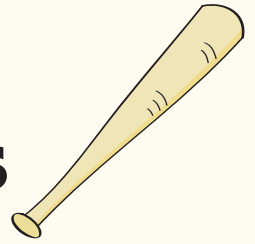
Fruits and Vegetables

Military Men



Livestock and Hay

Recreation at Fort Andrews



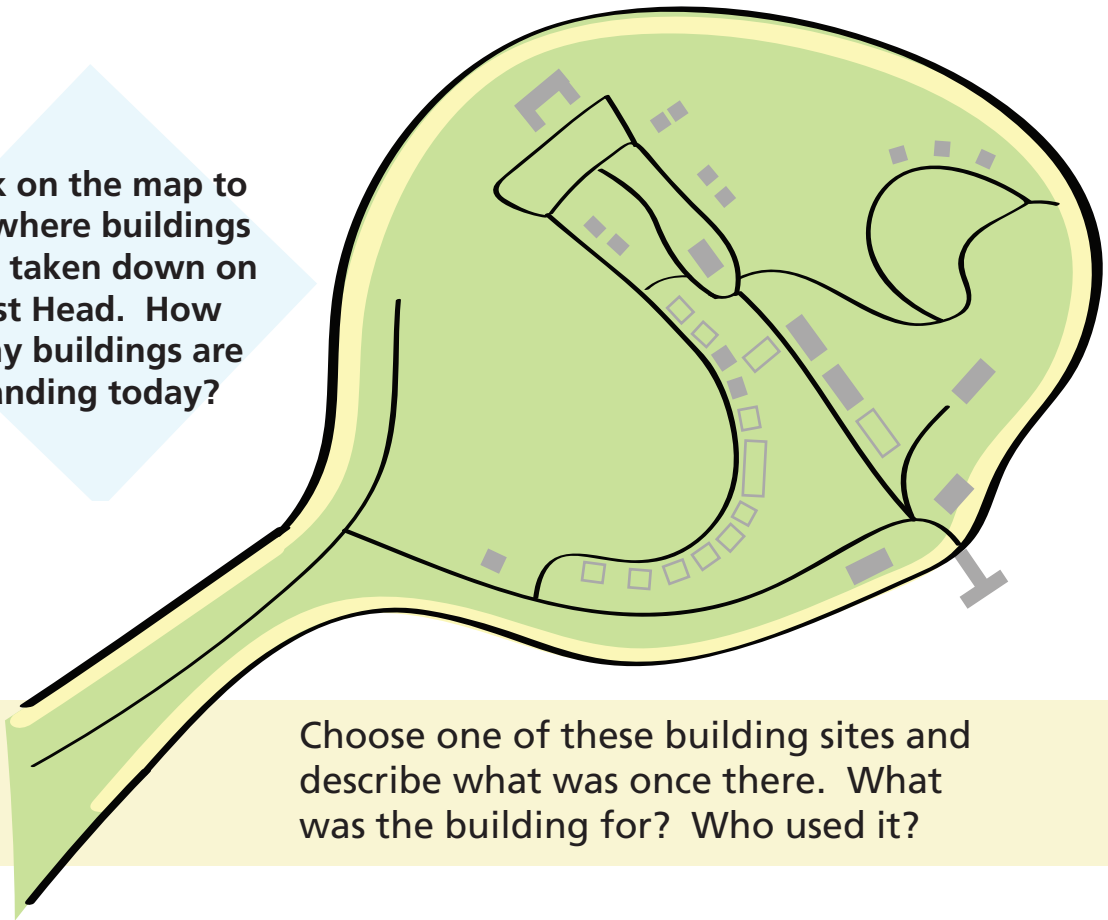
For soldiers at Fort Andrews, island life could get dull. Many soldiers passed the long days by playing games such as tennis, soccer, boxing and baseball.

What would you do to stay busy on this island? Describe what you've done today, or make up a game you would have played if you were a soldier at Fort Andrews.

Gone but not Forgotten

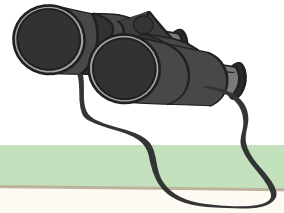
After the end of the Second World War, nature began to take over some of the old buildings of Fort Andrews. Many buildings that were unsafe were taken down, while others were renovated for park use.

Look on the map to see where buildings were taken down on East Head. How many buildings are standing today?



Choose one of these building sites and describe what was once there. What was the building for? Who used it?

ISLAND OVERLOOK



Hike to the overlook on East Head, situated just beyond the campground. What can you see? Write a postcard to a friend or family member describing the view or anything else about your adventure on Peddocks Island!

Greetings **PEDDOCKS ISLAND**
Greetings from



Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area

Beach Hunt

Using this field guide, take a closer look at who lives below the waterline and find out how crowded the beach really is! Circle what you find.



Barnacle



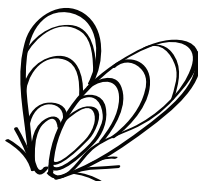
Hermit Crab



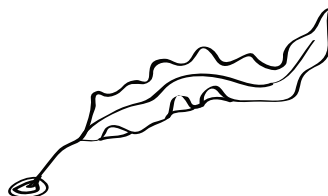
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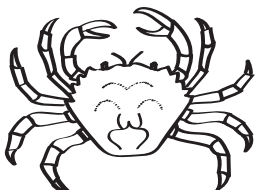
Irish Moss



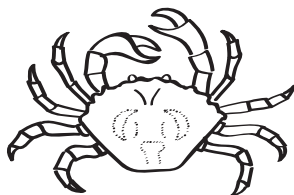
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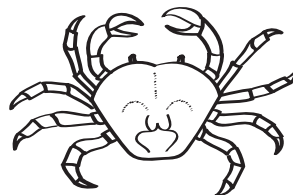
Kelp



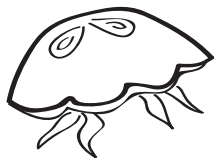
Green Crab



Rock Crab



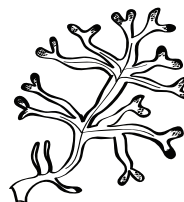
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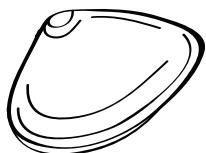
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Periwinkle



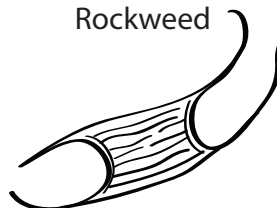
Rockweed



Soft Shell Clam



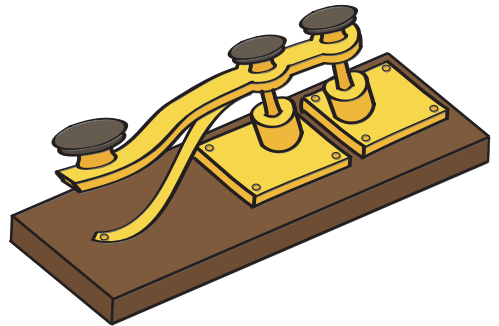
Razor Clam



Skate Egg Case

Morse (De)code

How did people send messages quickly before there were phones or computers? In the early 1800s, Morse Code was developed in order to send messages over telegraph wires.



What sports team used to play on Peddocks Island?
Use the key below to crack the code!

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As a
Junior Ranger,
I pledge to:

- Continue learning about the Boston Harbor Islands
- Actively explore and protect this park and other special places
- Share what I learn with my family and friends

Junior Ranger's Signature

Park Official's Signature



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| Georges Island | Worlds End | Little Calf Island | Raccoon Island |
| Spectacle Island | Webb Memorial Park | Outer Brewster Island | Sheep Island |
| Little Brewster Island | Gallops Island | Middle Brewster Island | Slate Island |
| Peddocks Island | Long Island | Great Brewster Island | Langlee Island |
| Lovells Island | Nut Island | Shag Rocks | Ragged Island |
| Bumpkin Island | Snake Island | Nixes Island | Sarah Island |
| Grape Island | Green Island | Moon Island | Button Island |
| Thompson Island | The Graves | Rainsford Island | |
| Deer Island | Calf Island | Hangman Island | |

Can't turn in this booklet in person? Make a copy of your completed booklet and send it with your name and address to:

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