

Redwoods Interview Questions

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1. How many national parks have you been to, and what's your favorite?
 - a. Her favorite is definitely the Redwoods, 9 total, only capitol reef and Bryce in Utah.
2. When you are planning a trip to a national park, what resources do you use to find information about the national park?
 - a. 3 main locations, NPS info, Alltrails, for trails, prefers, also YouTube videos, itineraries, vlogs
3. How do you decide which activities you do when visiting a national park?
 - a. Generally use Google Maps, NPS recommendations, YouTube videos, and Alltrails for hikes for more up-to-date info, trail conditions, and weather.
 - b. Channels, but sometimes just look up the channel
 - i. Adventure Archives
 1. Love background music, and do a great job at cutting it, love cinematography, high-effort content, and a great job going over
4. Do you do a lot of research beforehand or prefer to use the visitor center, at the location?
 - a. Once I've arrived, refer to the information she collected on Google Docs, Google Maps, and visitor centers.
5. When at the national park, how often do you use the website for information, or do you rely more on visitor centers and pamphlets?
 - a. Always grab pamphlets, often use them as souvenirs, loves to use them as maps, nice, cool guides, and fun facts about wildlife and the local area.
 - b. Usually use Google over pamphlets
 - c. Don't care about gift center
6. How often do you look for Rest Centers, and are they a part of the research experience
 - a. Rest centers are good to know, but are common enough to know that they will be there, and just find them when you get there

7. Is there information that you have found that visitor centers are missing or do they have everything you are looking for?
 - a. Struggling with parking info, busy info, time, fees, hours, cost to get into the park, not a problem, but not easily public info
 - b. Rules or regulations, Pet info
8. Tell me about the NPS website, what you like, and what you wish it could expand upon.
 - a. The NPS website is sometimes hard to navigate, including lists of trails
9. Tell me about Alltrails
 - a. Love the map view, which shows the exact route, estimated time, and location, I like to use Google map links, preview the trail, show off the elevation
 - b. Just look at recent photos, sometimes dig for special marquee photos, the hero photo is the most beautiful photo
 - c. Live update weather conditions, look at it the day, very important
10. How likely are you to read about the park, and its wildlife in visitor centers and pamphlets? Is that something you wish they expanded on or had more information about?
 - a. She really enjoys learning about that sort of thing, and finds it fun.
Pamphlets are a fun way to learn and take home a fun map souvenir
11. Have you ever had a bad experience not knowing enough about a national park before visiting? If so, what was it?
 - a. Traffic at Yellowstone, quiet season during COVID, other than that.
Popularity is important to know about beforehand, it would sway your decision to go to a national park.
12. Have you ever scheduled, or spent time at a campsite at a national park? Where was that, and how was the experience?
 - a. Yes, camped at Capitol Reef.
13. Would you jump to an app as part of your resources?
 - a. Unsure, but would be willing to try

Reflections

1. Live, up-to-date conditions are very important, especially for hikes
2. Popularity can dictate whether you go to a national park, and making that info public is important
3. Pamphlets are rarely used as crucial map or other info, more as fun souvenirs to learn about the area, and the park
4. Often relies more on info gathered beforehand, rather than relying on visitor centers or other maps for info
5. Alltrails is an important part of the national park info-gathering experience
 - a. Rarely used NPS to learn about trails, relying solely on Alltrails
6. Info about rules, hours, pet info, parking, and fees are not clearly communicated