



# Deaf Accessibility Accommodations

for Interpreters and Educators

Parks, nature centers, and natural areas should be accessible to everyone, including those who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. These are a few ways to make their experience at your space more inclusive, engaging, and safe.

## 1. Carry a Pen and Paper

Always have a pen and paper so Deaf individuals can write back and forth with you for easy communication. Sometimes, they will already have their own pen and paper, however it may be tucked away in a bag and hard to access.

## 2. Deaf or Hard of Hearing Parking

To avoid the dangers of a busy parking lot, place Deaf and Hard of Hearing parking spaces near common entrances.

## 3. Written Directions and Clear Signage

Provide written directions, maps, and informational booklets pertaining to camping, trails, and park regulations and safety so that Deaf and Hard of Hearing guests can keep themselves informed and safe. Clearly mark trails for dangerous animals, water, falling rocks, and other hazards.

## 4. Captioning

Provide captioning for informational videos or audio-centric exhibits along the trails or in visitor centers to create a more inclusive experience for Deaf and Hard of Hearing guests.

## 5. Self-Choice

Not everyone will want extra help, so offer optional kiosks, easily accessed booklets, or stations that are labeled for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

