

Touch Room

There's lots to explore in the wetland touch room!
✓ the things you did!

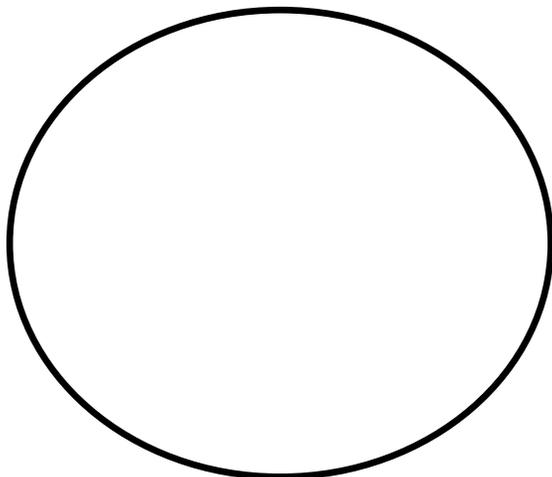
- Explore the animals behind the wetland "grasses".
- Write a wetland sentence on the Velcro wall.
- Put the frog life cycle in order.
- Wear a costume.
- Read a book.
- Count how many birds you can find.



USE THE MICROSCOPES



What did you see
under the
microscope? Draw
something you
looked at!



My Visit to Nixon Park



Nature Center Scavenger Hunt for 1st-3rd grades

To be completed with adult assistance.

MY NAME

Don't forget the nature center rules!

- Walking Only.
- Inside Voices.
- Stay With Your Group.
- Don't tap on the glass.
- Don't touch the animal mounts.



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Thank you for visiting Richard M. Nixon County Park!

Nixon County Park and Nature Center is one of 11 York County Parks. Nixon County Park is open all year round and admission is free except for special events. The nature center features a museum collection of wildlife mounts, interactive nature exhibits, a library, bird-watching windows, live reptiles, and a demonstration bee hive.

Park Hours:

Walking Trails are open 8 am to dusk daily. Trails are closed to dogs, bikes, and horses. There is no hunting at Nixon County Park.

Nature Center and Gift Shop Hours:

8:30am-4:30pm Tuesday– Saturday
12:00-4:30pm Sundays
Closed Mondays and Holidays

Park Address:

5922 Nixon Drive
York, PA 17403

See our website calendar for a list of special events and nature programs offered throughout the year:

www.yorkcountyparks.org

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Amphibians

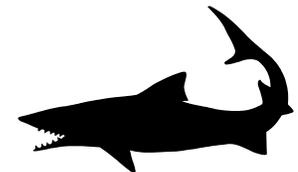
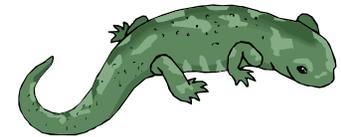
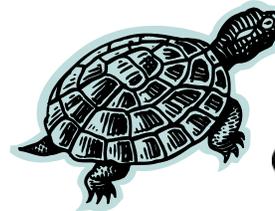
True and False Questions: Circle T for true or F for false.

T F Amphibians have claws and scales.

T F Most amphibians have smooth, moist skin.

T F Snakes are amphibians.

Circle the animals below that are amphibians.

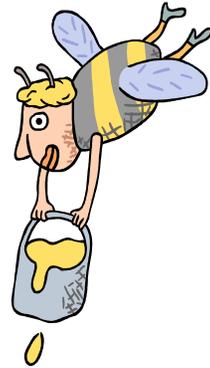


BUSY BEE HIVE



Look for the queen bee. She is bigger than the other bees. Can you find her?

YES NO



What does the hive smell like?

Listen to the hive. What do you hear?

What tasty treat are the bees making?



AFRICA

Many animals in Africa have horns.

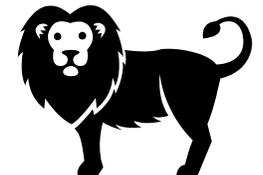
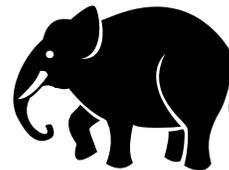
They are all shapes and sizes.

How many animals do you see with horns?

Add horns to the antelope.



Which African animal below is a PREDATOR? Circle it.





Northwest



Which of these body parts of the Kodiak bear is the largest? (Circle) Why?



Measure the length and width of the bear footprint:

_____ inches long x _____ inches wide

Measure your shoe:

_____ inches long x _____ inches wide

Which is bigger? (circle)



Mine



Bear

Pennsylvania Turtles



If I lived underwater like a mud turtle, I would eat:

If I lived on the forest floor like a box turtle, how would I hide from predators?



Circle the correct answers.

Turtles lay or bask in the sun to:

Warm up Find food Digest food

Get a tan Help eggs develop

True and False Questions

Circle T for true or F for false:

T F A turtle's backbone is stuck to its shell.

T F Turtles can crawl out of their shell.

T F Turtles are easy pets.

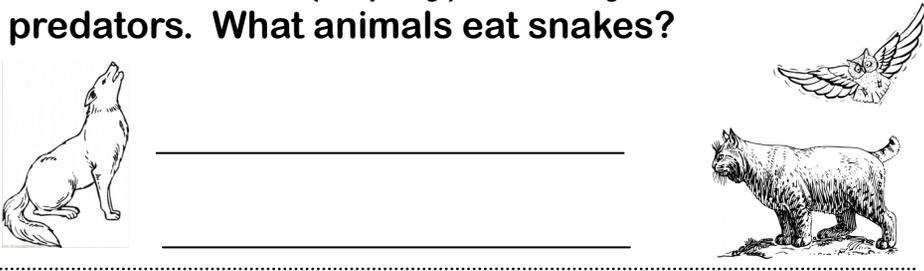
T F Turtles have a home range or territory.

Snakes & Window Area

Circle foods that snakes eat.



Snakes are food (or prey) for many different predators. What animals eat snakes?



Do you see any birds at the window?

YES **NO**

What colors are they?



Birds can be observed up close in the winter when they are attracted to seeds at bird feeders. In the summer birds can be seen coming and going between nesting sites and places they can find insects to eat like gardens and woods. If there are no birds outside, look around the nature center instead!

THE ARCTIC



Which animal has giant tusks?

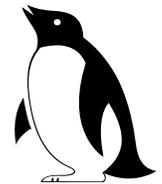
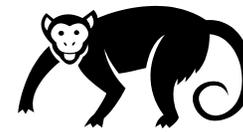
Grey Wolf Walrus Musk Ox

Tusks are like my _____.

What do polar bears eat? _____

_____ *Can you find those foods in the painting?*

Circle the 3 animals below that live in the Arctic.





Meadow Deck

(Between the Arctic and Northwest)

Step outside to our deck overlooking the garden to make these observations.

Use your senses:

- Do you **smell** anything?
- Do you **see** anything interesting?
- Do you **feel** the wind or sun?
- Do you **hear** anything?

ANIMAL TRACKS (NEXT TO BEAVER EXHIBIT)

DRAW A LINE MATCHING THE ANIMAL TO ITS TRACKS.



Water Display (near the restrooms)

Check off the ways YOU can help conserve water.

- Wash toys, cars, and bikes outside with a bucket instead of the hose. 
-  Turn off the water while brushing teeth and washing hands.
- Take short showers instead of a bath. 
-  Don't water the lawn too often.
- Don't flush trash down the toilet. 

The water meter measures how much water is used each day at Nixon Park.

How much water was used yesterday?

_____ GAL

How much water has been used today?

_____ GAL

When was more water used? Today or Yesterday?

Learn more at home: <http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/kids/index.html>



Insects (near the front door)

Where in the world were the insects collected?
(circle the answers)

- South America
- Asia
- Arctic
- North America
- Australia
- Africa
- Central America

What letter does the African millipede look like?

How many legs do insects have?

Number the stages of a moth or butterfly life cycle in the correct order. (1,2,3,4)



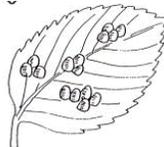
Larva



Adult



Pupa



Egg



Beavers:

Nature's Builders



What does a beaver's fur feel like?



- Hard
- Soft
- Rough
- Smooth

- Fuzzy
- Fluffy
- Sharp

What shape is a beaver's tail?

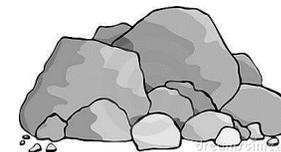
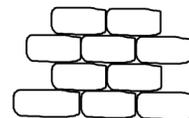
Circle the shape.



Do you know any other animals that have feet like a beaver?



What is a beaver's lodge made of?



ABC...



Upper Ramp Letter Wall

Look at the large letters on the walls along the ramp. What animal starts with:

F

R

O

G

S



Lower Ramp

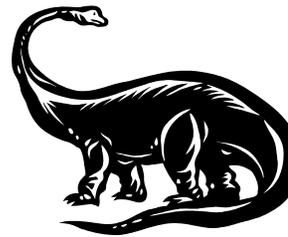


How many bees do you see?

How many opossums do you see hanging in the tree?

What is next to number 9?

Look across the hallway at the turkey. How many turkeys are in the painting?



Explore the dinosaur murals on both sides of the hallway. How many dinosaur eggs can you find?