

Junior Ranger

ACTIVITY BOOK!



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Welcome!

Do you enjoy the outdoors?

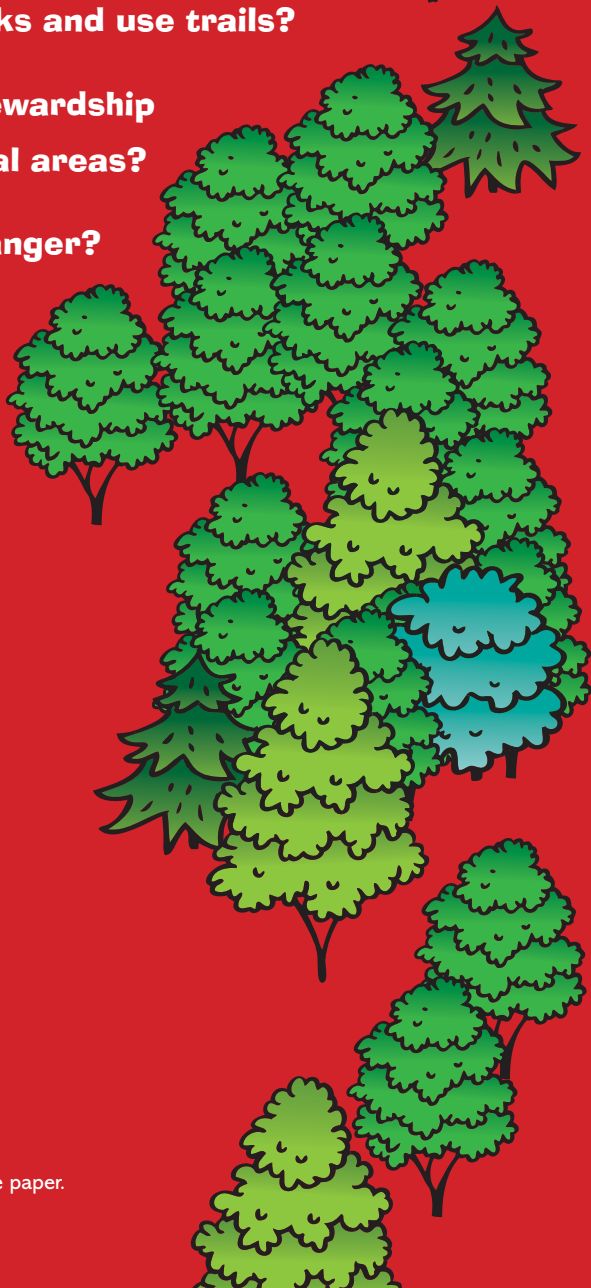
Do you and your family visit parks and use trails?

What can you do to promote stewardship
of our streams and other natural areas?

Would you like to be a Junior Ranger?

Take the challenge and find out.

Good luck to you
on your adventures!




M-NCPPC Junior Ranger Challenge



The beauty of Prince George's County shows itself through the various natural areas found throughout the County. Recreational pursuits can be found by visiting the numerous parks, trails, lakes and rivers, leading to a love of the outdoors and a stewardship of nature.

The rich history of Prince George's County can also be discovered by visiting landmarks and historic sites. This helps you understand our past and enables you to use this knowledge to prepare yourself for the future. Becoming a Junior Ranger will help you appreciate living in or visiting Prince George's County.

To become a Junior Ranger, you must earn **15 Fox Points**  by doing some of the following:

- *Visit different nature centers, historical museums, parks, archaeological sites and trails in the County.*
- *Attend programs at our parks, nature centers, Dinosaur Park and museums.*
- *Attend a Park Ranger program.*
- *Camp at any of our three campgrounds located in the County.*
- *Fish at our lakes, rivers or ponds.*
- *Complete the activities provided in this booklet.*

Send your completed checklist and certificate to:




M-NCPPC, Park Ranger Office
14955 Pennsylvania Avenue
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772
301-627-7755

A Park Ranger will review your information and make sure you have completed your required **15 Fox Points**. Once approved, you'll receive your signed certificate, a Junior Ranger patch and a special prize. More importantly, you will have created wonderful and memorable experiences in the process of becoming a Junior Ranger.



M-NCPPC Park Rangers provide a variety of services including community outreach programs, park patrols, natural resources and park management, conservation, education, wildlife response, park permit enforcement, agricultural property management, facility and park operations, and county-wide special event support. Park Ranger outreach programs include educational activities, youth clubs, school presentations, and outdoor events. Learn more by visiting www.pgsparks.com.

Nature Centers & Old Maryland Farm

Experience wildlife and farm life at one of our three nature centers and farm. Earn **1 Fox**  for visiting, or earn **2 Foxes**   by attending a program or summer camp at the following sites:

Clearwater Nature Center

11000 Thrift Road
Clinton 20735
301-297-4575; TTY 301-699-2544

Watkins Nature Center

301 Watkins Park Drive
Upper Marlboro 20774
301-218-6702; TTY 301-699-2544

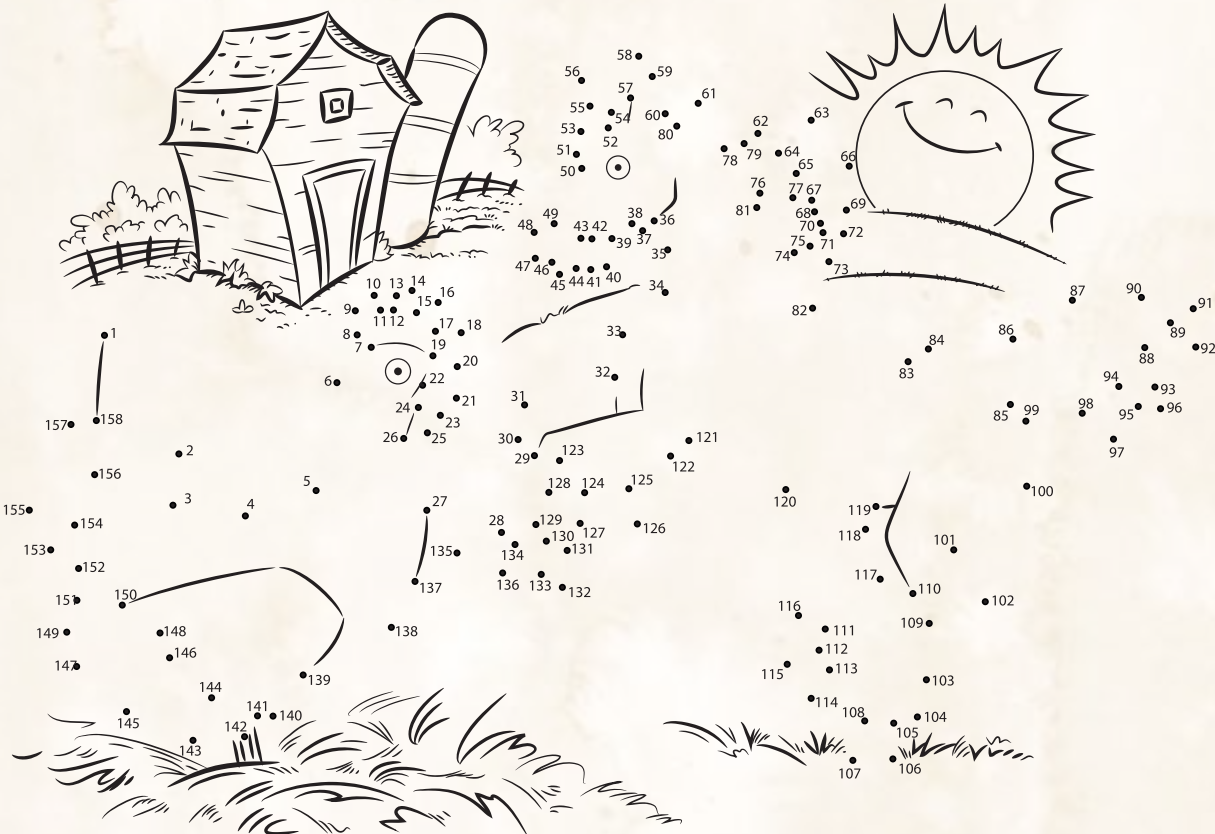
Mount Rainier Nature Center

4701 31st Place
Mount Rainier 20712
301-927-2163; TTY 301-699-2544


Old Maryland Farm

(within Watkins Regional Park)
301 Watkins Park Drive
Upper Marlboro 20774
301-218-6770; TTY 301-699-2544

Old Maryland Farm has lots of farm animals to visit and learn about.
See what animals you can find when you connect the dots.



Native Bird Word Search

How many bird names can you find in the search below? Find them all and earn **1 Fox** .




A T X R C M A L L A R D C U
B A L D E A G L E E I U A I
G G M L U H R C P P M P T L
U Z T H S H S D A E T Y B K
R M P V M I D I I A R P I J
E E O V I U Z O F N G T R X
M M R K W T P H K G A Z D O
J Z U I A B E X C R N L L F
A V I R G I N I A R A I L B
L H P B H J O S P R E Y K D
E S U S O N G S P A R R O W
C X B M G K K Y U M O G J K
C C J L V V D R I B E U L B
T R E E S W A L L O W Z N E

BALD EAGLE
BLUEBIRD
CARDINAL
CATBIRD
KINGFISHER

MALLARD
OSPREY
VIRGINIA RAIL
SONG SPARROW
TREE SWALLOW



Historical Museums

Step back in time at one of the seven staffed historical museums and the College Park Aviation Museum to learn about the history of Prince George's County. Earn **1 Fox**  for each historical museum you visit, or earn **2 Foxes**   for each program or tour taken at a historical museum. **Please contact the sites for details prior to visiting.*

College Park Aviation Museum

1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park 20740
301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544

Darnall's Chance House Museum

14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro 20772
301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544



Marietta House Museum

5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale 20769
301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544

Montpelier Mansion

9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel 20708
301--377-7817; TTY 301-699-2544



Mt. Calvert Historical & Archaeological Park

16801 Mount Calvert Road, Upper Marlboro 20772
301-627-1286; TTY 301-699-2544

Patuxent Rural Life Museum

(within Patuxent River Park)
16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro 20772
301-627-6074; TTY 301-699-2544

Riversdale House Museum

4811 Riverdale Road, Riversdale Park 20737
301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

Surratt House Museum

9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton 20735
301-868-1121; TTY 301-699-2544



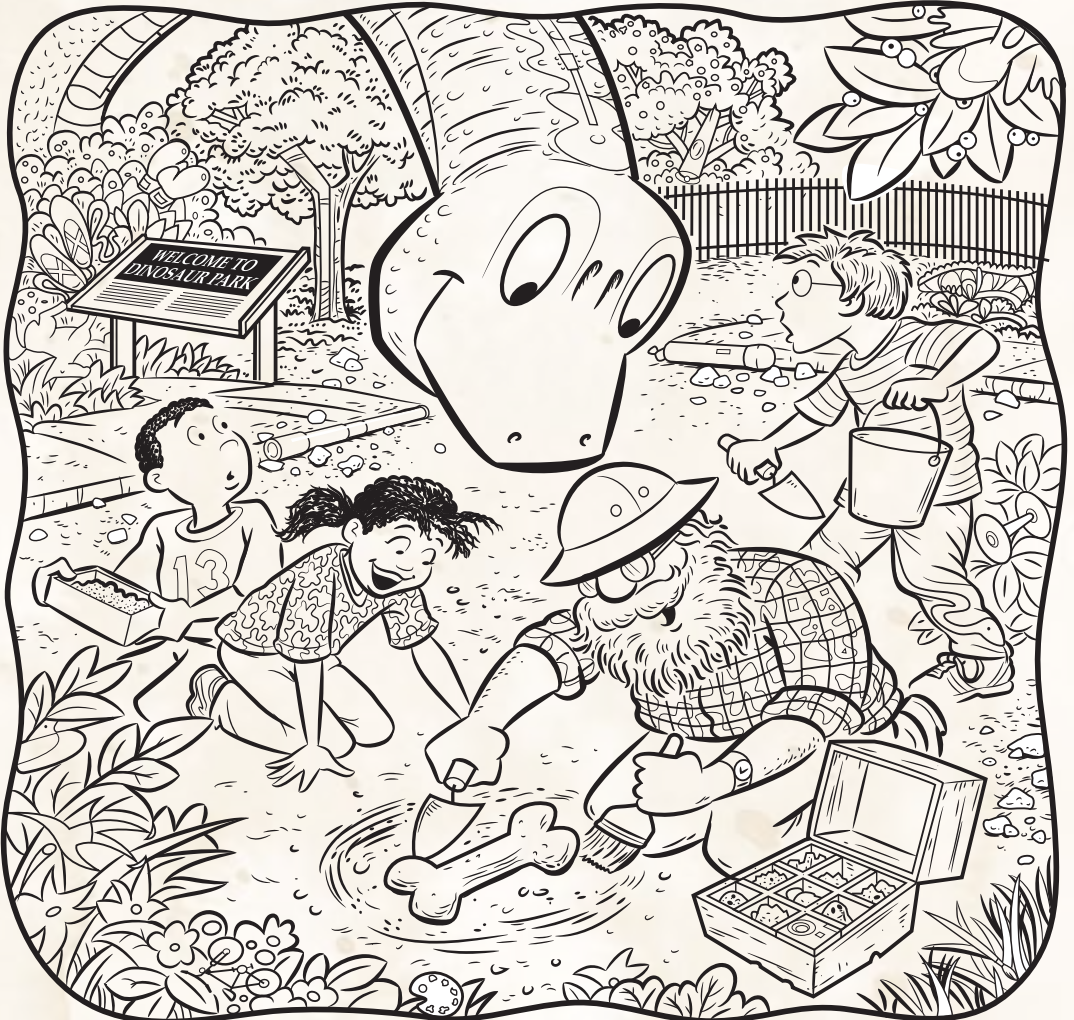
Dinosaur Park

Got fossils? Check out the Dinosaur Park and learn about the creatures that roamed Prince George's County millions of years ago!


Earn **2 Foxes**   by attending a Dinosaur Park Open House.

Dinosaur Park | Open Houses are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from 12 noon-4 pm
13201 Mid-Atlantic Boulevard, Laurel 20708

For information, please call Park Rangers at 301-627-7755; TTY 301-699-2544.






Dig around this picture to find the hidden objects listed below.

Find all 20 objects and earn **1 Fox** 



Waterfront Parks

Experience the natural beauty and rich history of waterfront parks in Prince George's County. Earn **1 Fox**  for each waterfront park you visit, or earn **2 Foxes**   by renting a kayak or canoe, taking a pontoon boat ride or attending any of the programs or activities that are offered.

Bladensburg Waterfront Park

4601 Annapolis Road
Bladensburg 20710
301-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544

Patuxent River Park

16000 Croom Airport Road
Upper Marlboro 20772
301-627-6074; TTY 301-699-2544

Which line is mine? Help these fisherman untangle their lines.

Can you figure out who caught what?



Where in the wetlands am I?

It's a beautiful day and you and your friends are kayaking at Patuxent River Park. You turn to look at a Great Blue Heron, and discover you are really lost.

Can your group find their way through the maze of wetlands?

Complete the maze and earn **1 Fox**






START



FINISH!

Endless Outdoor Adventures

Get outside and explore! Lace up your boots and take a hike, grab your fishing pole and catch a fish, or pitch a tent and spend a night under the stars.

Earn **1 Fox**  for every trail you explore, and earn **2 Foxes**   by going fishing or camping.

Hiking

To find a trail near you, visit www.pgparcs.com and click on **Your Parks > Trails**

Camping

Cosca Regional Park
11000 Thrift Road, Clinton 20735

Jug Bay Natural Area
at Patuxent River Park
16000 Croom Airport Road,
Upper Marlboro 20772

Watkins Regional Park
301 Watkins Park Drive,
Upper Marlboro 20774

Fishing

Cosca Pond at Cosca Regional Park
11000 Thrift Road, Clinton 20735

Governor Bridge Natural Area
17600 Governor Bridge Road, Bowie 20716

Lake Artemesia
8200 55th Avenue, Berwyn Heights 20740

Mellwood Pond
6420 Woodyard Road,
Upper Marlboro 20772

School House Pond
14700 Governor Oden Bowie Drive,
Upper Marlboro 20772


**Tucker Pond at Tucker Road
Athletic Complex**
1770 Tucker Road, Fort Washington 20744




















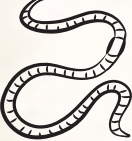







Scavenger Hunt Bingo

Find these animals, insects, plants and natural objects on your journey.

When you find one, mark the space with an **X**.

Get **BINGO** and earn 1 Fox 



B	I	N	G	O
Spider web 	Flying bird 	Hole in a tree 	Squirrel 	Berries on a plant 
Oak Leaf 	Blooming flower 	Perching bird 	Spider 	Sun 
Frog 	Crawling insect 	Free 	Tall grasses 	Cattail 
Moss 	Fungus 	Worm 	Bird singing 	Rocks 
Fish swimming 	Animal home 	Clouds 	Pine tree 	Acorn 

Whose Tracks Are Those?

Can you match the animal with the tracks it made? Match all of the animals to their names and tracks to earn **1 Fox**



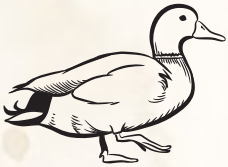
Deer



Raccoon



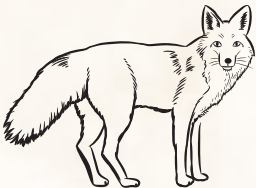
Fox



Opossum



Beaver



Mallard



Park Ranger Programs

Join the Park Rangers for exciting outdoor programs.

Earn **2 Foxes**   for each Ranger program that you participate in.

*For all Ranger programs, you must register online through **SMARTlink**.*

For more information, call the Park Ranger Office at 301-627-7755.

- **Archery with a Ranger**
- **Kayaking with a Ranger**
- **Fishing with a Ranger**
- **Trot for a Turkey Run/Walk**
- **Jug Bay 10K/5K “Run for Wildlife” and 3K Fun Walk**
- **Suitland Bog Tour**



Map Mystery

Who's holding the map that would get Ranger Red to Watkins Nature Center the quickest? (You can find the correct answer below.)



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Age: _____

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Your Fox Points Record

As you complete activities, put an **X** through the **Fox Points**. To become a Junior Ranger, you must complete enough activities to collect **15 Foxes**.



Junior Ranger Journal of Adventures



Please describe your activities here.

Detach your record sheet here. See page 1 to learn how to submit your Fox Points record.



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Certificate of Completion Congratulations!

This recognizes that

has completed all of the requirements
to become an official M-NCPPC Junior Ranger.



M-NCPPC Park Ranger/Date



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