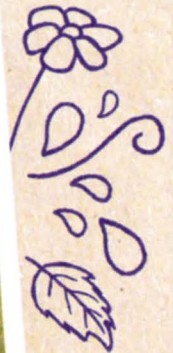




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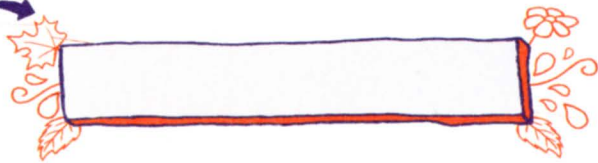


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THIS **BOOKLET**   
BELONGS TO 



WANT TO BECOME AN  
**XPLORER**??

**Welcome Xplorer to RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK!**

Come explore some of the coolest things this park has to offer!

Get your reward and become a certified Xplorer by solving  
a mystery in **XPLORER QUEST** (see page 6).

For fun games check out **XPLORER PUZZLERS** (see page 15).

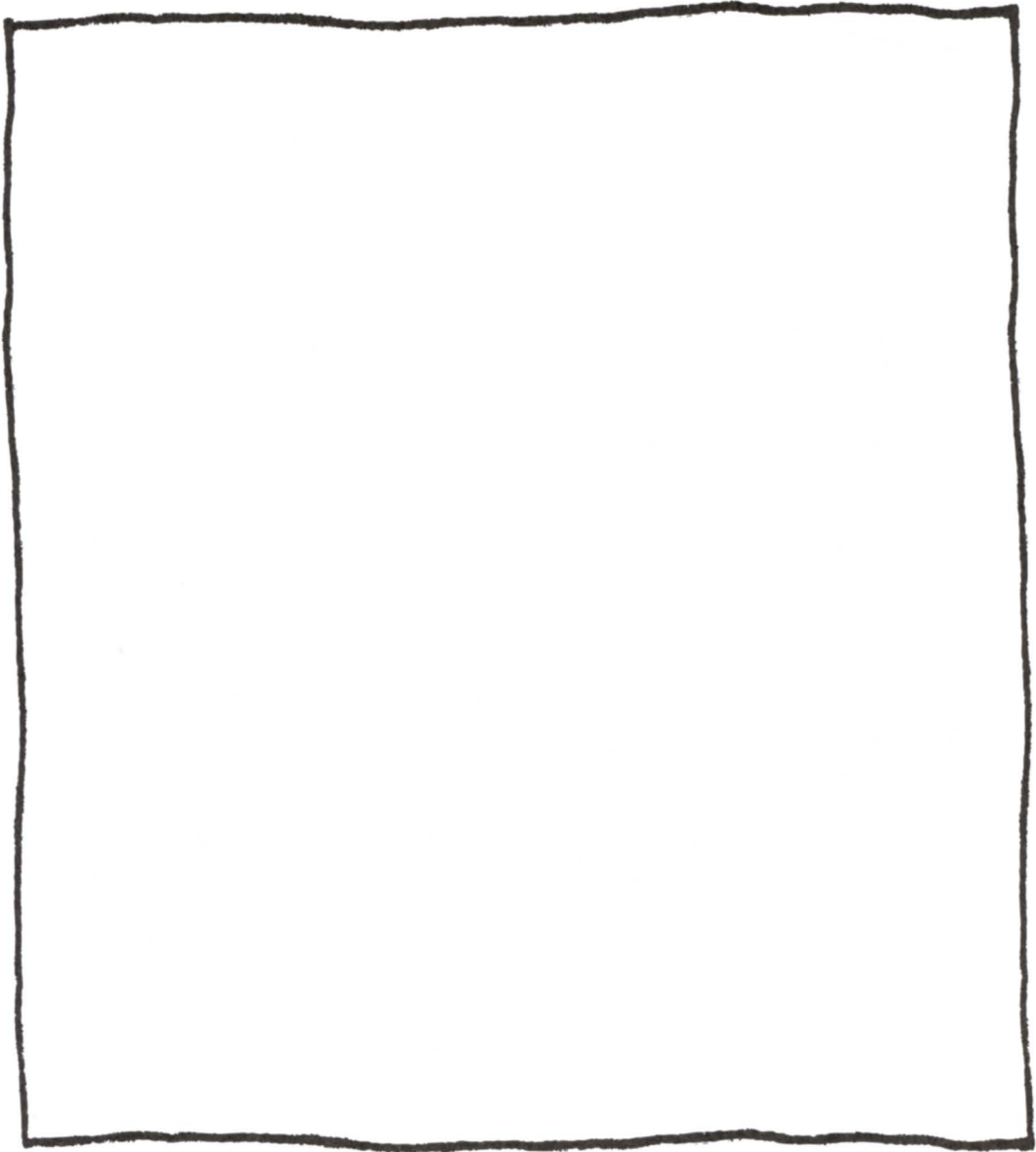
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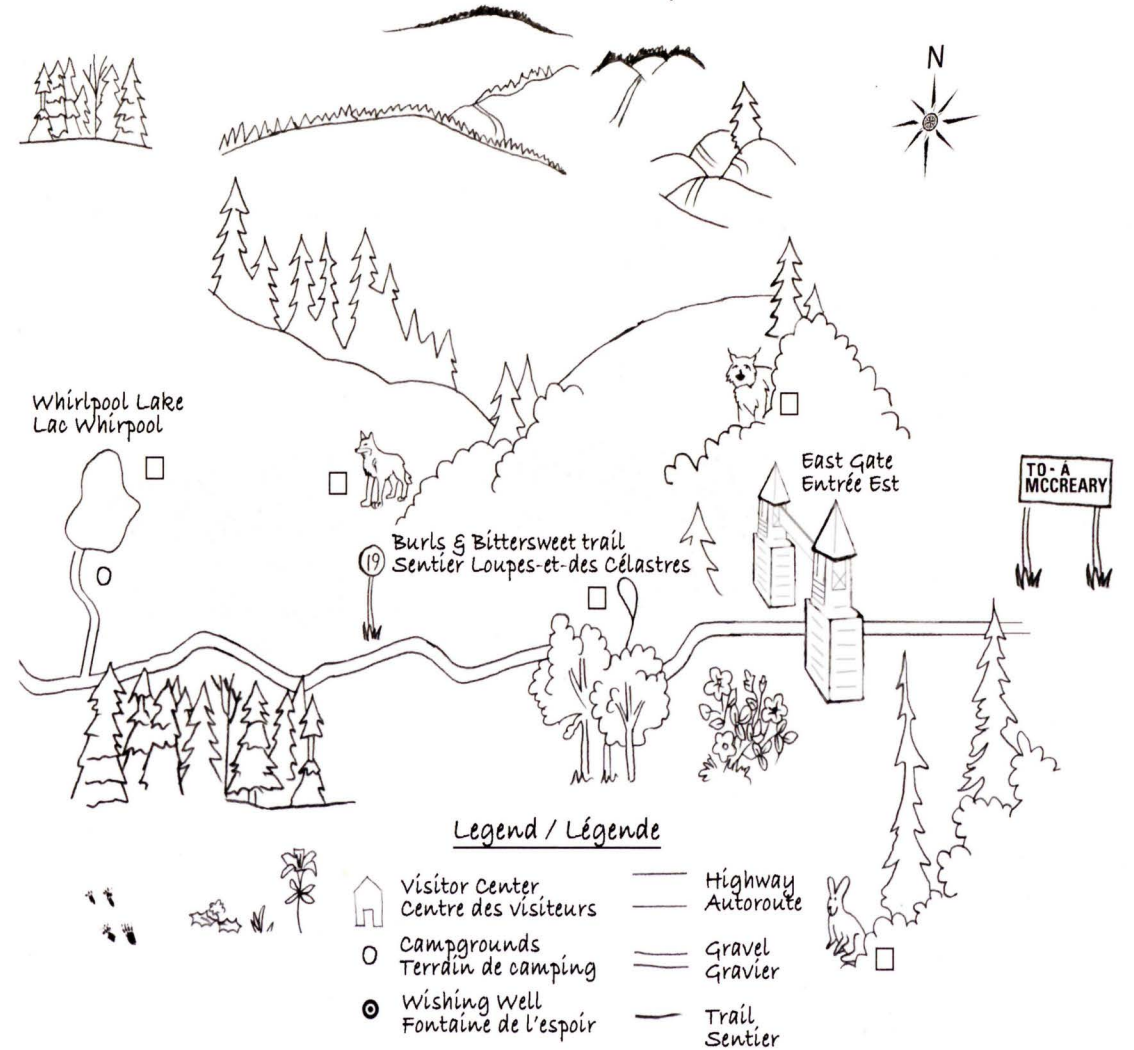
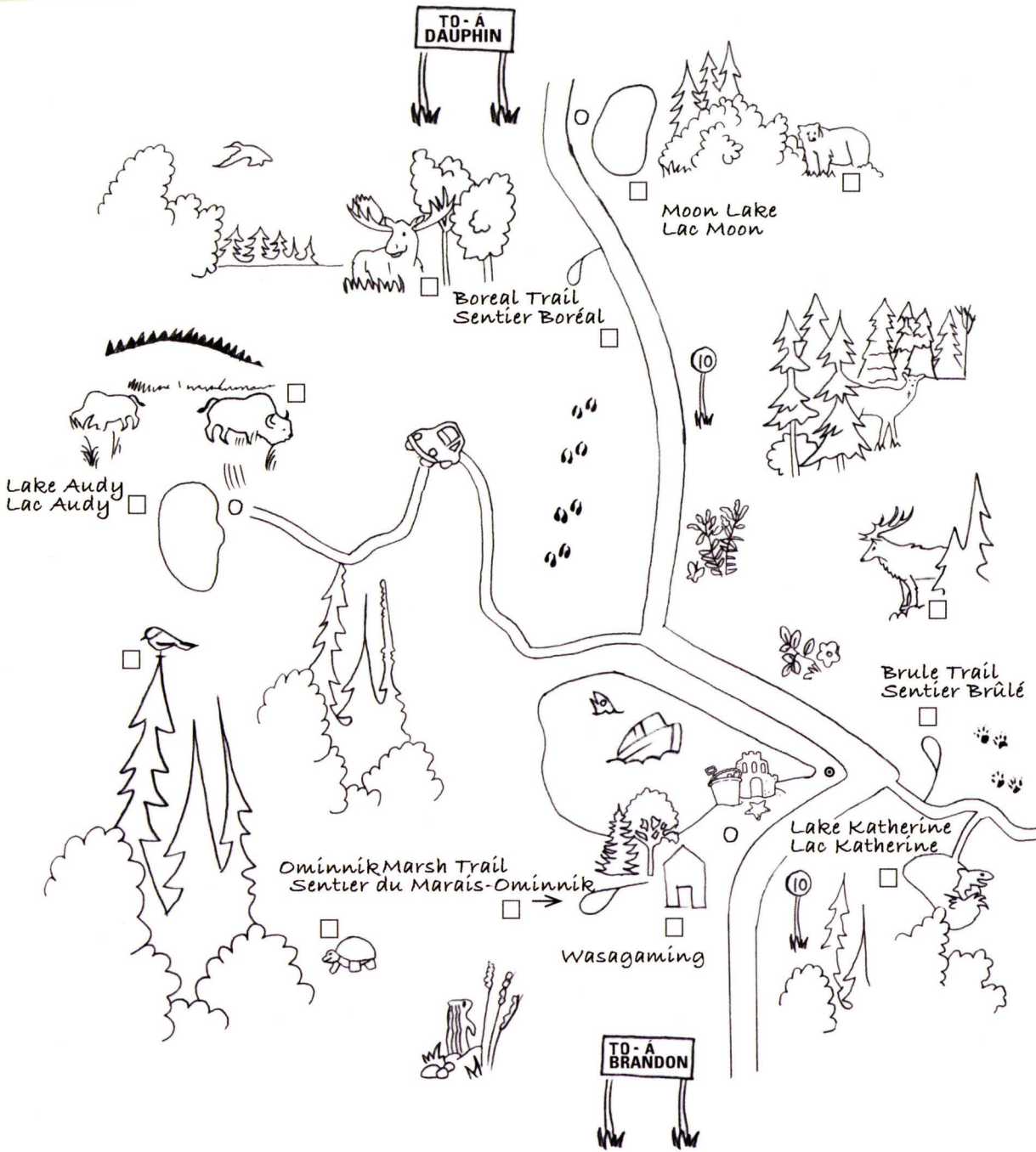
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# YOUR ADVENTURE MAP!!

Check off all the places and things you go to and see!  
 Cochez tous les lieux et tout ce que tu as vu!



## Legend / Légende

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|---|--|---|----------------------|
|  | Visitor Center<br>Centre des visiteurs |  | Highway<br>Autoroute |
|  | Campgrounds<br>Terrain de camping      |  | Gravel<br>Gravier    |
|  | Wishing Well<br>Fontaine de l'espoir   |  | Trail<br>Sentier     |

# XPLORED QUEST

## GREY OWL AND THE SECRET JOURNAL!

Rumours are circulating that an old secret journal of Grey Owl's is hidden somewhere near the Visitor Centre. Where could it be? What does it say?! Maybe your family can find it (see page 14) – there may even be a reward!

Here's how:

### STEP 1



Complete the 6 missions ahead to reveal the secret numbers!

### STEP 2



Use the secret numbers to open the combination lock on the mysterious chest!!

### STEP 3

Find Grey Owl's secret journal!!!

Enter your numbers here:

MISSION #1

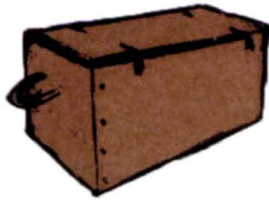
MISSION #2

MISSION #3

MISSION #4

MISSION #5

MISSION #6



Located in the Visitor Centre



# XPLORER QUEST

Grown ups!  
Read this!

## TRACK'N TIME!

Low on time? Stick to the Elk quests!  
If you want to drive to scenic areas of the park or check out park programs, try the Bear and Wolf quests.  
Mix and match all you want!



1 Elk quest → 15 minutes to complete



1 Bear quest → ~ 1 hour to complete



1 Wolf quest → ~ 2 hours to complete



→ Requires a vehicle

## YOUR REWARD...

1. The NEW Riding Mountain Xplorer tag!



2. Instant picture of you!!



3. A chance to win a free night in an Otentik!!!



**Solve the mystery** with **6 Elk quests** and receive **REWARD 1!**

**Solve the mystery** with at least **1 Bear quest** and receive **REWARD 1 and 2!!**

**Solve the mystery** with at least **1 Wolf quest** and receive **REWARD 1, 2, and 3!!!**

# MISSION #1

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## Choose ONE of the following:

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Have you ever been to the Keesee Sharing Lodge at 126 Ta-Wa-Pit Drive?

Secret number is in the Tipi!



Check out an Action Station this afternoon (See Visitor Guide schedule).

Ask the interpreter for the secret number.



Try the NEW fish jumping game at the Whirlpool Lake fish ladder!

Secret number is on the bench!



# MISSION #2

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## Choose ONE of the following:

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How do you compare in size to a moose or a wolf?! Find out at the beach bathhouse near the main beach. *Secret number is hidden at the site.*



Bike along the lakeshore trail to Deep Bay beach (Don't forget your swimsuit!) *Secret number is on the dock.*



Join other kids at the Junior Naturalist Program. \$ *After the program ask the guide for the secret number.*



**COOL FACT:**  
Now a favorite swimming spot, but in the 1930's, this bay was used for landing and docking float planes!

## DEEP BAY IN THE 1930'S

\$ Go to the Nature Shop for program details and costs.



# MISSION #3

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## Choose ONE of the following:

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Go into the red tunnel at the Wasagaming playground and peek through the tiny holes. *Do you see the secret number?*



Take part in an evening interpretive program (See Visitor Guide schedule). *Ask the interpreter for the secret number.*



Drive down Highway #19 towards the East Gate and hike the beautiful **Burls and Bittersweet** trail. *Secret number is on the swinging bridge.*

**COOL FACT:**  
In 2011 a flash flood stormed through Burls and Bittersweet and the trail was closed... Until now!



**BURLS & BITTERSWEET TRAIL!**

# MISSION #4

## Choose ONE of the following:



Watch a wildlife film at the Visitor Centre.

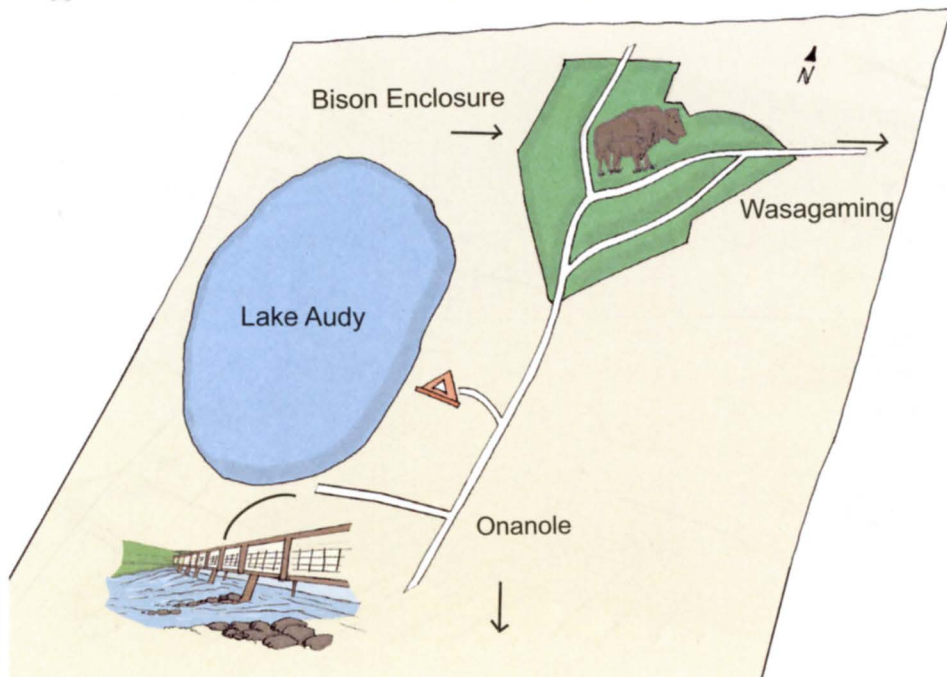
Ask the interpreter for the secret number.



Go to the Friends Learning Centre at 154 Columbine Street and take the NEW Xplorer GPS challenge! The secret number will be revealed!



On your way to see the bison, walk across the Lake Audy dam and fish ladder! Secret number is on the dam.



HOW TO GET TO LAKE AUDY DAM!



# MISSION #5

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## Choose ONE of the following:

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Complete 4 NEW puzzlers at the back of this booklet! **Show an interpreter at the Visitor Centre and ask for the secret number.**



Hike 1 km to Pudge Lake on the Arrowhead trail and keep your eyes peeled for beavers! **Number of beaver lodges on the lake = secret number.**



Hike the enchanting Boreal Forest trail! **Secret number can be found at the first creek crossing.**



**ARROWHEAD TRAIL!**

# MISSION #6

## Choose ONE of the following:



Find and sign the top secret Xplorer book located on the bookshelf over the fireplace in the Visitor Centre. *Secret number is in the book.*



Bring a picnic to the Wishing Well located near the Clear Lake Golf Course. *Secret number is in or near the Wishing Well!*



Can you spot the red-wing blackbird on the Ominnik Marsh trail? *Secret number is at the first bench.*

**COOL FACT!**  
In spring, spot dozens of white suckers swimming up the creek at the Wishing Well to lay eggs.



**WISHING WELL!**



# XPLORER QUEST

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## WAY TO GO!!!

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You've completed all 6 missions!

Have you written your secret numbers in the boxes on page 6?

Head for the Visitor Center and use the numbers to unlock the chest.

**THIS WILL LEAD YOU TO GREY OWL'S SECRET JOURNAL!!!**



## Who was Grey Owl?

Fascinated by stories of Canadian wilderness Englishman, Archie Belaney, came to Canada in 1906 as a young man.

He learned traditional skills from the aboriginal people and they gave him the name Grey Owl. He later married a woman named Anahareo, and together with their two pet beavers, they moved to Riding Mountain National Park in 1930.

They lived in a cabin along Beaver Lodge Lake while Grey Owl worked as a conservationist to help the beaver population in the park. He only stayed in the park a short time but his conservation work and his dynamic personality made him legendary.



# FIRE IN THE PARK!

Under the watchful eyes of the fire crew, prescribed fires are lit. These controlled fires help lower the risk of wildfires and help other plants grow. Can you spot the six differences between these two pictures of Scott, our Parks Canada Fire Crew Member?

Circle them on Picture B.

A)



B)





# ALIENS IN CLEAR LAKE?!

Nope, not aliens from space but plants or animals that are brought to a place they don't belong either on purpose or by accident. They can cause all kinds of problems to the plants and animals that do belong!

Circle the ones you think could be aliens to Clear Lake and then go to the Visitors Centre to find out how you can prevent invasive species! Be sure to check your answers at the bottom of the page.

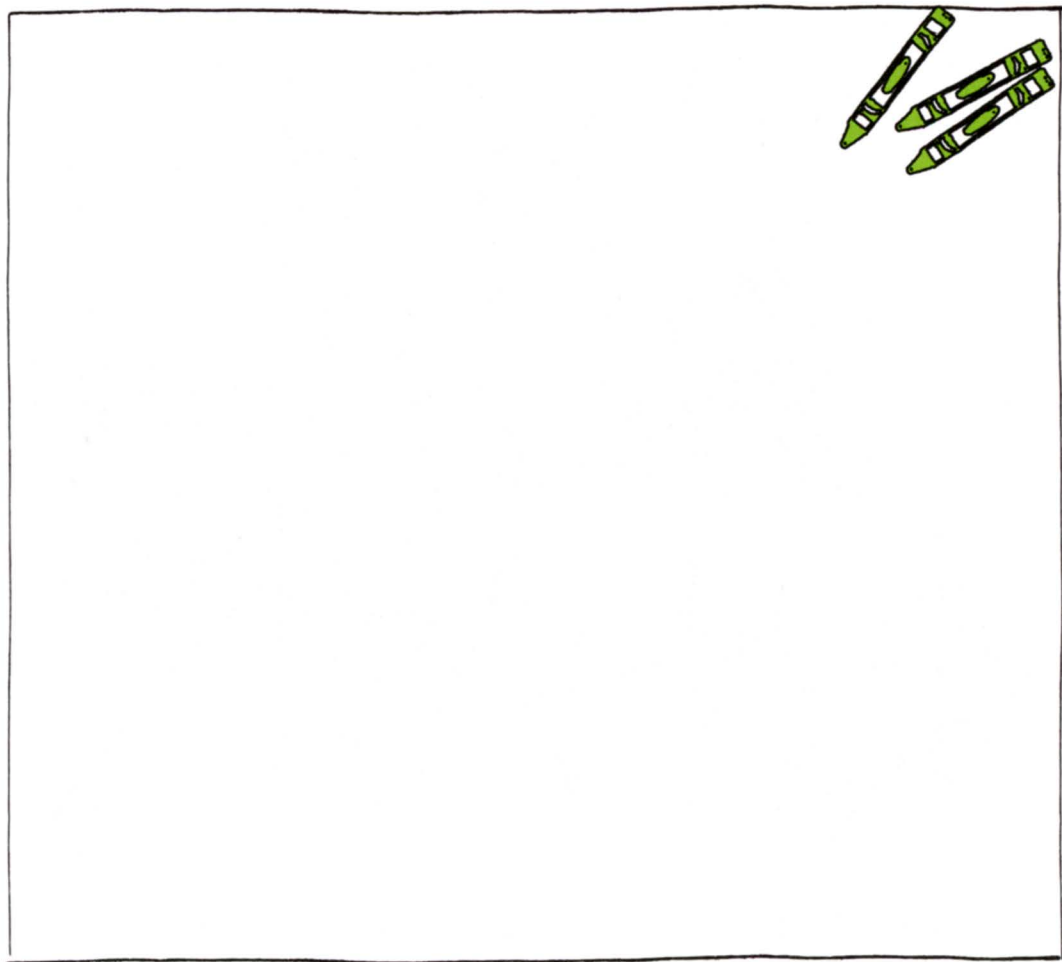


Answer-The zebra mussels, rusty crayfish, and spiny waterflea are all invasives.

# RUBBING NATURE

Have you ever done a leaf rubbing before?

1. Collect leaves of different sizes and shapes and place it behind this page.
2. Rub the side of a crayon gently on the area over the leaf.
3. Watch and be amazed as the it starts to take shape!





# WHERE'S THE CAMPER?!

The campers at this campsite went for a hike and left this site very appealing for wildlife like bears and squirrels! Do you know how to bear-proof a campsite?

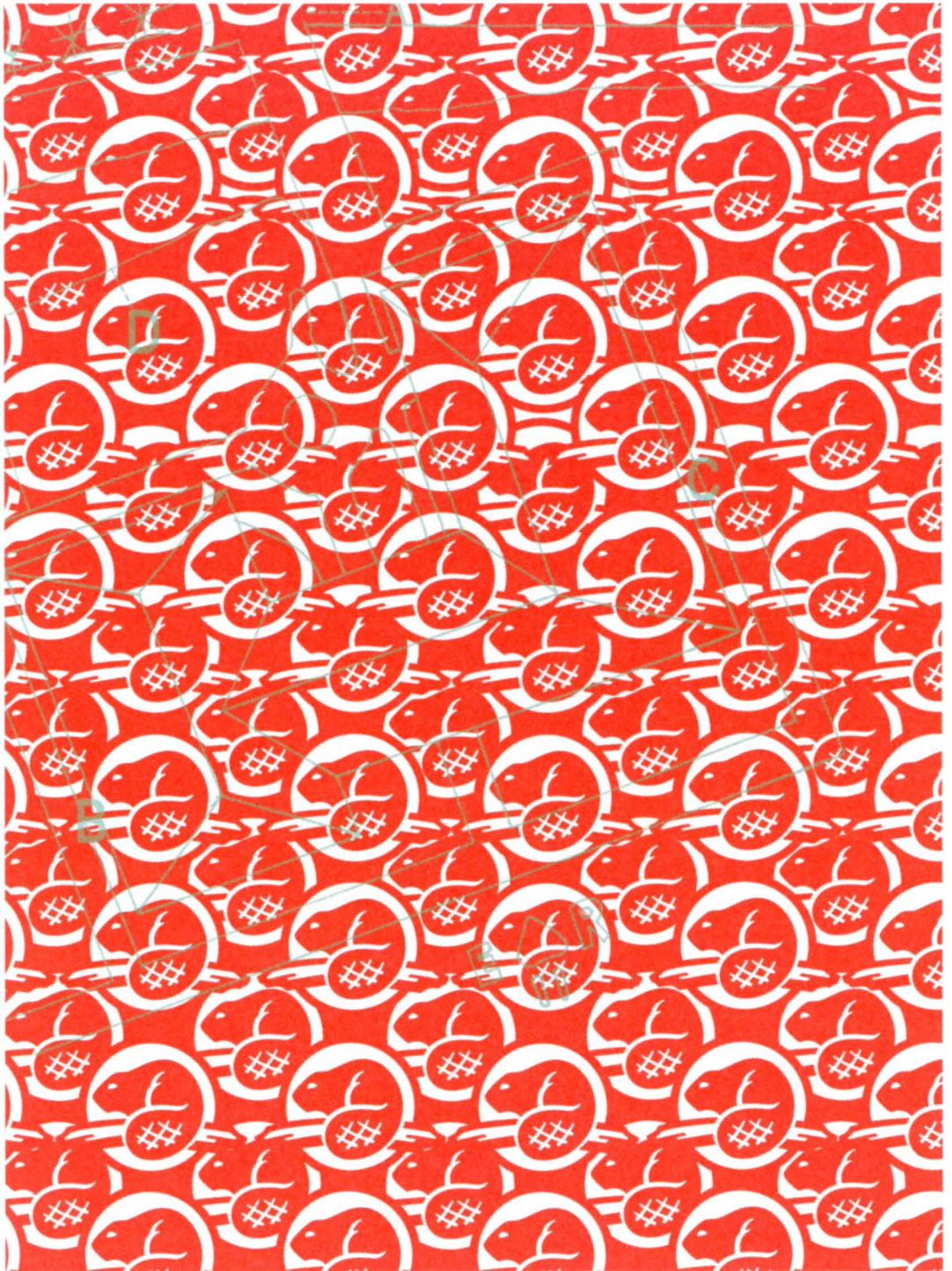
Colour or circle all the items that could smell and attract wildlife.



Pets  
shouldn't be  
left alone...  
Oops!

Find out more about the "Bare" campsite program at the Visitor Centre or the campground kiosk









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# CAN YOU HELP US OUT???



COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT CARD QUESTIONS  
PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE VISITOR CENTRE. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

**1. What did you think of Xplorer Quest?!**

What was your favorite mission activity? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your least favorite mission activity? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. How challenging was Xplorer Quest? (Circle!)**

Too easy      Just right      Too Hard

**3. Did you go somewhere new? (Circle!)**

Yes      No      Where was it? \_\_\_\_\_

**4. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. Is this your first time doing the Riding Mountain Xplorer booklet? (Circle!)**

Yes      No

If not, how many times have you done it? \_\_\_\_\_

**6. This booklet was (Circle!)**

Crazy Fun



Fun



Kinda Fun



Not so much fun



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# CAN YOU HELP US OUT???

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES IN YOUR XPLORED BOOKLET.



Extra Comments

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Stuff your adult needs to know...the fine print

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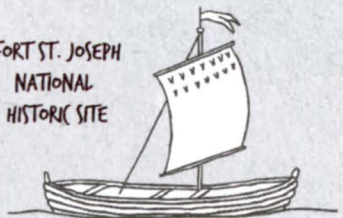
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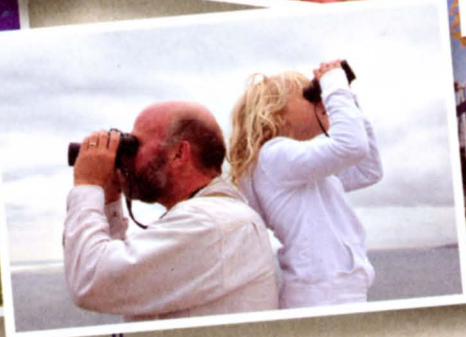


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# LIKE TO XPLORER??



YOU CAN HAVE FUN IN LOTS OF  
OTHER PARKS CANADA PLACES!

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TO SEE WHERE THEY ARE