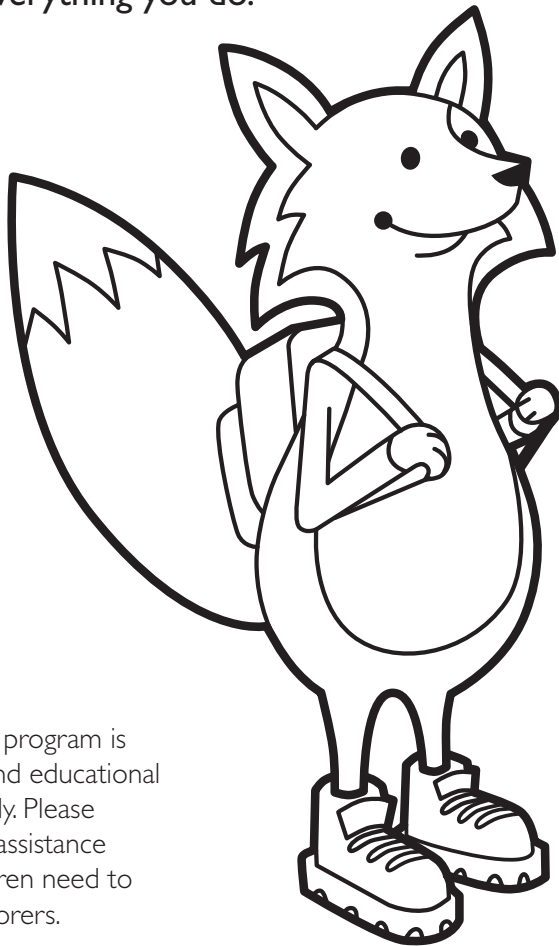


HECLA/GRINDSTONE Park Explorer



Ages 10-12

Hi! Would you like to become a Park Explorer? It's easy. Just work on the activities in this booklet and return it to us. Manitoba Provincial Parks will make you an official Park Explorer. On the back page, you will find a place to check off everything you do.



Dear Parents:

The Park Explorer program is meant to be fun and educational for the whole family. Please provide whatever assistance you feel your children need to become Park Explorers.

My name is

I am visiting

Provincial Park



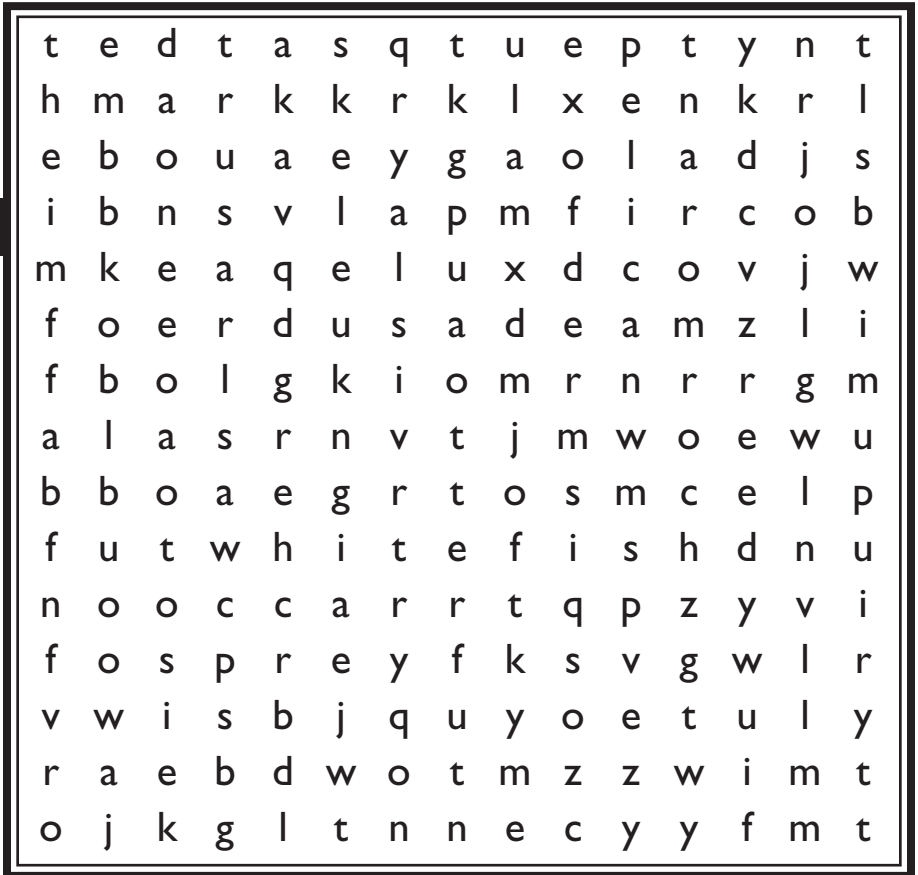
If you need further assistance in completing these activities, look for a park interpreter at park programs and the Hecla Village School Interpretive Centre.

Wildlife Word Find

There is a lot of wildlife that call Hecla Island home. Search the word find below to see if you've seen any of the animals in the park.

Words to Find

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| bald eagle | osprey |
| bat | otter |
| bear | pelican |
| beaver | raccoon |
| cormorant | red fox |
| deer | skunk |
| mallard | western grebe |
| moose | whitefish |
| mosquito | wolf |
| muskrat | |



Storytime: Who has lived here?

Fill in the blanks to complete the history of Hecla Island.

Words to use:

- Hecla
- Drumming
- Grindstone
- Ojibwe
- Black
- 1876
- Mikley
- Big
- Winnipeg
- Commercial
- Icelandic

Hecla/_____ Provincial Park has been, and still is home to many different people. The _____ arrived here in _____ and settled the island, but not without the help of the _____ people who already resided here.

_____ Island, the second biggest island in the park, has been a ceremonial spot for the Ojibwe people for years. The northernmost tip of Black Island is known as _____ Point. At that time, Hecla Island was known as “_____ Island” by the aboriginals. When the Icelanders came, they used the word “_____” which means “Big Island” in the Icelandic language. Both of these groups used Lake _____ as a means for food and recreation. _____ fishing was, and still is one of the main industries here on _____ Island.

Welcoming Wetlands

Grassy Narrows Marsh provides habitat for lots of different creatures. That is, it provides food, water, shelter, and space. Match up the everyday items we use to what you think it would represent in a wetland.



Baby Soother

Soaking up excess water



Crib

Food



Bag of Groceries

Nesting



Coffee Filters

Raising young



Sponge

Filtering out pollution

Tracking Tracks



We don't always see all the animals that roam the forests here on Hecla Island. But we know that animals leave behind clues to let us know that they're around. Take a walk down the Wildlife Viewing Tower trail, the West Quarry Trail, or any of the Grassy Narrows trails to see what you can find. Draw one of the clues you found on your hike.

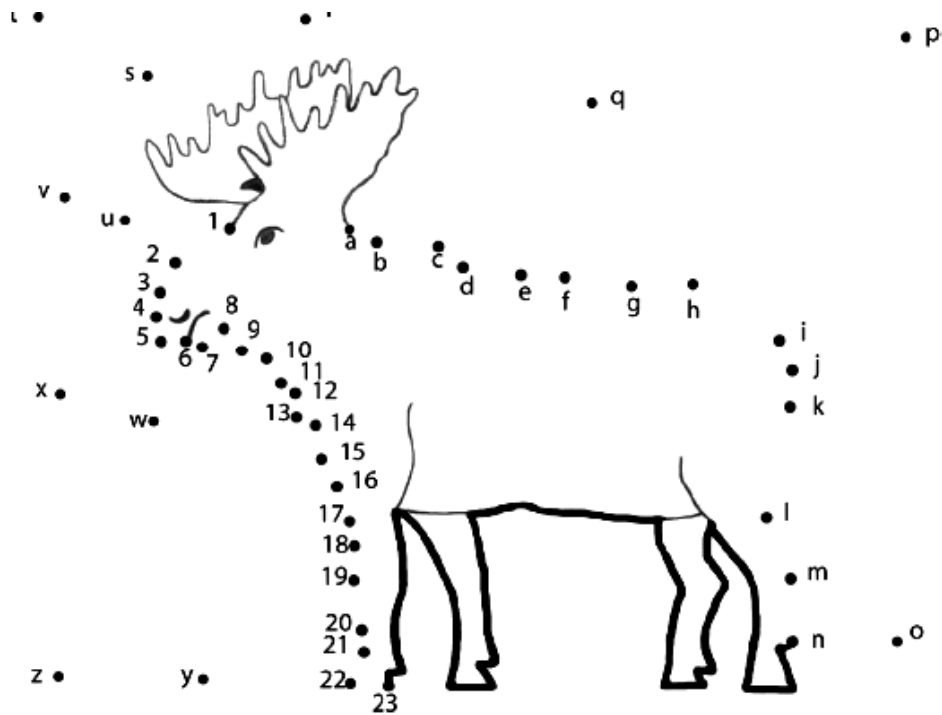
What clue did the animal leave behind?

What do you think left this clue?

A large, empty rectangular box with a double-line border, intended for drawing a clue found on a hike.

Mysterious Mammal

Hecla once had a very healthy population of this animal. Figure out what animal it is by connecting the dots.



Did you know?

That Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park has the northernmost stand of Red Pine in Canada? The population of these trees is located on Black Island, the park's second biggest island. You can figure out what kind of trees are around just by looking at the leaves and cones that have dropped from the tree. Colour these different leaves and cones you can find here in Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park.



Red Pine



Trembling Aspen



Poison Ivy



White Birch

Predators and Prey

All animals are found somewhere in nature's food chain. Some are predators (hunters), and some are prey. Match the predator with its favourite prey. Can you name other predator prey connections?



Wolf



Bear



Owl



Bat



Moth



Deer



Fish



Mouse

Can you name any other predators and their prey?

1. _____

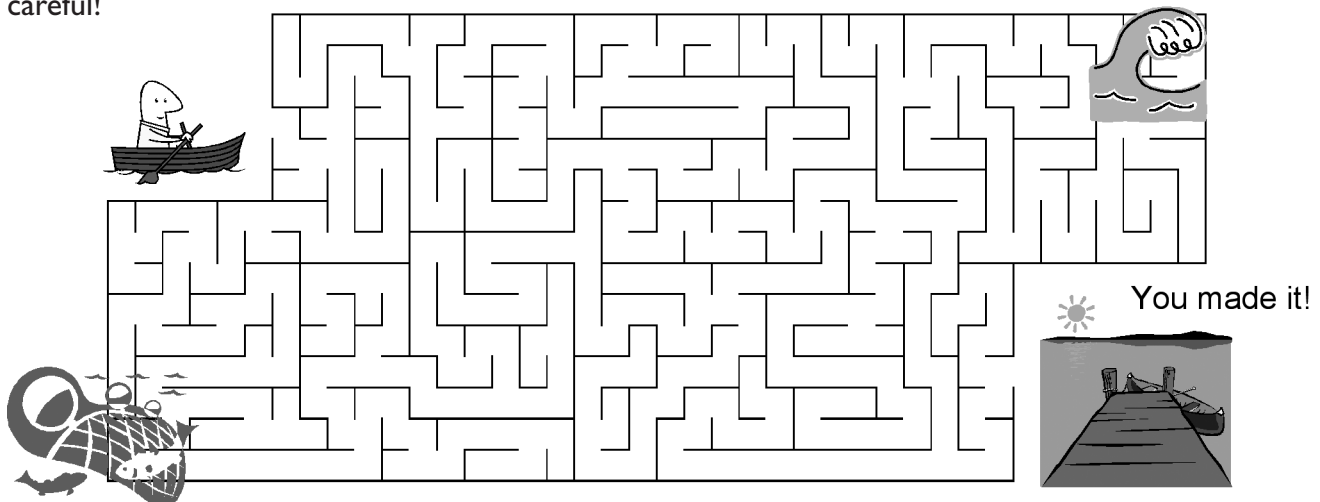
2. _____

3. _____

Fishing Fiasco

Commercial fishing has always been an integral part of Lake Winnipeg. The fishermen used to call the lake, "a boiling, raging cauldron of unleashed fury" because it's so unpredictable. Help the fisherman bring his catch home in the storm.

Be careful!



Fossil Find

There is rich history in the rocks on Hecla Island. If you look closely, you might be able to see a creature from the past preserved in the limestone. Geologists believe that there was once a tropical sea covering the land. Use the code to help the scientists figure out what creatures they've found.

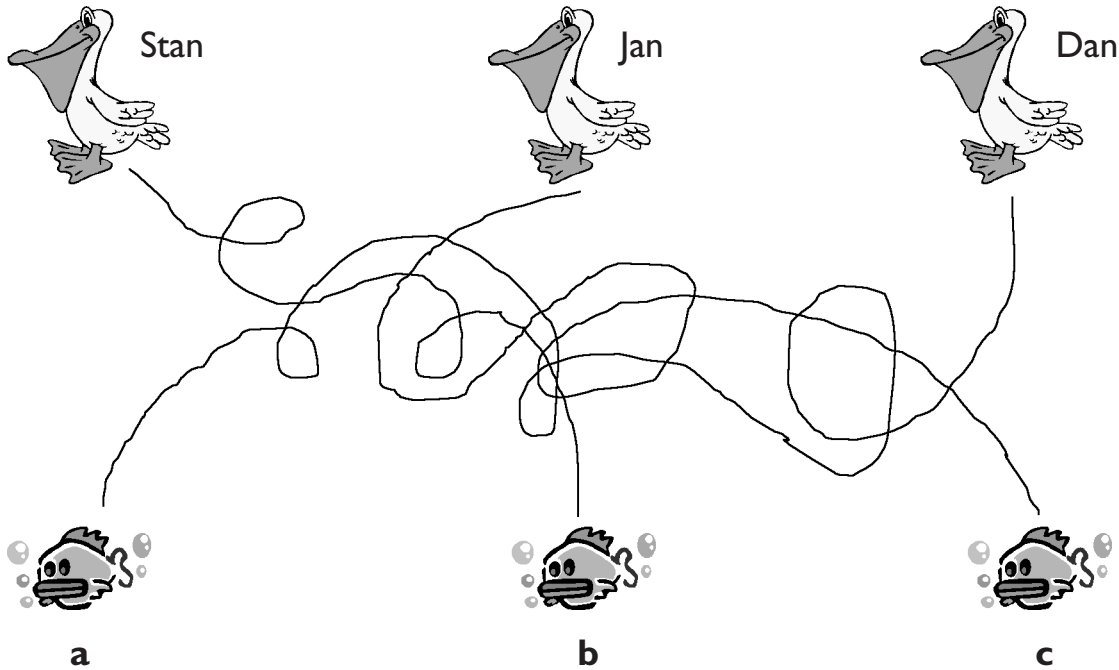
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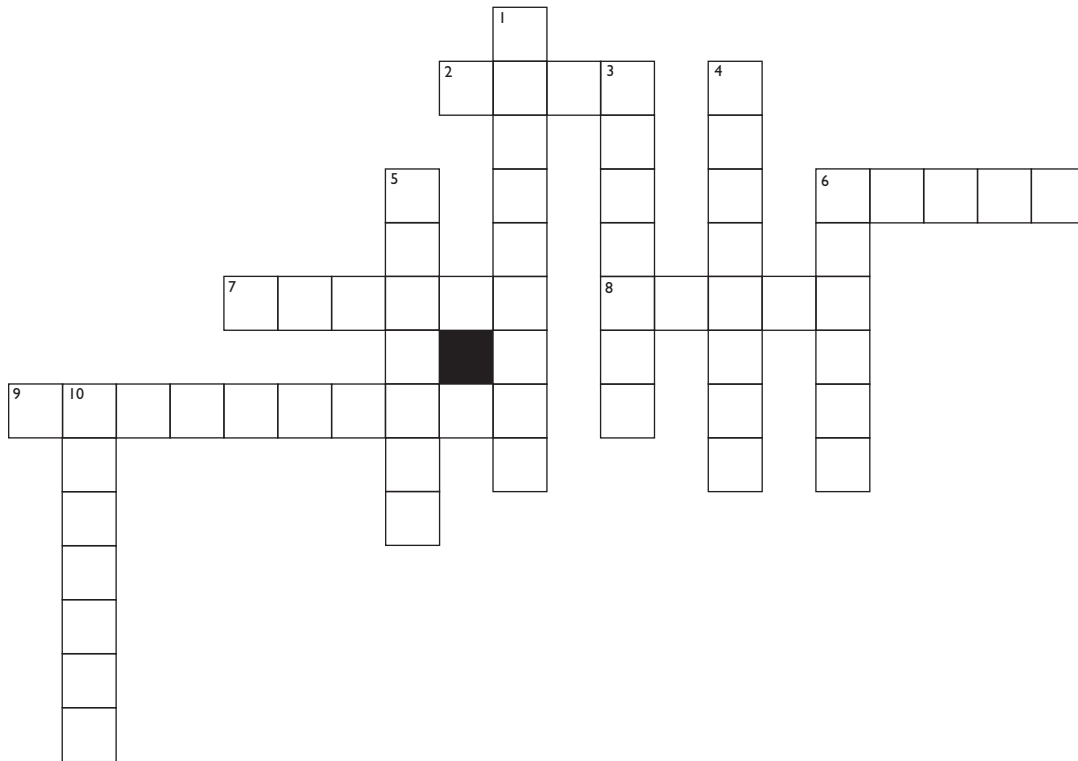
Pelican Race

Pelicans have been known as "Hecla's Airforce" because of their numbers during fishing season. Help these three Pelicans find their food. Just follow the trails from each bird to see what fish they get to eat.



Who eats a? _____ b? _____ c? _____

Park Explorer Crossword



Across

- 2. A meal for a Pelican
- 6. Hecla once had a healthy population of this
- 7. A creature in a rock
- 8. A clue left behind by an animal
- 9. A tropical Sea

Down

- 1. Hecla's name before the Icelanders
- 3. Food, water, shelter, space
- 4. A hunter
- 5. The main industry in Hecla
- 6. Icelandic Hecla
- 10. Black Island has this type of tree

Need a Hint! All the answers are hidden in your booklet.

Ask an Interpreter!

Do you have a question for a park interpreter about a plant that you saw during your visit? Send us your questions and we will answer them and send it back with your completed booklets.

My question is:



Park Explorer Checklist of Activities:

- Map activity
- Wildlife Word Find
- Story Time
- Welcoming Wetlands
- Tracking Tracks
- Mysterious Mammal
- Did You Know?
- Predators and Prey
- Fishing Fiasco
- Fossil Find
- Pelican Race
- Park Explorer Crossword
- Ask an Interpreter



Park Explorer: _____
Adult: _____

Check off the boxes of each activity you have completed. Return the completed booklet to receive your official pin and certificate. (Your book will also be returned to you.)

Did you enjoy doing this activity book? If so, you can do other Junior Naturalist / Park Explorer books at the following locations:

Whiteshell
Spruce Woods
Birds Hill
Hecla
Grand Beach

Completed booklets can be returned to campground offices, park interpreters or mailed to the address below:

Park Explorer Program
Head of Interpretation
Parks and Natural Areas
200 Saulteaux Crescent
Winnipeg, MB, R3J 3W3

YOU ARE ALMOST AN OFFICIAL PARK EXPLORER!

Child's Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Province _____
Postal Code _____