



# SPRUCE WOODS

## Park Explorer

**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 Parks will make you an official Park Explorer. On the back page you will find a place to check off everything you do.



Name 4 provincial parks and 1 national park in Manitoba.

Hint: Use a Manitoba highways map.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

**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.

**Plan a tour in the park for your family.**

**These are the places or things I want to show them.**

**(Plan your tour so that you start at your campsite and end up back there.)**

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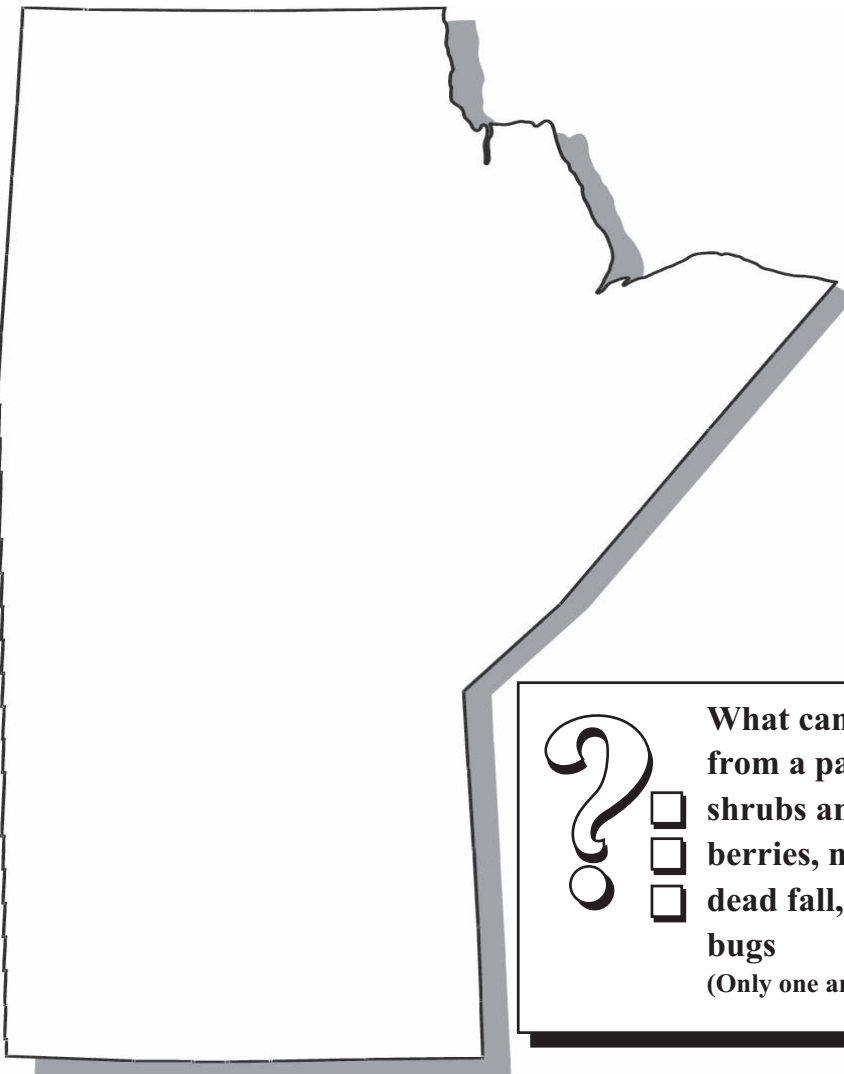
**I will need to bring these things with me (e.g. water).**

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- 2.
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**I want my family to try doing these things (e.g. stop #1 - build a sandcastle).**

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**All parks have unique features that make them special. This not only includes the birds, animals, plants, trees and insects but also the rocks, soil and even the weather. Can you find something here that you can't find back at home? Either draw it or describe it. Scientists and Naturalists usually do both!**



**What can you pick in, or take from a park?**

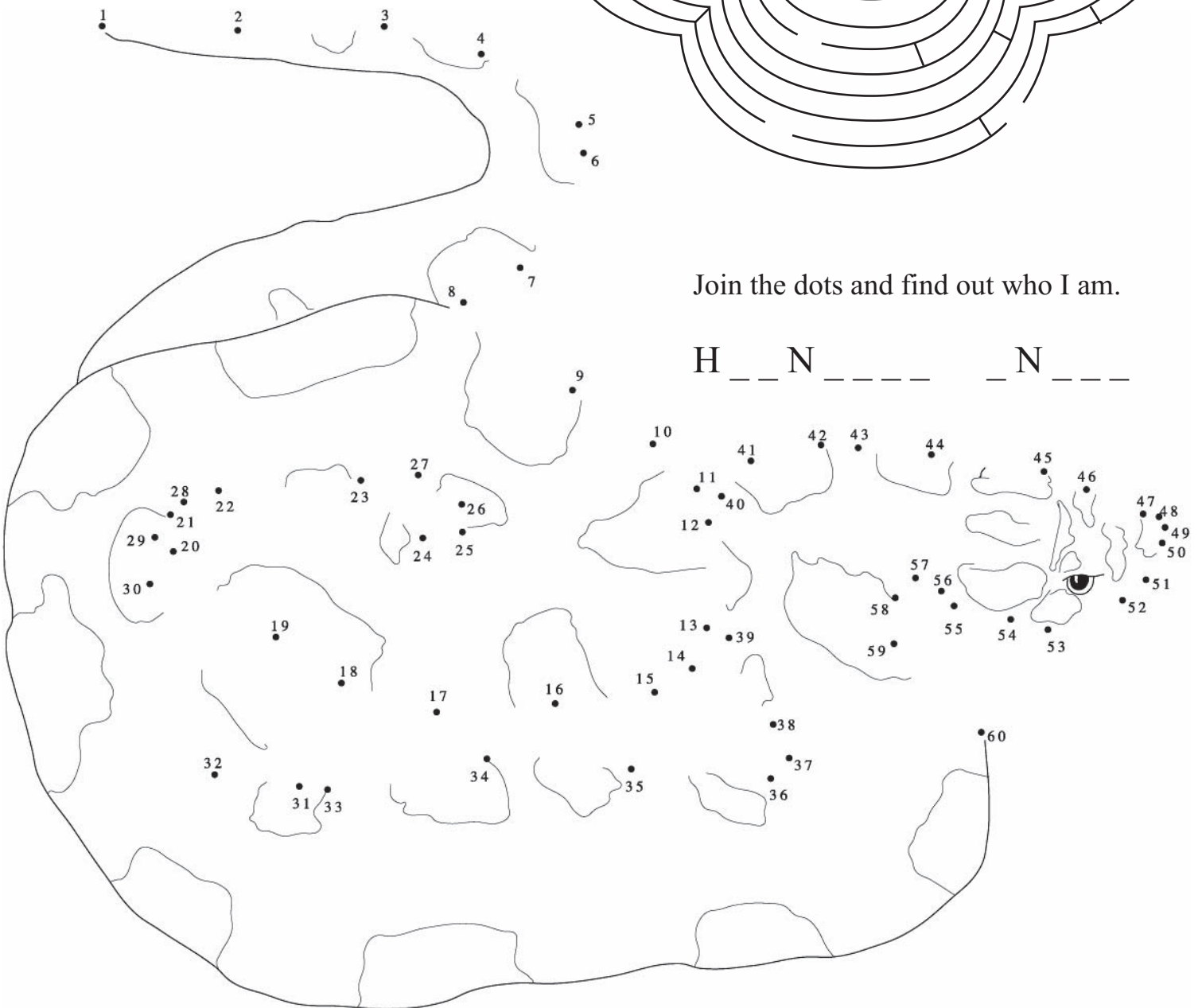
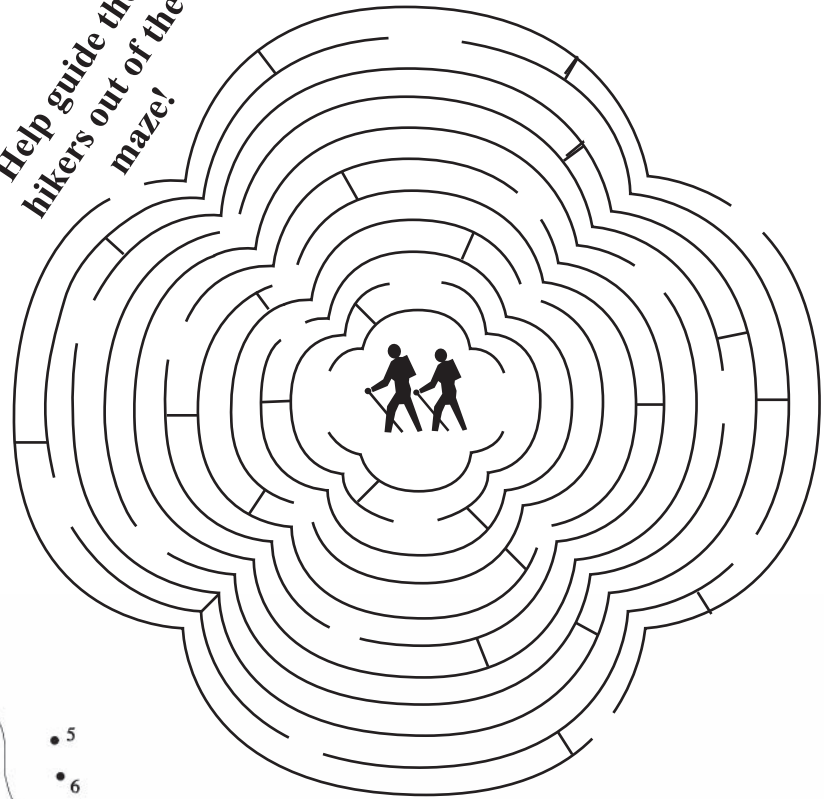
- shrubs and small trees
- berries, nuts and mushrooms
- dead fall, rocks, snakes or bugs

**(Only one answer is correct)**



If I'm lost, what's the most important thing I can do to stay safe?

Help guide the hikers out of the maze!



Join the dots and find out who I am.

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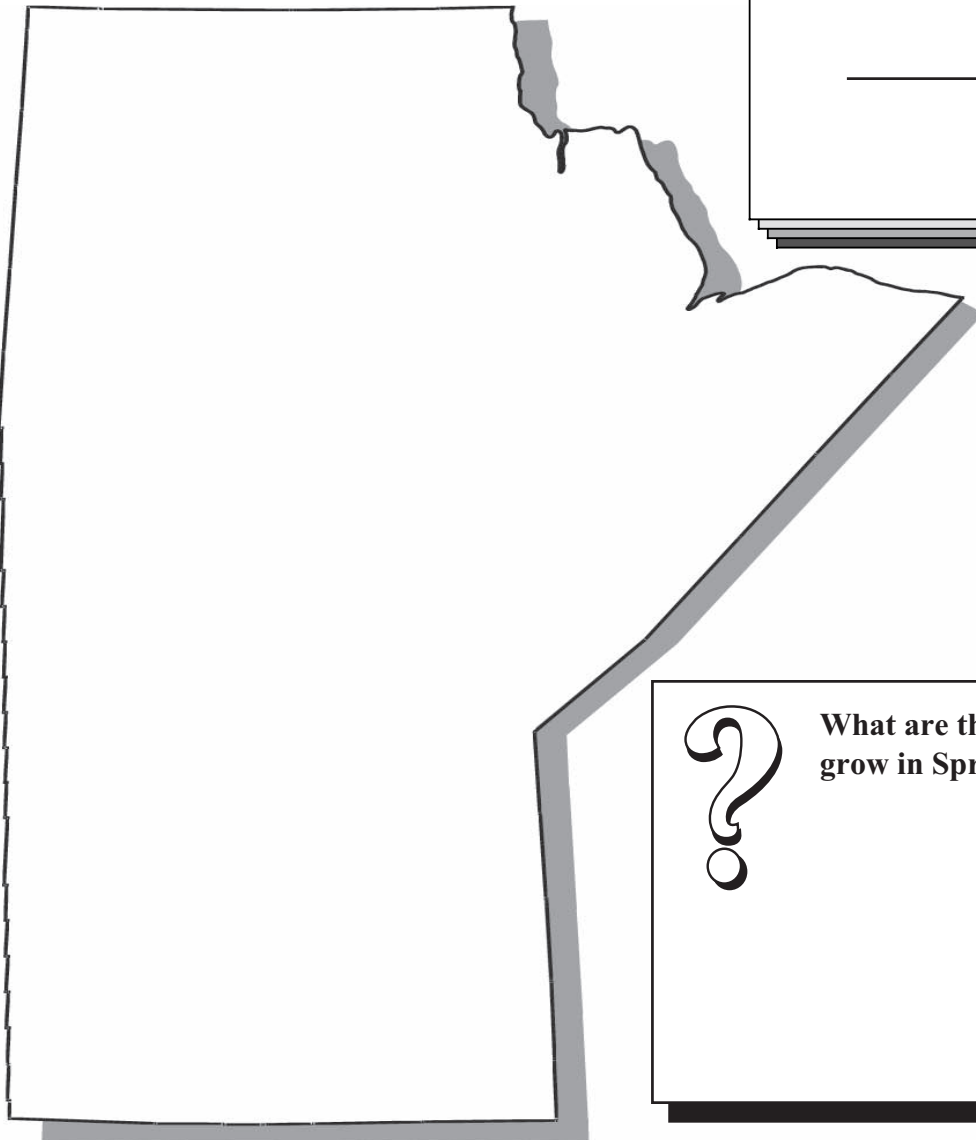
# Explorer Log Book

I helped around the campsite today by doing:

My favourite campfire song is:

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Go out and see what animals or insects you can find. Explorers are always careful and would never attempt to go near any wild animal. Inside the map, draw one of the animals you saw. Is this animal only found in this region?



What are the names of 5 trees that grow in Spruce Woods Park?



**Name a critter and a plant you're not likely to find outside the Spruce Woods area. Have you seen them?**

**This one is tough!**

**Across**

1. When something is broken.
7. Carelessness with a campfire can \_\_\_\_\_ forest plants and animals.
11. Lived in Alberta millions of years ago.
13. All living creatures eventually \_\_\_\_\_.
14. You can play in this, but lots of animals, like worms, live there.
15. No one, animals or people, like this to happen to them.
17. This is what we sing around at night; the jack pine trees need this to release their seeds.
18. When we look carefully at something.
19. A dinosaur bone.
20. We should always \_\_\_\_\_ to do our best.
21. These places we need to protect - they are extraordinary sites.
23. Not made by people.
25. From our past, both people's and nature's.
26. You could create one of these about your trip and share it at a campfire.

**Down**

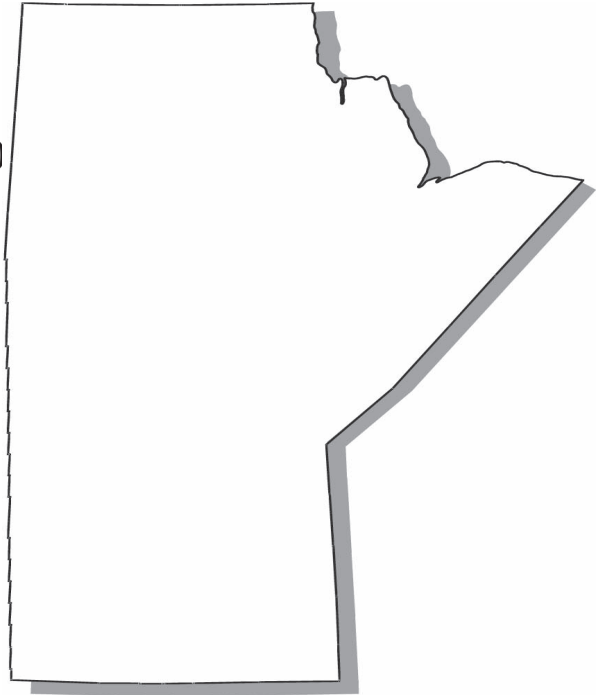
2. A name you call yourself.
3. Ready, set, \_\_\_\_\_!
4. When the numbers of an animal or plant get less and less we say they \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Not out.
6. Parks are here to \_\_\_\_\_ the area.
8. Parks wants everyone to value our natural and cultural heritage; so we want people to \_\_\_\_\_ our parks.
9. To lead a walk.
10. Animals not tame; these are the kind of animals you find in the park.
12. People who came from Europe to live here.
16. A word for garbage not put away properly.
19. The kind of air we like.
21. You can do this on a rock or on the beach.
22. Your destiny in life.
24. We can sit on this or use it to warm us up at night.

**Many of our parks are there because they were different (had something special there that people like to use or see) or because they protect a special part of our natural**

**or cultural (people's) history.**

**What did you come to this park for? Draw what you like to do most at**

**this park inside the map of Manitoba.**



**Crossword**

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# Explorer Journal

All kinds of scientists work in parks. Archaeologists study ancient people and times, biologists study plants and animals, geologists study rock formations. If you were a scientist what would you study here? Go out and see what you can find. Record your information - what do you think a scientist would do?  
I am going to examine:

Name:

Size:

Shape:

Colour:

The most interesting thing about this is:

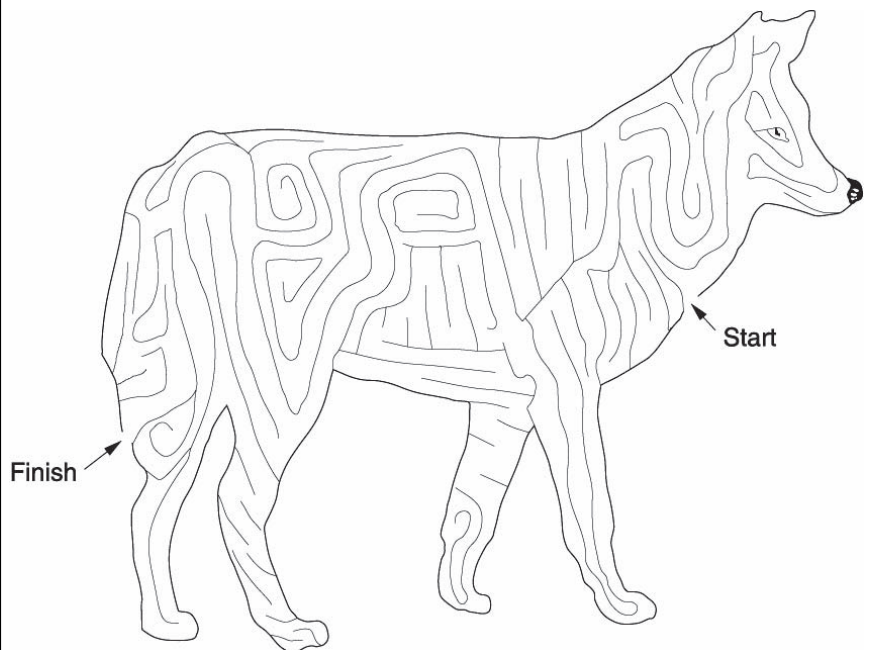
I would like to find out the following about it:

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On this trip, the best thing I have done with my family is:

By myself, the best thing I have done, so far, is:

I still would like to try:



Find your way.

# Wordfind

Hidden in this diagram are the names of 22 things you see on the Isputinaw Self-guiding trail. Remember they can be spelled up and down, diagonally, forward and backward. Give yourself a star (\*) beside the name of each one you've seen on the hike or elsewhere in the park.

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| ASPEN            | OAK             |
| BEARBERRY        | (HOARY) PUCCOON |
| BIRCH            | (SCOURING) RUSH |
| BRIDGE           | SPHAGNUM MOSS   |
| COLUMBINE        | SPRING          |
| CRANBERRY        | SPRUCE          |
| ELM              | TRAIL           |
| (WILD) GRAPE     | VALLEY          |
| HAZEL            | VETCH           |
| JUNIPER          | VIEW            |
| (MARSH) MARIGOLD | (WOLF) WILLOW   |

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I attended an interpretive event. Was it a hike, campfire, amphitheatre or other event? It was about.....



Where is the best place in this park to see animals and birds? Which ones must you stay away from?

