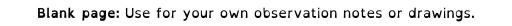
# PRESCOTT JUNIOR RANGER

**GUIDE BOOK** 



Protect Prescott - Appreciate AZ - Leave No Trace

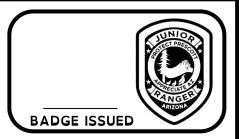


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This is where you collect your stamps! You will need at least 7 stamps to receive your badge.



**Prescott Public Library** Grace M. Sparkes Activity Center Chamber of Commerce **Youth Services** Recreation Services and/or Visitor Center Nature Niños Event Sharlot Hall Museum of Highlands Center Museum Indigenous People for Natural History Western Heritage Natural History Heritage Park Center Institute **Zoological Sanctuary US Forest Service** Granite Mountain Interagency Phippen Art **Bradshaw Ranger Station** Hotshot Crew Learning Museum and Tribute Center

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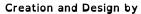
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The Lookout

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Embry-Riddle STEM Education Center

Planetarium and/or Hazy Library

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Hello Junior Rangers!

Prescott has it all. Parks, lakes, creeks, trails, museums, and open spaces. Your Jr Ranger Guidebook maps and activities will help you discover and learn how to protect these places. Visit the passport locations, fill in your discovery boxes, and then bring your Guidebook to the Prescott Visitor Center or Prescott Recreation Services Department. Take the Junior Ranger pledge and receive your Junior Ranger Badge. Remember to appreciate Arizona by leaving only footprints!

#### Prescott is on Native Land!

We protect Prescott and Appreciate AZ by acknowledging that we live, play, and learn on the ancestral lands of the Yavapai people. We honor them and the Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe and thank them as the first people who cared for this land and continue to do so today.





Get your passport stamped and learn more about the Yavapai by visiting the Sharlot Hall Museum, Western Heritage Center, and Museum of Indigenous People



\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Central Highlands.

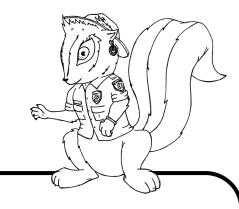
• Prescott has many geological formations (land shapes). These are

mostly <u>igneous</u> rocks formed in the earth (granite) or from volcanic activity (basalt). Above Prescott is the volcanic plug \_ \_ \_ \_ Butte!

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# YOUR MISSION

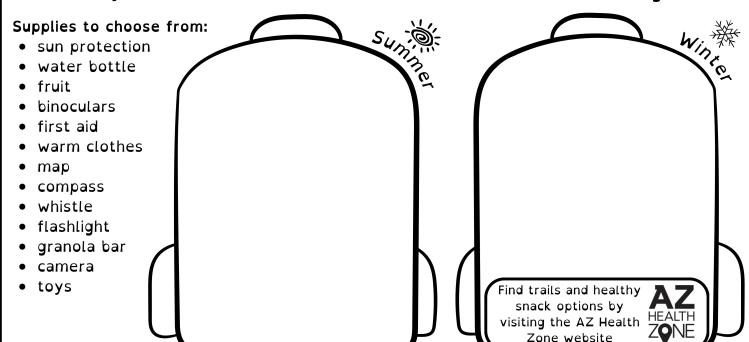
Official Junior Park Ranger's learn how to protect Prescott's ecology, culture, history and outdoor spaces. You can do this by exploring the Prescott area and following the Appreciate AZ Leave No Trace Principles.

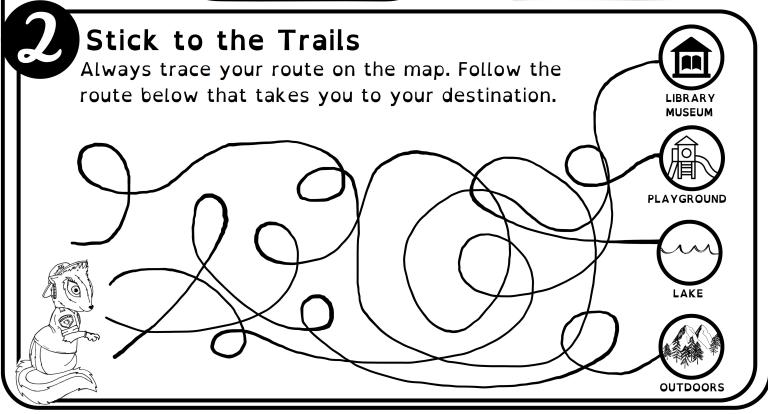




### Plan Ahead and Prepare

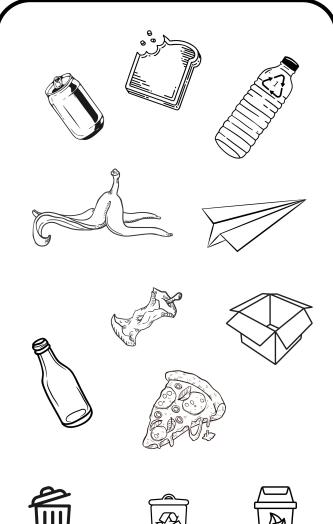
Pack your winter and summer backpack with what you need to stay safe and have fun! Write or draw 5 items in each bag.





Trash your Trash

If you find trash while using the Guidebook, draw a line to put it into the nearest trash bin.





Plastics without a 1 or 2, cloth, metal, wood, mixed material items



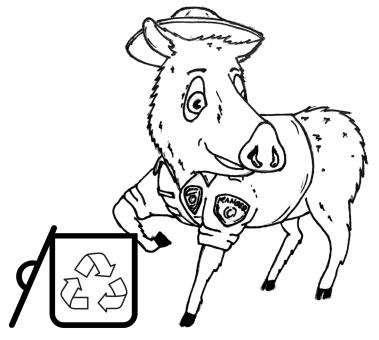
Clean plastics with a 1 or 2, glass, paper, cardboard, aluminum



COMPOST

Leftover food, plant material, no meat or dairy

Any trash, including food scraps, can harm the environment and the creatures that live there. Show that you know how to properly dispose of waste by drawing a line to the correct bin.









When you find a fire on the map, look for a bucket & shovel that can be used to put the fire dead out.

# Respect Wildlife

Many creatures call Prescott home. Observe them from a distance and move safely around them.

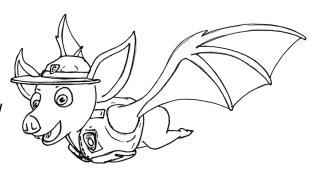
## Share the Outdoors Give fellow explorers a

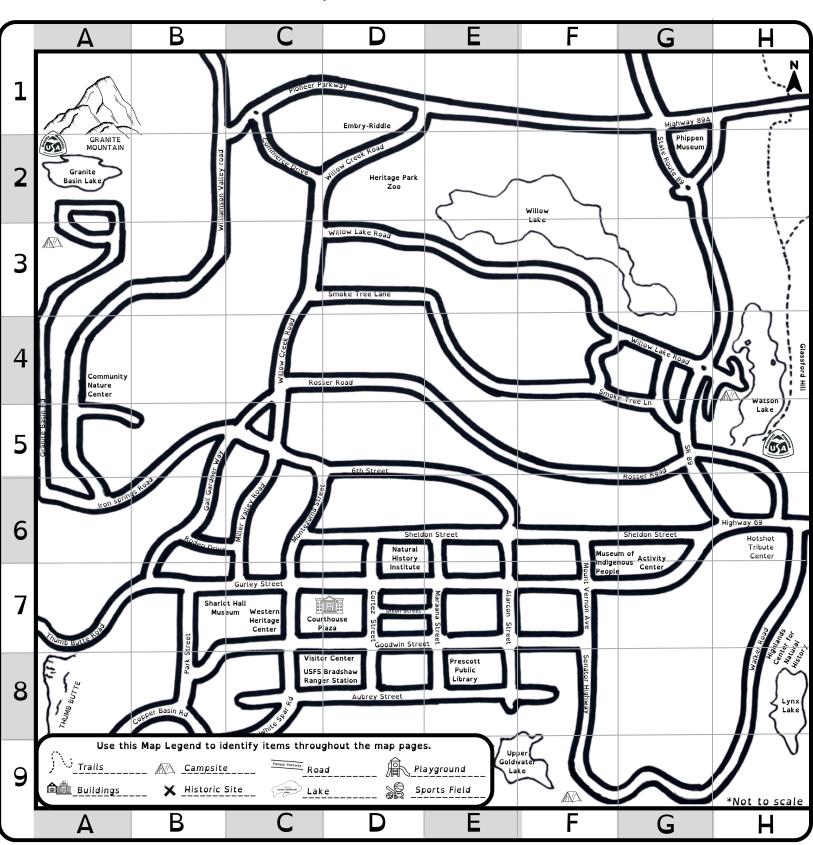
friendly wave hello as you pass each other.

# **Explore Prescott**

Use coordinates to find your way!

Coordinates are a set of letters and numbers that show where something is on a map. The letter comes first, followed by the number. Can you find the Community Nature Center on the map at (A,4)?





## Junior Ranger Challenge

Find these outdoor areas on the maps in this Guidebook. Write the map coordinates next to each area once you have visited.

For example: A,2 Granite Basin Lake

#### \_,\_ A.C. Williams Granite Creek Park

Playground, toddler play space, storywalk, bike pump track, trails

#### , West Granite Creek Park

Splash pad, train playground, creek trail

#### \_,\_ Downtown Greenways Trail

Follows Granite Creek

#### \_,\_ Flinn Park

Playground, kid trails, basketball, field

#### \_,\_ Ken Lindley Park

Activity Center (historic armory), Mike Fann Community Skate Park, Museum of Indigenous People

#### \_,\_ Roughrider Park

Bill Vallely sports field, trails

#### \_,\_ Pioneer Park

Kuebler sports field, trails, skating rink, Kayla's Hands Playground

#### \_,\_ Vista Park

Playground, trails, Vista View Petroglyphs

#### , Rodeo Grounds & Trails

#### \_,\_ Peppertree Mini-Park

Small playground

#### , Veterans Memorial Island Mini-Park

- , Honor Island Mini-Park
- , Leroux Mini-Park

#### . Howard B. Stricklin Park

Nature play area, trails, archeological site

#### \_,\_ Boyle-Debusk Preserve

Trails

#### , White Spar Creekside Preserve

#### \_,\_ Centennial Trail

Petroglyphs, trails

#### \_,\_ Upper & Lower Goldwater Lake

Lake and Pinetop playgrounds, trails fishing, boating & rentals

#### \_,\_ James S. Acker Memorial Park

Playground, small stage, trails, birding story walk, mural, plant guide

#### \_,\_ Community Nature Center

Nature play area, pond, human sundial, outdoor classrooms, cabin, seasonal guides



#### Granite Dells Regional Park & Preserve:

\_,\_ Granite Dells Gateway Park Coming soon!

#### \_,\_ Watson Lake

Camping, fishing, boating & rentals, climbing, disc golf, birding area, Granite Mountain Hotshots Playground

#### , Peavine National Recreation Trail

Watson Lake & 1.4 billion year old granite rock, historic railroad area, side trails

#### \_,\_ Watson Woods Riparian Preserve

Phenology trail, birding area

#### \_,\_ Constellation Trails

C-121G Super Constellation plane crash site

#### , Willow Lake

Fishing, trails, boating & rentals, birding area

#### \_,\_ Heritage Park

Playground, trails, archeological site

#### \_,\_ Jim McCasland Willow Creek Park

Jim McClasland playground, trails Willow Creek Dog Park

#### , Granite Gardens

Climbing, trails, historic dynamite cave

#### , Glassford Hill (Prescott Valley)

Volcano, trails, historic heliograph site

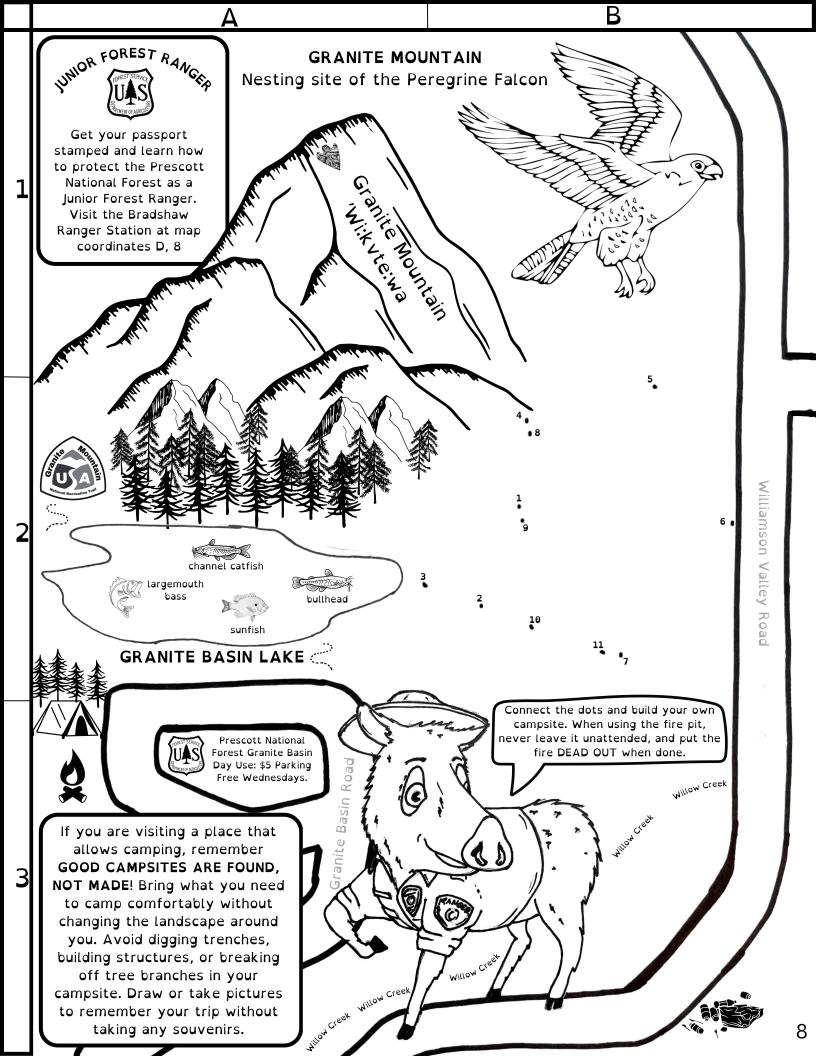
#### Other Outdoor Play Areas:

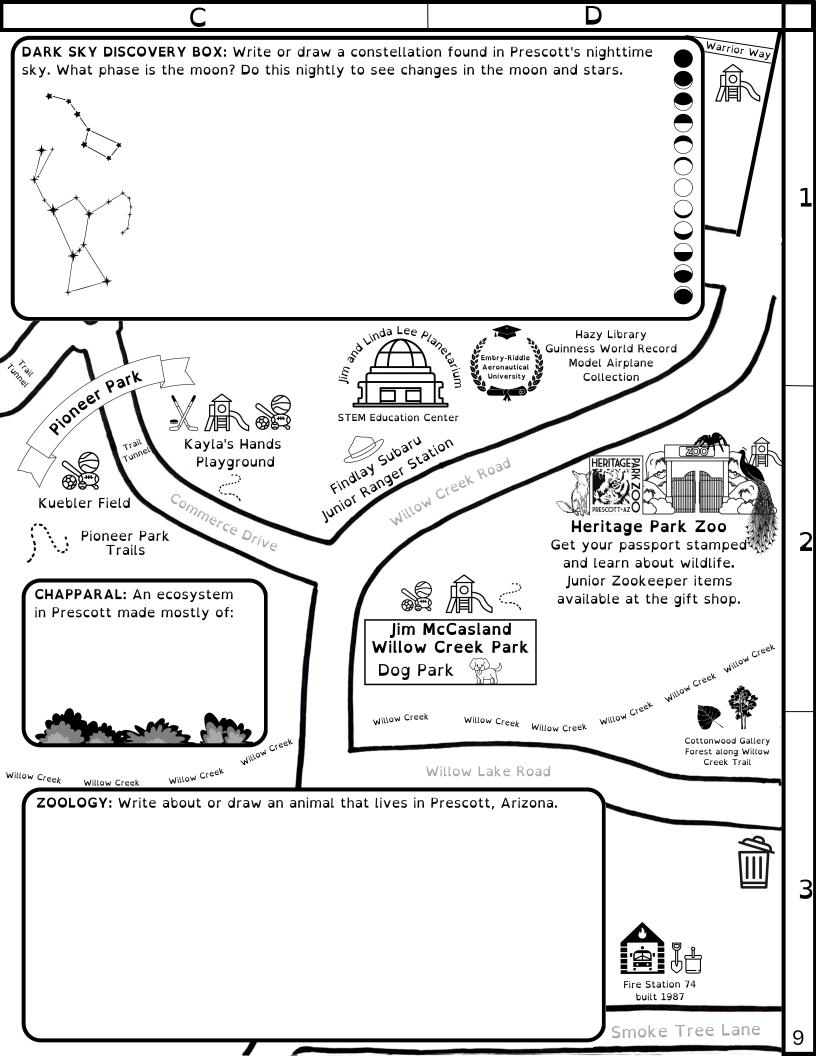
- \_,\_ Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza
- \_,\_ Boys & Girls Club playground
- \_,\_ Prescott Public Library Green Space
- \_,\_ Highlands Center for Natural History
- \_,\_ Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary
- \_,\_ Granite Basin Lake Recreation Area
- , Lynx Lake Recreation Area

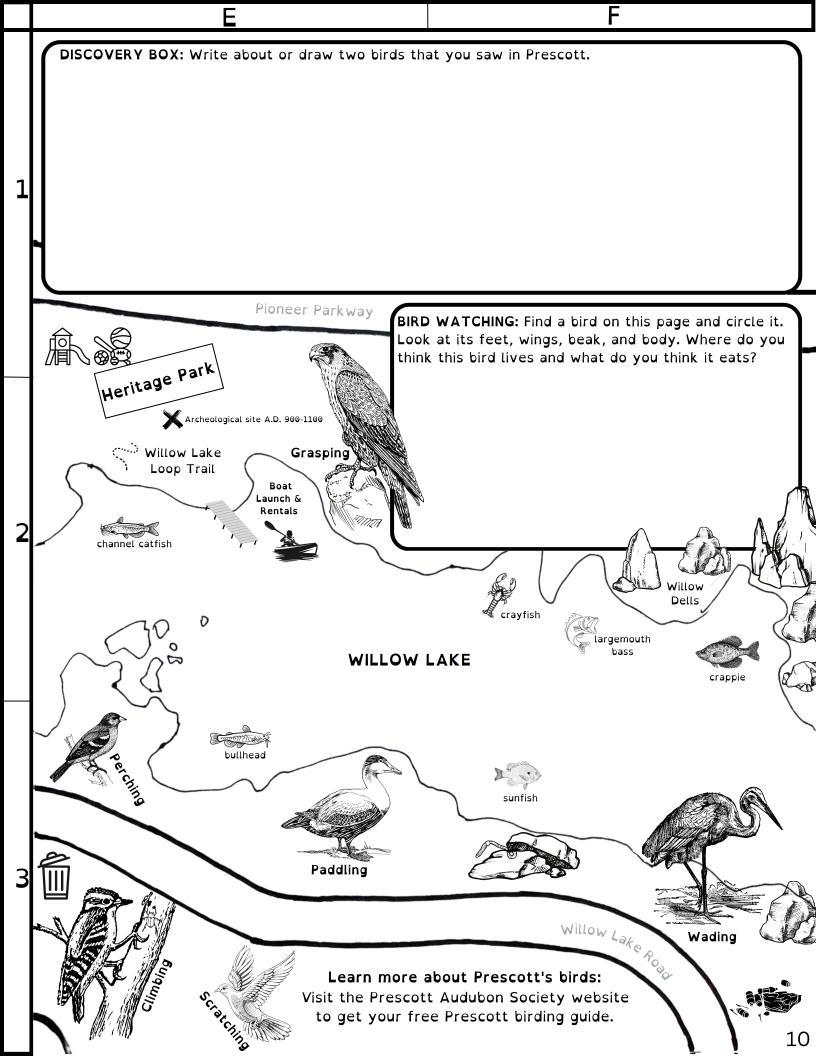
and most school playgrounds after school hours!

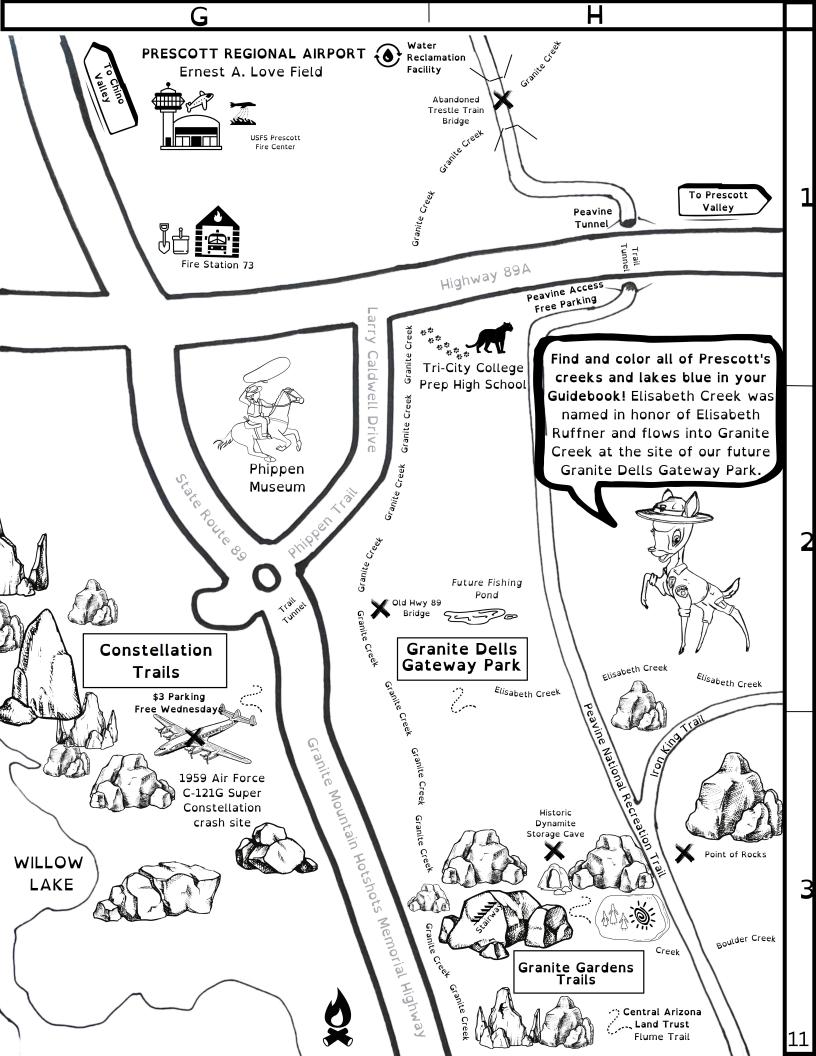


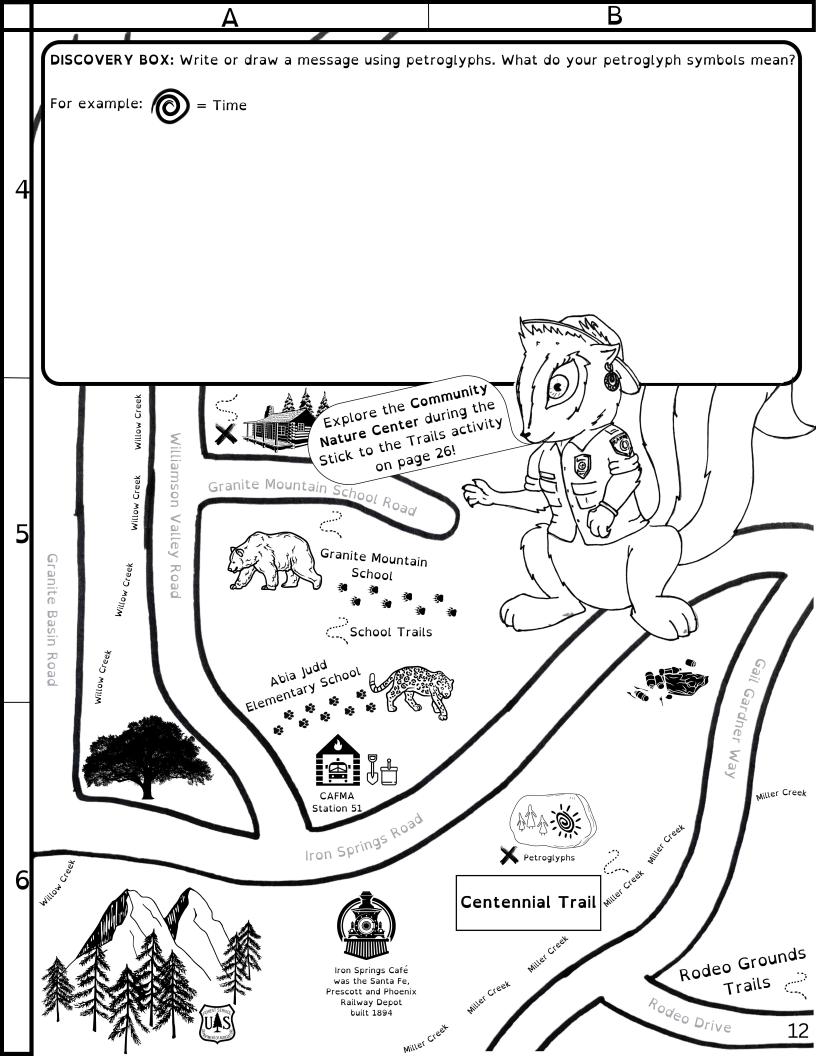
Visit the Yavapai Trails
Association website
and earn a patch by
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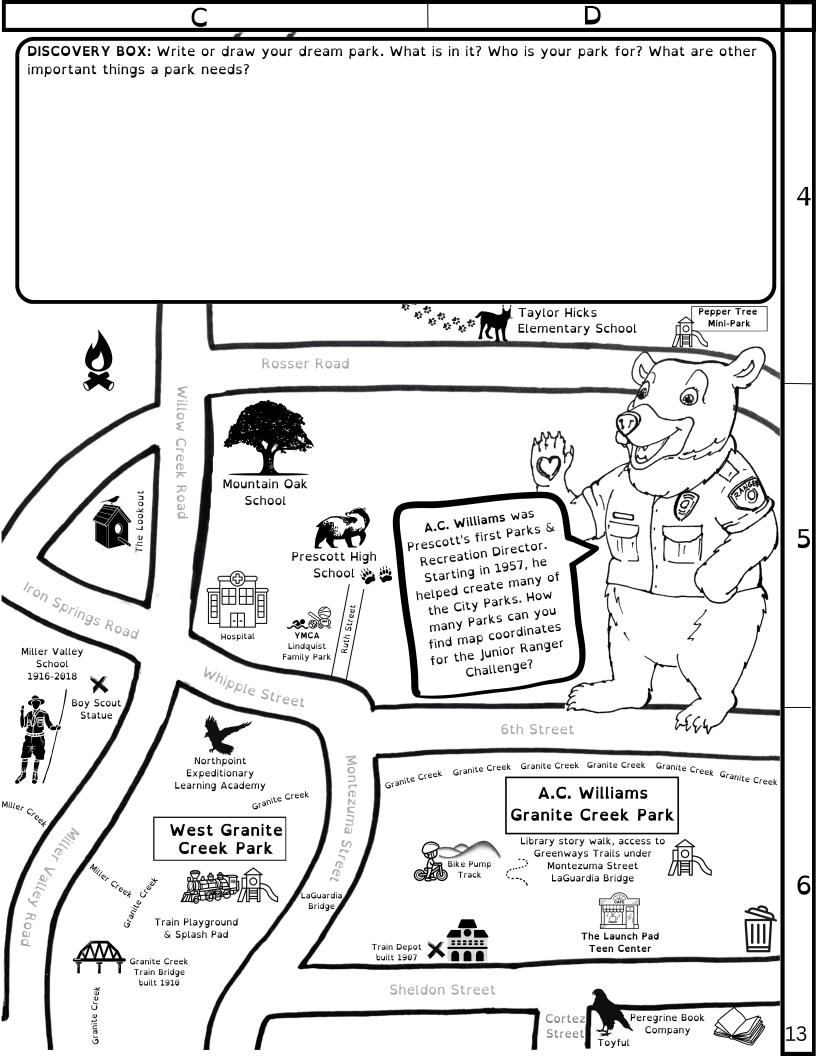


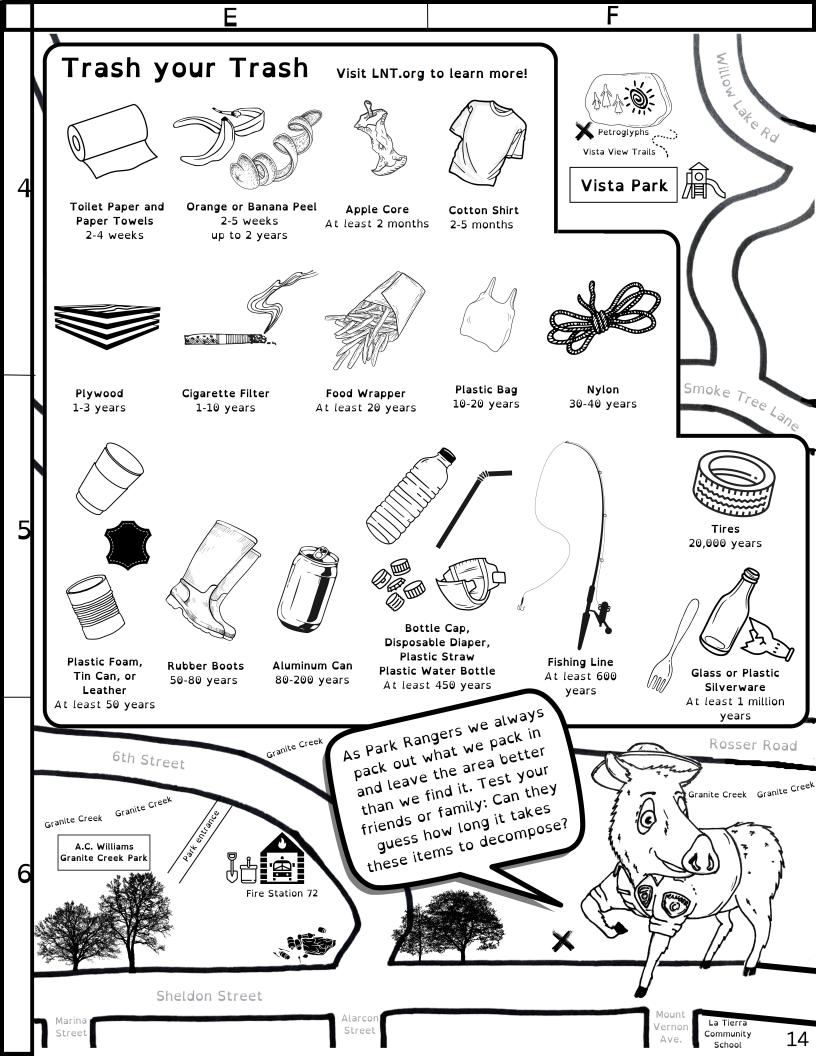


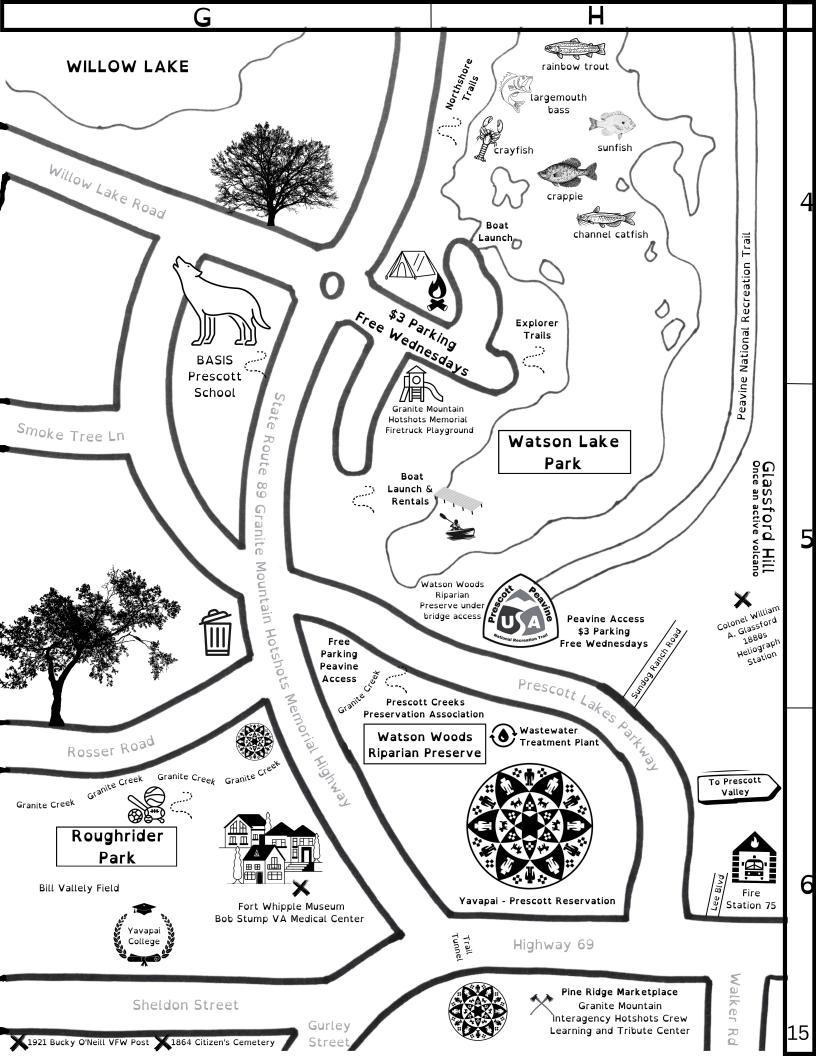


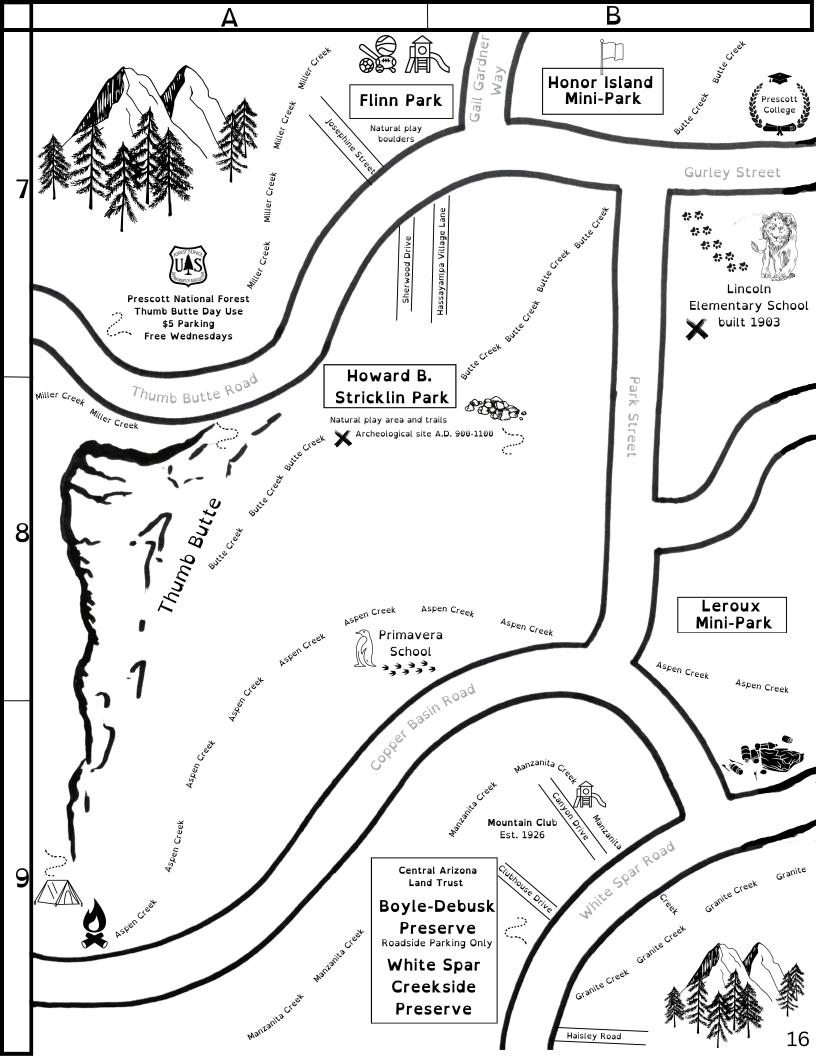


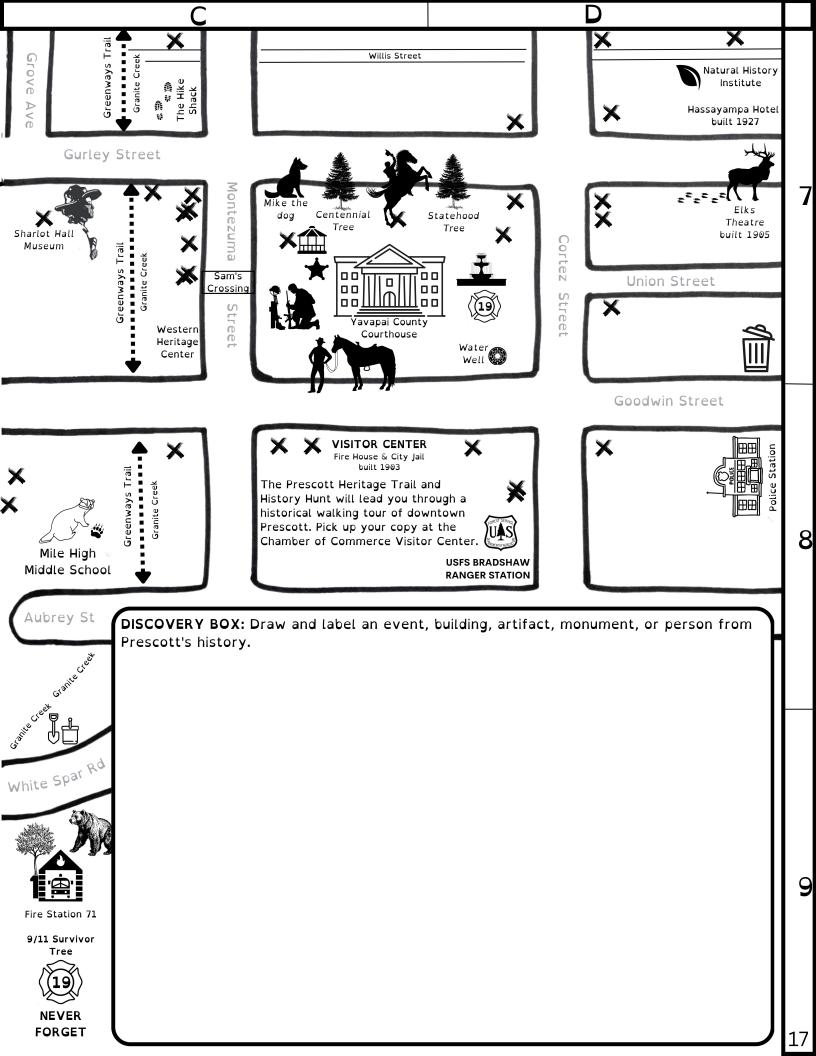


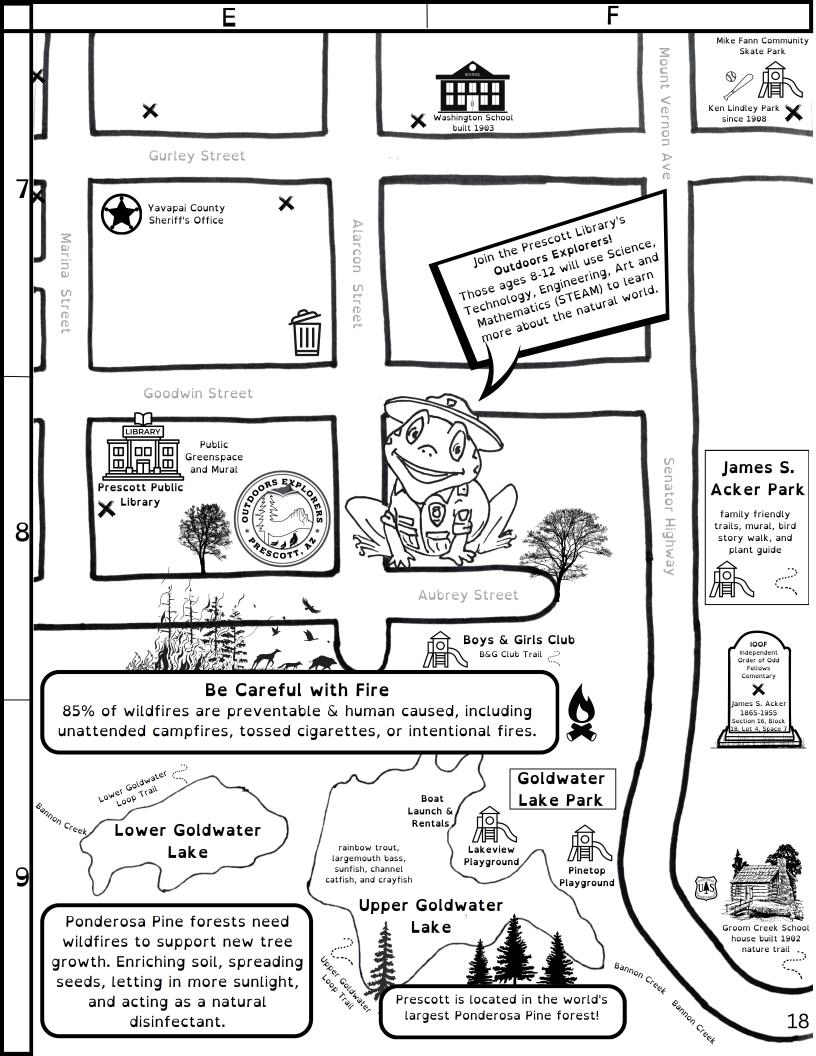


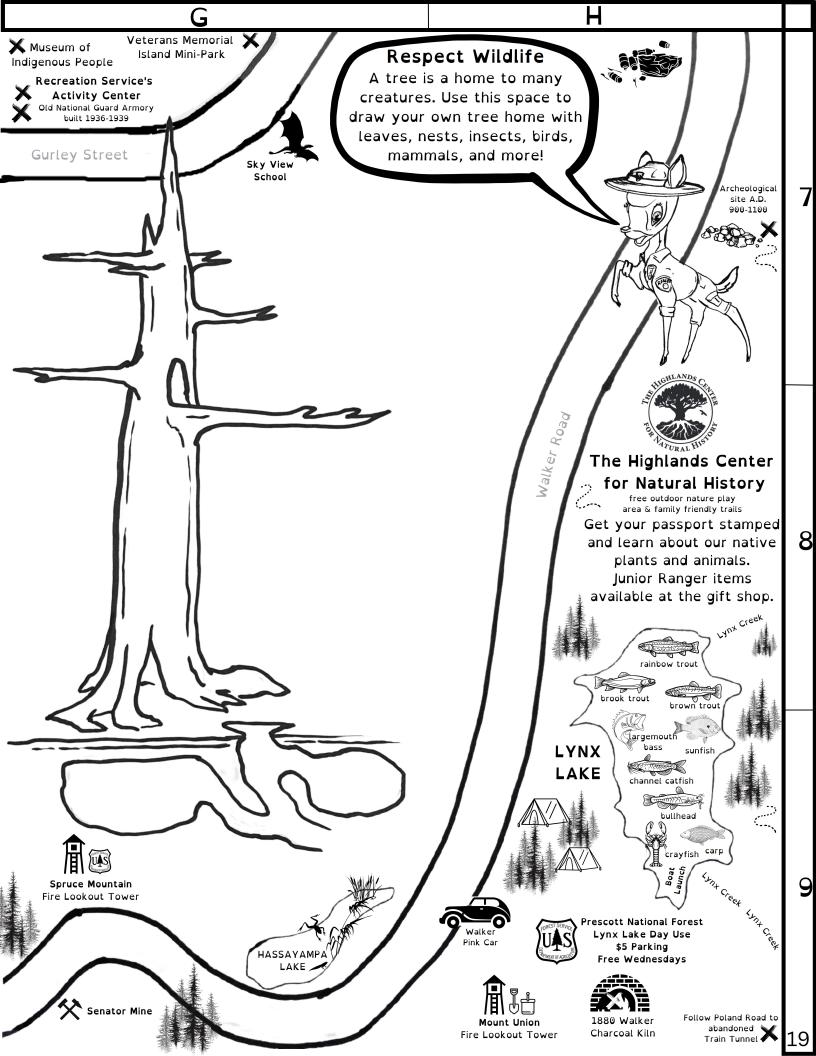


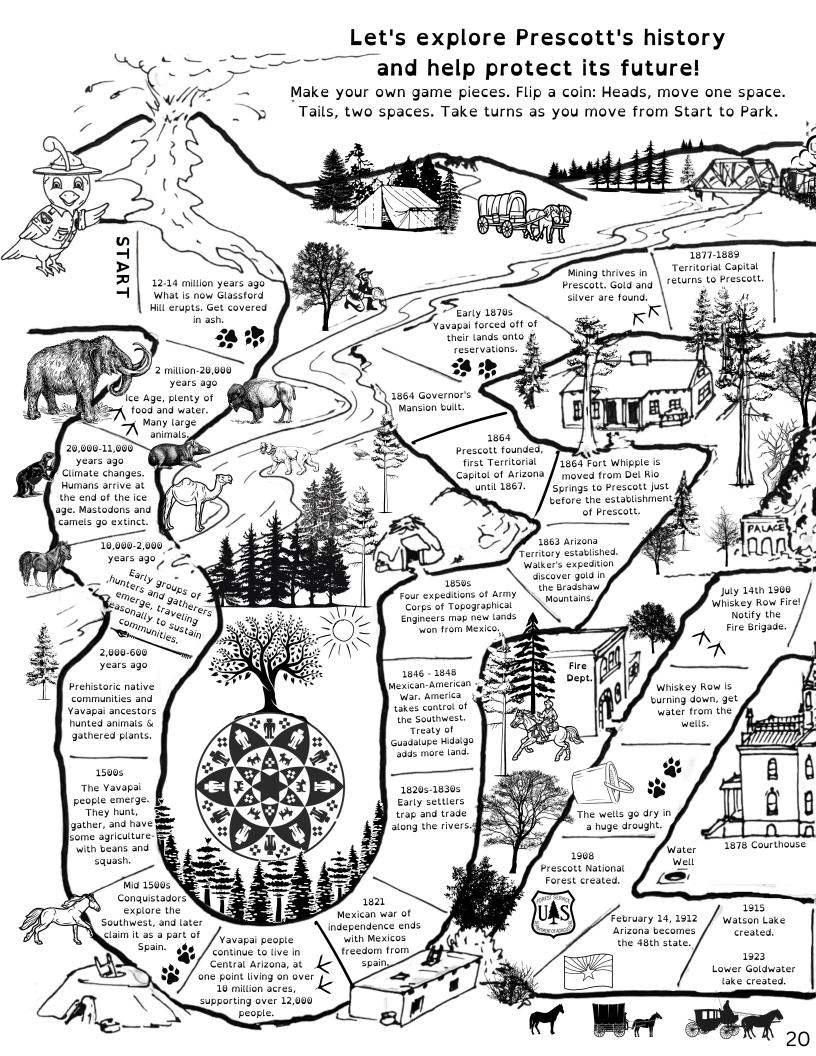








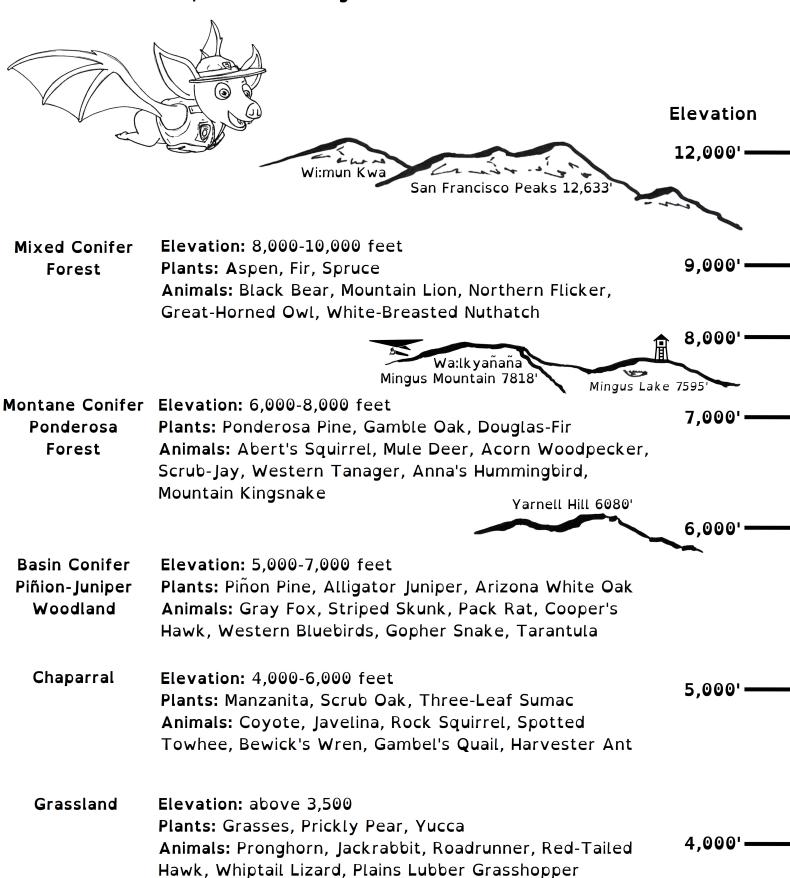


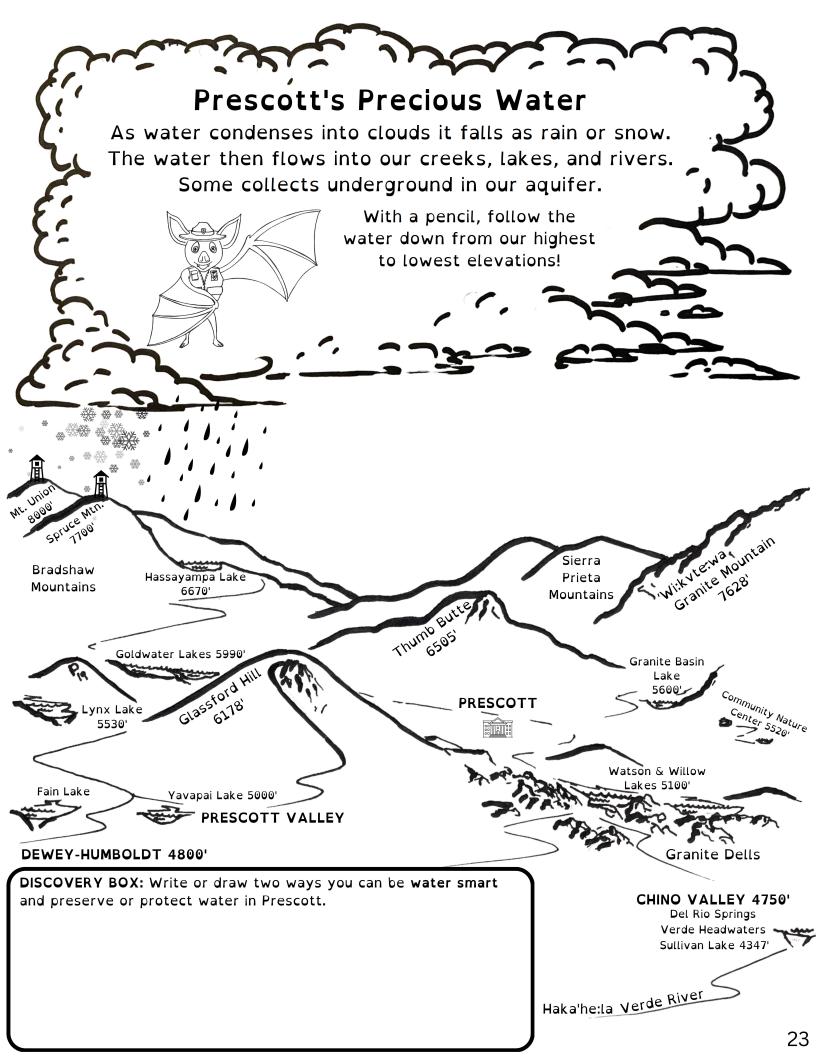




#### **Biotic Communities of Prescott**

As you travel higher in elevation the precipitation increases (it rains more) and the temperature decreases (it gets cooler). Learn what plants and animals have adapted to live together at different elevations of Prescott.





## **Animal Signs**

It can be difficult to find animals in our parks and open spaces with so many people around, so how do we know they are there? By the things they leave behind! These are called "animal signs." Go on a walk and see how many you can find! Cross them off when you see them!



**Animal Tunnels** 



Dog





Squirrel











Spider Webs



Bird Nests or **Feathers** 

**Insect Chewed** 

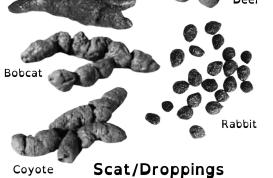
Leaves or Galls





**Animal Chewed** Pinecones/Seeds





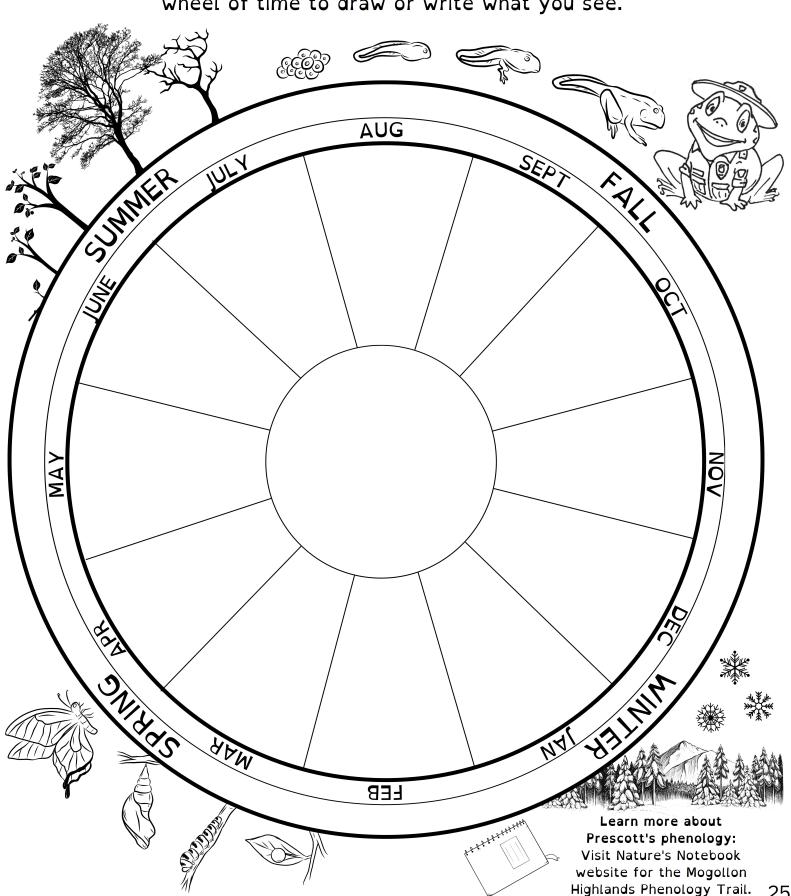
DISCOVERY BOX: Write or draw two signs you found and guess what animal or insect left them behind.

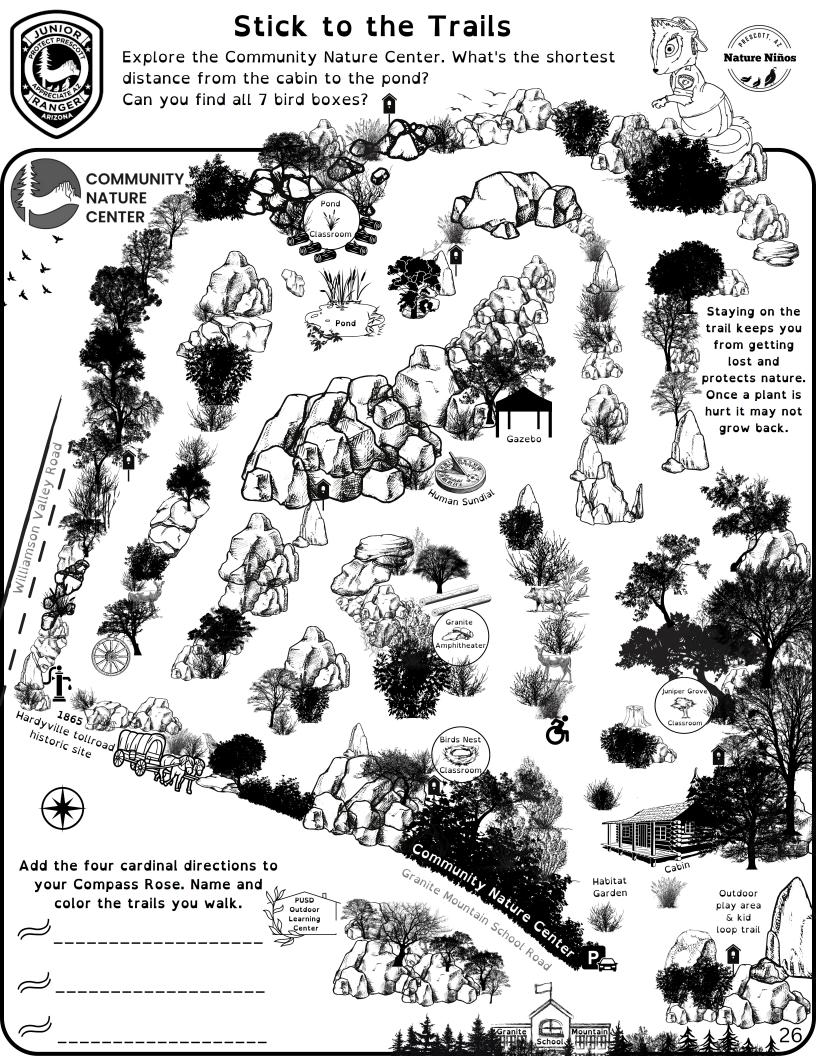
Animal that you think left the sign

Animal that you think left the sign

# Phenology

As a Junior Ranger, it's important to track plant and animal life cycles throughout the seasons. This is a practice called phenology. Pick one spot where you can easily watch nature once a month, and use this wheel of time to draw or write what you see.







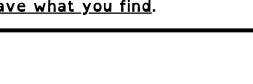
**Outdoor Observations** 

Your 5 Senses: An observation is something you notice using your five senses. Write or draw three SUPER COOL things you observed outdoors. Be sure to leave what you find.

Trail/Location: Date and Time:

Weather:

Observation:

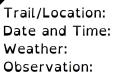


Q: Does carving into a tree hurt the tree?

A: Yes! Just like an injury on your skin, a cut in tree bark exposes the tree to diseases. Carving into trees can also stop the tree from moving the water and nutrients that it need up its trunk. Carving into bark can kill trees!

Q: What's wrong with taking just 1 flower?

A: If every visitor takes 1 flower, there will not be any left for the bees and other animals that depend on the flowers to survive. If too many flowers are picked, they might not grow back next year. Leave the flowers so other visitors can enjoy seeing them and the ecosystem stays healthy.

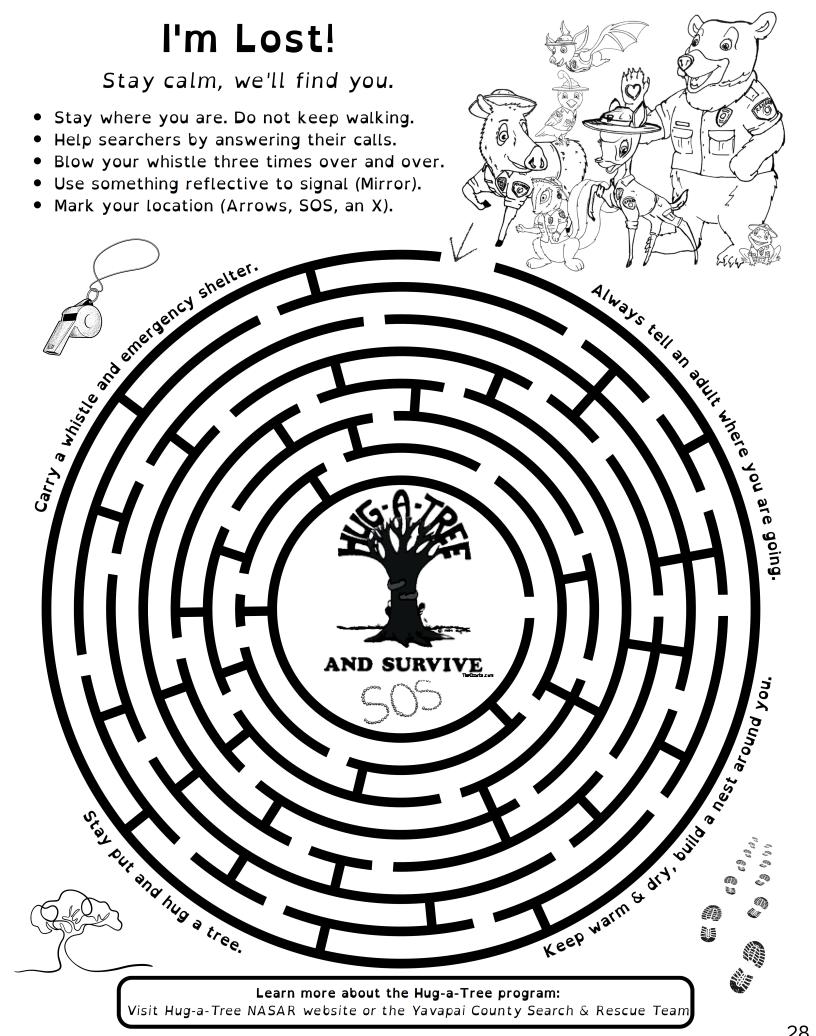


Trail/Location: Date and Time: Weather: Observation:

Trail Map

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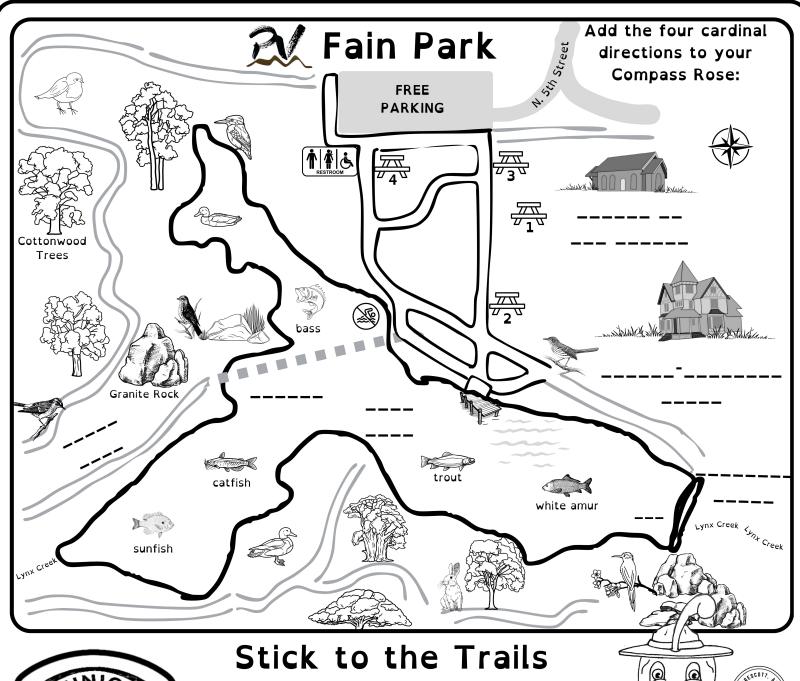




## PRESCOTT VALLEY JUNIOR RANGER



Junior Park Rangers protect Prescott Valley by following the Appreciate AZ Leave No Trace Principles. Instead of taking an item, write or draw about the plants, wildlife or historic items you observed while visiting Fain Park.

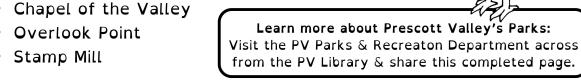




Explore Prescott Valley's Fain Lake and Park. Can you find and label the following locations on the map? Mark all historic items with an 🗶

- Fain Lake
- Barlow-Massicks House

- Bridge
- Dam





#### This certifies that



has completed all the requirements to be a City of Prescott

# JUNIOR RANGER

Today's date:

I promise to follow the Appreciate AZ Leave No Trace Principles and protect Prescott's ecology, culture, history, and outdoor spaces. I will share what I learn with my friends and family.



Junior Ranger Signature



- 1 PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE
- 2 STICK TO THE TRAILS
- **3 TRASH YOUR TRASH**
- 4 LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND
- **5 BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE**
- **6 RESPECT WILDLIFE**
- 7 SHARE THE OUTDOORS

Visit experienceprescott.com and visitarizona.com to learn more about Prescott and the seven Appreciate AZ Leave No Trace Principles

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Please help us continue to provide free outdoor learning opportunities to the youth of our community. Donations of any amount allow our Park Rangers to educate youth through Junior Ranger, Nature Niños, and Community Nature Center programs.



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