

City of Reno

Junior Ranger

Activity Guide



This Junior Ranger Guide Belongs To:

Welcome to the City of Reno Junior Ranger Activity Guide!

With this guide you can discover some of the fun and interesting things in your city parks! Park Rangers are the folks who work to keep the parks safe and protected. As a Junior Ranger you can help! You can become a Junior Ranger with help from an adult or friend.

All you have to do is:



1 Work through the guide as best you can



2 Plan your own adventure on page 5



3 Complete at least 3 Outdoor Activities on page 25



4 Join a City of Reno Park Ranger on at least one Park Ranger-led activity or volunteer event



5 At your Ranger-led event, take the oath and get sworn-in as a Junior Ranger



Junior Ranger Oath

As a Junior Ranger, I promise to protect our Parks! I will respect the wildlife and habitat, practice "Leave No Trace", and share my knowledge with others. It is everyone's responsibility to preserve our parks and I will do my part.



Once you have worked through the activities in the Activity Guide, have an adult help you contact the Park Ranger Office at (775) 334-1201 or email ParkRangers@Reno.Gov to schedule a swearing in with a Park Ranger.



You can also register for an upcoming Park Ranger led activity and get a swearing-in before the activity starts.

Visit Reno.Gov/ParksAndRec and click “Park Activities” for more information.

More Adventure Awaits!



Collect all six stickers to become a Junior Ranger! Get your stickers after attending a Ranger-led event in each of the highlighted parks in each City of Reno Ward. You will receive a certificate of completion that will be presented at a Parks Commission meeting!

Plan ahead and prepare

Please practice the ‘Leave No Trace’ principles while visiting the parks.

- Pay attention to the weather & wear appropriate attire.
- Carry water, first aid supplies, etc.
- Stay on **designated*** trails, do not create shortcuts, and do not disturb sensitive habitat.
- Dispose of waste properly. Pack it in/Pack it out.
- Leave what you find for others to enjoy.
- Respect wildlife and observe them from a safe distance.
- Be considerate of other park visitors.



As you complete the activities in this guide, please observe and enjoy nature in its own environment.

Only take pictures and make sketches as souvenirs!

Good luck, have fun & enjoy your City of Reno parks!

**Highlighted words are defined on page 27*

Outdoor Safety



If you ever get **LOST**
YELL for help and stay in
ONE place (hug a tree) and
WAIT for help.
You won't get in trouble!



Leave-No-Trace



PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Pay attention to
the weather & wear
appropriate **attire**.
Carry water, first aid
supplies, etc.



RESPECT WILDLIFE

Observe them
from a safe
distance.

BE CONSIDERATE of other park visitors.

PACK IT IN / PACK IT OUT

Leave what you find
for others to enjoy.



DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS

Do not create shortcuts, and do not
disturb sensitive **habitat**.



MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE

impacts by being
fire wise.

Plan Your Adventure

Who is going with you?

Start date:

Start time:

Return date:

Return time:

Destination:

Purpose of the trip:

Describe your destination or the route you will take if you're taking a trail:

Weather forecast:

Cross out supplies and equipment you should not bring for a 5-mile hike on a warm day:



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City of Reno Parks

-  Dog Park
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Playground
-  Soccer/Football Field
-  Baseball/Softball Field
-  Tennis Court
-  Basketball Court
-  Horseshoe Court
-  Volleyball Court
-  Pathway/Trails
-  Skate Park
-  Bike Path
-  Tables/Benches
-  Barbecue
-  Lake/Pond/River
-  Exercise
-  Water Play Toys

Ward 4
Dorothy McAlinden Park & Mayors Park

Ward 1
Teglia's Paradise Park

Ward 5
Valley Wood Park

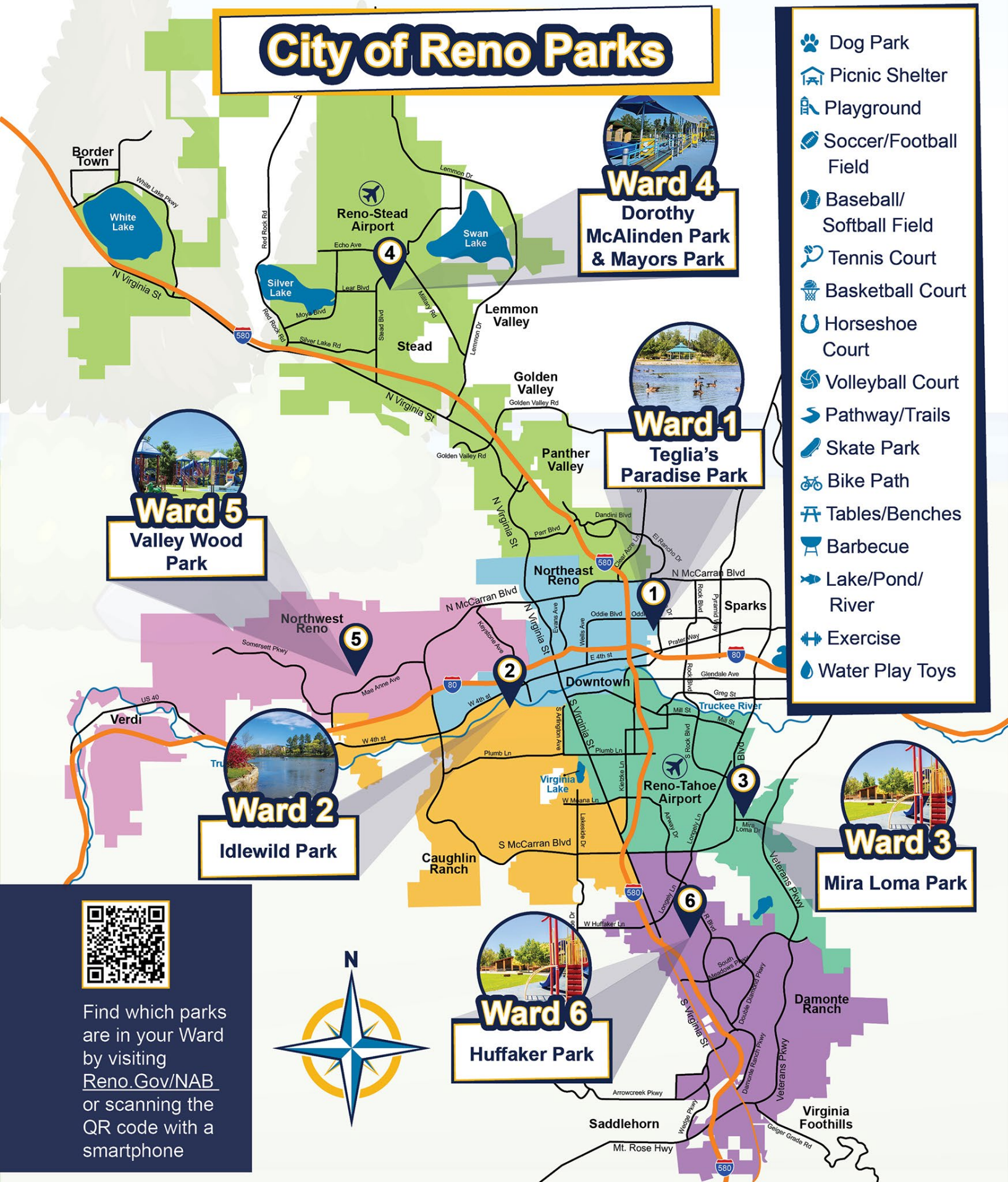
Ward 2
Idlewild Park

Ward 3
Mira Loma Park

Ward 6
Huffaker Park



Find which parks are in your Ward by visiting Reno.Gov/NAB or scanning the QR code with a smartphone



Downtown

Barbara Bennett Park - 400 Island Ave. 🐾🏠🚶🏠➔
Bicentennial Park - 10 Ralston St. ➔🏠➔
Biggest Little Dog Park - 151 W. Commercial Row 🐾🏠
City Plaza - 30 N. Virginia St. 🏠➔
Fulton Corner - 1st St. & Arlington Ave. 🏠➔

Powning Veterans Memorial Park - 150 S. Virginia St. 🏠
Truckee River Whitewater Park - W. 1st St. & Arlington Ave. ➔
West Street Plaza - 220 W. 1st St. 🏠➔
Wingfield Park - 2 S. Arlington Ave. ➔🏠➔

Northwest

Canyon Creek Park - 1485 Robb Dr. 🏠🐾🏠🚶🏠➔
Hilltop Park - 3950 Buckingham Square Blvd. 🏠🏠➔
Irving Circle Park - 85 Irving Park Cir.
Lake Park - 40 Coleman Dr. 🏠➔🏠➔
Las Brisas Park - 5950 Las Brisas Blvd. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Lunsford Park - Riverside Dr. at Jones St. 🏠
McKinley Park - 925 Riverside Dr. 🏠
Northgate Park - 6450 Moonridge Ter. 🏠🏠➔
Northwest Park - 2775 Apollo Wy. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Oxbow Nature Study Area - 3100 Dickerson Rd. ➔🏠➔
Peavine Fields - 825 Wyoming Ave. 🏠

Rainbow Ridge Park - 1355 Rainbow Ridge Rd. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Reno Sports Complex - 2975 N. Virginia St. 🏠
Riverside Drive Park - 650 Riverside Dr. ➔🏠➔
Seminary Park - 1101 Sierra St. 🏠
Sierra Vista Park - 1985 Beaumont Pkwy. ➔🏠
Sky Country Park - 3290 Snake River Dr. 🐾🏠🚶🏠➔
Somerset East Park - 1900 Park Hollow Ct. 🐾🏠🚶🏠
Somerset West Park - 2110 Hawk Meadow Tr. 🏠🏠➔
Terrace Sports Complex - 2525 Robb Dr. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Valley Wood Park - 6555 Valley Wood Dr. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Whitaker Park - 550 University Ter. 🐾🏠🚶🏠➔

Northeast

Dick Taylor Memorial Park - 1140 Beech St. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Eighth Street Parkway - 455 E. 8th St. ➔🏠
Evans Park - 200 E. 9th St. 🏠
Melody Lane Park - 2370 Scottsdale Rd. 🏠➔🏠➔
Pat Baker Park - 1910 Bishop St. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔

Rotary Centennial Park - 1265 Hillboro St. 🏠🏠➔
Sage Street Park - 790 Sage St. 🏠🏠➔
Sterling Village Tot Lot - 760 Winston Dr. 🏠🏠➔
Teglia's Paradise Park - 2745 Elementary Dr. 🏠🏠➔🏠➔
University Ridge Park - 990 S. University Park Loop 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔

Southeast

Brodhead Park - 5 S. Park St. ➔🏠➔
Center Creek Park - 1595 Wilbur May Pkwy. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Comstock Park - 1650 Carat Blvd. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Cyan Park - 2121 Long Meadow Dr. 🐾🏠🚶🏠➔
Damonte Ranch Park - 1950 Steamboat Pkwy. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Donner Party Park - 4385 Loreto Ln. 🏠
Double Diamond Park - 9100 Wilbur May Pkwy. 🏠🏠
Evergreen Park - 9555 Evergreen Dr. ➔🏠
Fisherman's Park I and II - 495 Galletti Wy. 🏠🏠➔
Holcomb Historic Site - 1005 Holcomb Ave. 🏠
Horizon View Park - 9675 Wilbur May Pkwy. 🏠🏠➔🏠➔

Huffaker Park and Trail - 1160 E. Huffaker Ln. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Jamaica Park - 1000 Jamaica Ave. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
John Champion Park - 975 Kuenzli St. 🏠🏠➔
Liston Park - 1635 Yori Ave. 🏠
Miguel Ribera Park - 3925 Neil Rd. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Mira Loma Park - 3000 S. McCarran Blvd. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Pickett Park - 250 Kirman Ave. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Reggie Road Pathway - Reggie Rd./Sierra Madre Dr. ➔
Stewart Park - 400 Stewart St. 🏠🏠➔
Wilkinson Park - 1201 E. Taylor St. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Yori Park - 2800 Yori Wy. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔

Southwest

Caughlin Crest Park - 3851 Cashill Blvd. 🏠
Crissie Caughlin Park - 3415 Idlewild Dr. 🏠🏠➔
Crystal Lake Park - 1190 Country Estates Cir. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Horseman's Park - 2800 Pioneer Dr. ➔
Idlewild Park - 1900 Idlewild Dr. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Ivan Sack Park - 3005 Idlewild Dr. 🏠➔
Jack Tighe Memorial Fields - 325 VFW Historic Ln. 🏠
Manzanita Park - 630 Manzanita Ln. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Mary Gojack Park - 3100 Skyline Blvd. 🏠➔
Moana Springs Recreation Complex - 240 W. Moana Ln. 🏠🏠

Newlands Park - 805 California Ave. 🏠
Plumas Park and Gym - 475 Monroe St. 🏠🏠
Reno Tennis Center - 2601 Plumas St. 🏠
Robinhood Park - 800 Robinhood Dr. 🏠🏠➔
Schiappacasse Park - 3945 Riverhaven Dr. ➔
Summit Ridge Park - 4560 Summit Ridge Dr. 🏠🏠➔
Village Green Park - 4785 Village Green Pkwy. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Virginia Lake Park - 1980 Lakeside Dr. 🐾🏠➔
Wheatland Park - 990 Wheatland Rd. 🏠🏠➔

North Valleys

Dorothy McAlinden Park - 12000 Mt. Charleston St. 🏠🏠➔
Mayors Park - 12000 Mt. Charleston St. 🏠
Panther Valley Park - 850 Link Ln. 🏠🏠➔

Raleigh Heights Park - 825 Burgess Pl. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔
Silver Lake Park - 8755 Red Baron Blvd. 🏠🏠🚶🏠➔

Dog Park

- 1 Always walk your dog on a leash in the park unless it's specifically in a dog park.
- 2 Dogs must be leashed on the way in and out of the dog park and you must always carry a leash.
- 3 Always carry a bag and pick up after your dog everywhere you go.
- 4 Do not approach or pet other people's dogs without asking.
- 5 Keep your dog in your sight and under control.
- 6 Prevent your dog from digging holes.
- 7 If your dog gets aggressive, it must be removed from the dog park.
- 8 Do not make snow angels at the dog park* (not really a rule, just advice).



Draw your favorite dog park!



What is the name of the dog park you drew? _____

Fun Facts About Reno Parks



Idlewild Park

The California Building at Idlewild was a gift to Reno from the State of California.

Oxbow Park

Nature Preserve at the end of Dickerson Road, a **riparian habitat** along a bend in the river



Valley Wood Park

This Northwest Park has a **pollinator** garden and path along Evans Creek

Virginia Lake Park

The island at this park is home to the region's only nesting colony of Double-Breasted Cormorants



Mira Loma Park

The Boynton **Slough** runs through the east side of this park. It has a skate park and a radio-controlled car racetrack.

Wingfield Park

This park is named for a Nevada mining **magnate**. It used to be called Belle Isle and is still a popular spot to get out of the heat in downtown.



Teglia's Paradise Park

This park has fishing ponds that were developed in the 1950's from an old gravel pit.

Barbara Bennett Park

The downtown park is named after Reno's first female mayor in 1979.



Huffaker Park

This south Reno park has a hiking trail that leads to a great view of the Truckee Meadows and the Sierra Nevada

Newlands Park

This park was named for Nevada's US Senator who developed Derby Dam and the **canal** that provides Fallon with water from the Truckee River.



Mayors Park

This desert park has ball fields and a **disc golf** course in the North Valleys

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Ward 1

Teglia's Paradise Park



Teglia's Paradise Park is a large park on the border of Reno and the CITY OF SPARKS. It was developed by ROGER TEGLIA in the 1950s. There are two large ponds and two small ponds that cover about 24 ACRES.

In 1997, there was a large FLOOD in Reno that damaged the park. After the flood the ponds were fixed and sealed. The ponds used to be part of an old gravel **QUARRY**.

The larger ponds are about 18 feet deep and have numerous boulder structures that enhance the **HABITAT** for fish. These ponds are stocked with rainbow and brown TROUT, bluegill, and channel CATFISH. The public is allowed to fish here but must release the fish back into the pond. Bait fishing with NIGHTCRAWLERS, power bait, small spinners, or spoons are recommended to catch fish. Accessible fishing PIERS are found at the north and south ponds.

In addition to the ponds, Teglia's Paradise Park has a large PLAYGROUND, an activity center and a community GARDEN, **FUTSAL** court, workout stations, and walking paths.

Find the CAPITALIZED words in the activity on the next page.

Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle

Words can go in any direction.
Words can share letters as they cross over each other.



ACRES

FUTSAL

NIGHTCRAWLERS

QUARRY

HABITAT

TROUT

CATFISH

GARDEN

PIERS

ROGER TEGLIA

FLOOD

PLAYGROUND

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Ward 2

Idlewild Park



Idlewild Park is one of the City of Reno's larger parks. It is located along the Truckee River west of Downtown Reno.

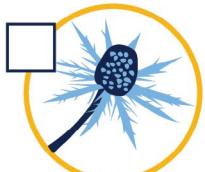
Idlewild has many different features including playgrounds, a skate park, a Sensory Garden, an **arboretum**, a miniature train, duck ponds, athletic fields, workout stations, walking and bike paths, the James Hoff Peace Officers' Memorial and a one acre Rose Garden.

The Rose Garden is dedicated to Fred Gallaway, a former City of Reno **horticulturist**, who helped establish it. This is the only rose garden in Nevada to be certified by the American Rose Society.

Sensory Garden

Go to the Sensory Garden near the California Building and look for the 5 signs around the garden and use them as a guide to find the things you will be touching, hearing, tasting, smelling and seeing. Check off the items you experienced (it's OK if you don't locate them all-just check the ones you were able to find).

Touch



Sea holly



Butterfly Bush



Osage Orange

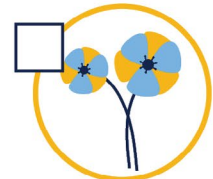


Spanish Fir

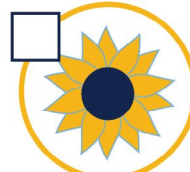
Sight



Red Hot Pokers



Poppies



Giant Sunflower



Purple Sage

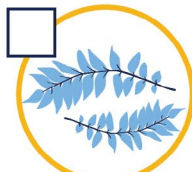
Smell



Honeysuckle



Lavender



Curry

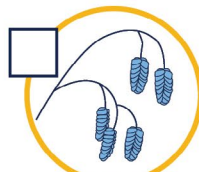


Sweet Pea



Roses

Hearing



Rattlesnake Grass



Quacking Grass



Bamboo



Chinese Lantern



Indian Corn

Taste



Violas



Vegetables



Daylilies



Berries



Sugar Maple



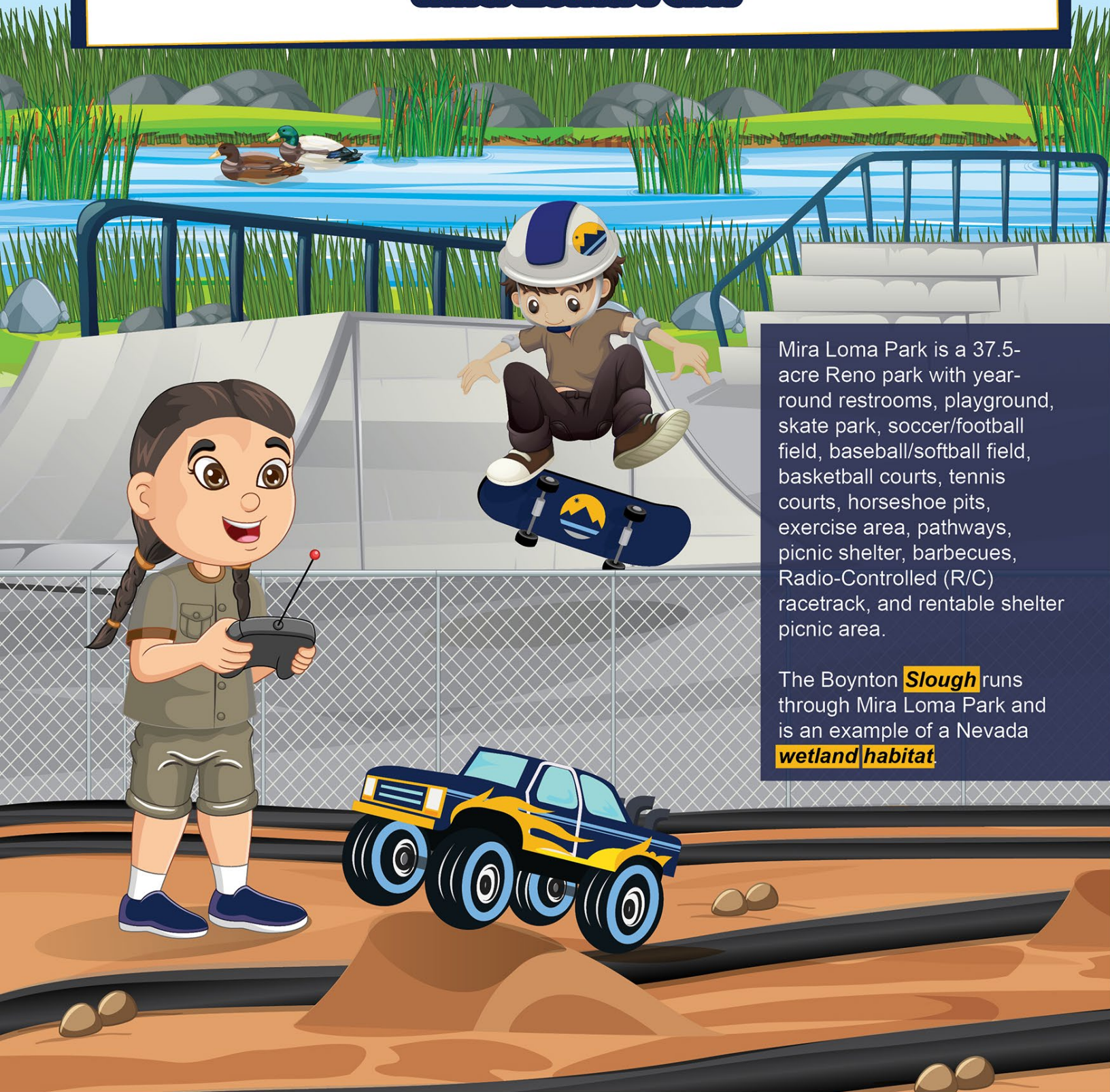
Peppermint

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Ward 3

Mira Loma Park



Mira Loma Park is a 37.5-acre Reno park with year-round restrooms, playground, skate park, soccer/football field, baseball/softball field, basketball courts, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, exercise area, pathways, picnic shelter, barbecues, Radio-Controlled (R/C) racetrack, and rentable shelter picnic area.

The Boynton **Slough** runs through Mira Loma Park and is an example of a Nevada **wetland habitat**.

BINGO

Complete at least 5 activities in a row, or as many as you'd like to get a BINGO and complete this page.

<p>Find 2 different kinds of birds</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p>	<p>Find a deciduous tree</p>	<p>Find a coniferous (evergreen) tree</p>	<p>Find and describe a mammal</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>I rode a _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>in the skate park</p>
<p>Find the Boynton Slough</p>	<p>Do an exercise at an exercise station</p>	<p>Catch and throw a frisbee, football or baseball</p>	<p>Describe an observation about the park</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Find a sign that explains the park rules</p>
<p>Walk or ride on the path through the park</p>	<p>Have a picnic or snack</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>Play on the playground or swing on the swings</p>	<p>Find and describe an insect</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>built the sculptures near the skatepark</p>	<p>What is the weathervane "windmill" used for?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Find the maintenance shop</p>	<p>What does the purple sign say about drinking water from the sprinklers?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>How long is the walking path around the park?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Find solar panels and describe what they do</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>How many granite sculptures are near the skate park?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Pick up 3 pieces of litter/trash</p>	<p>Which direction is Mt. Rose?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Drive a radio-controlled car at the track</p>

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Ward 4

Dorothy McAlinden Park & Mayors Park



Dorothy McAlinden Park features a playground, bathrooms and a rentable picnic shelter.

Mayors Park features ball fields and a **disc golf** course. Walking around the disc golf course, you can see an example of Nevada's desert **habitat**.

Sketch and Observe

Write some **observations** and sketch what desert items you saw in or around Mayors Park



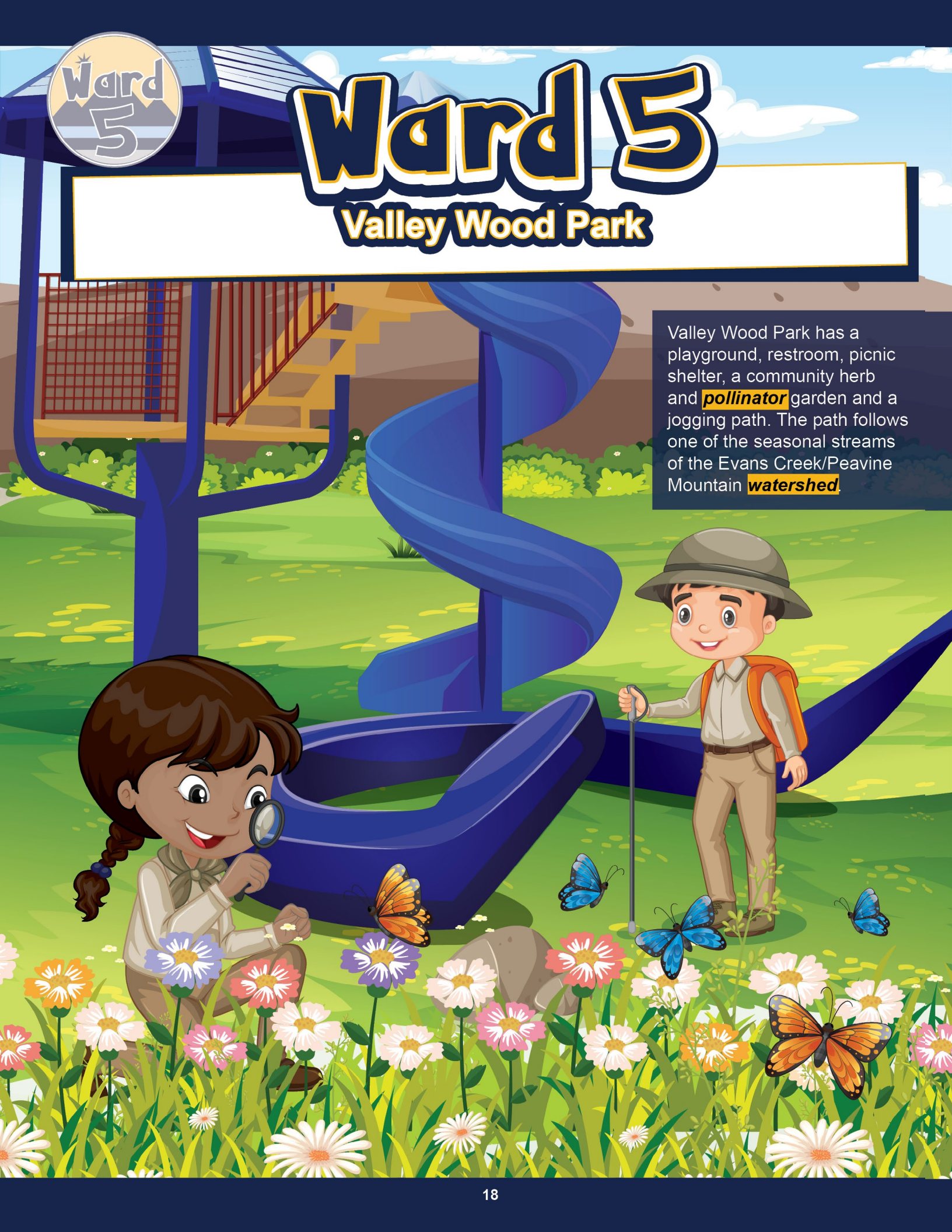
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Ward 5

Valley Wood Park

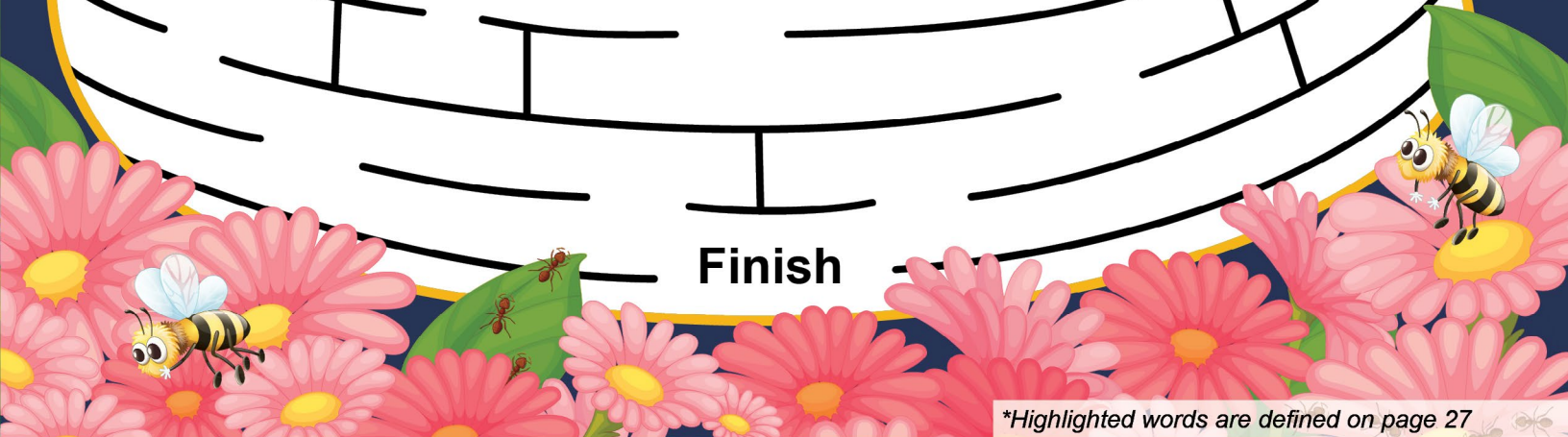
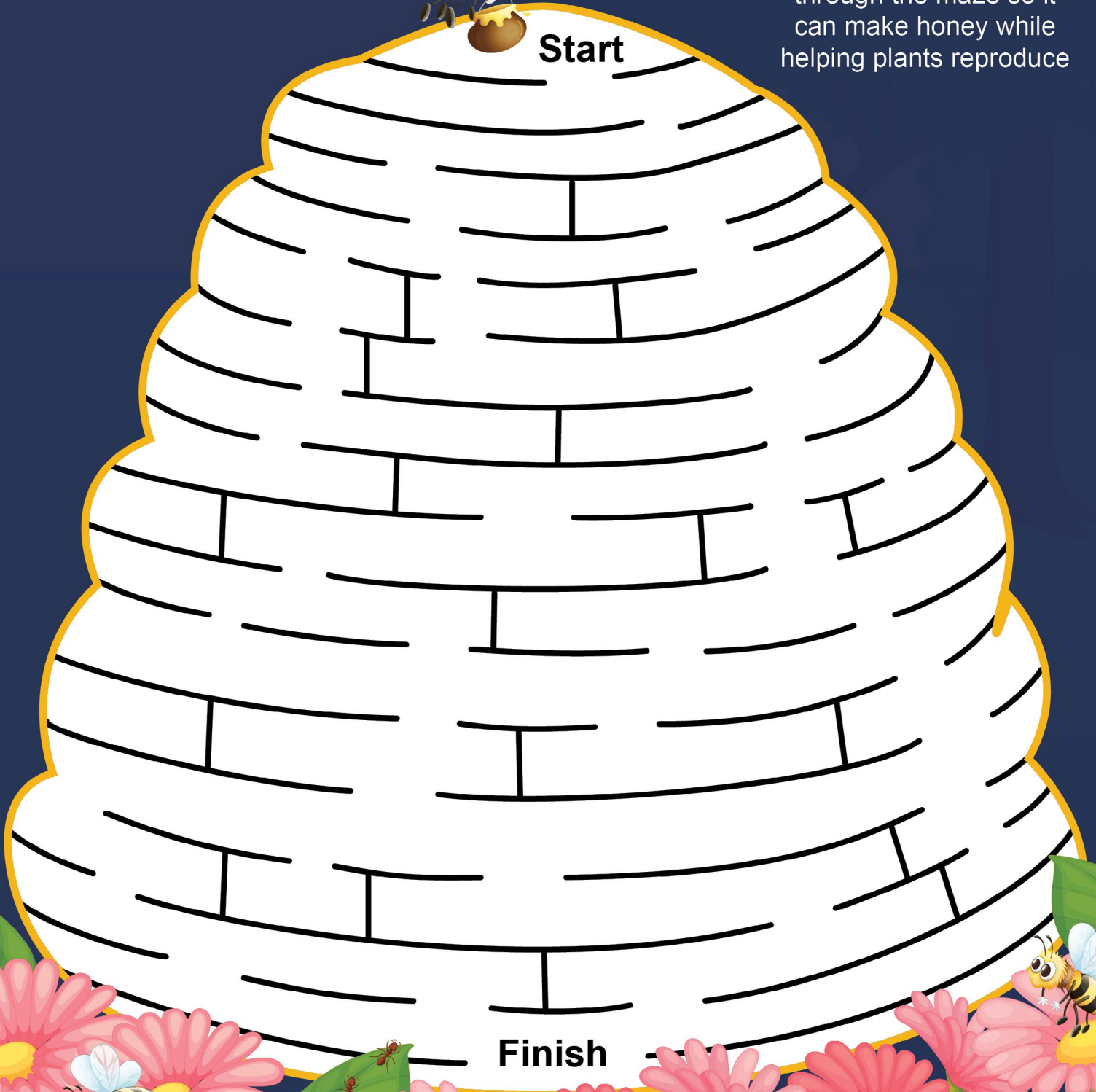
Valley Wood Park has a playground, restroom, picnic shelter, a community herb and **pollinator** garden and a jogging path. The path follows one of the seasonal streams of the Evans Creek/Peavine Mountain **watershed**.



Pollinator Maze



Help the **pollinator** get through the maze so it can make honey while helping plants reproduce



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Ward 6

Huffaker Park



HUFFAKER LOOKOUT
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Huffaker Park features a playground, picnic shelter, restroom, ballfield and the Huffaker Mountain Trial. The trail is an easy 1.8-mile loop with 265 feet of elevation gain. The best time of year to hike the trail is from April through November. During the spring time, colorful wildflowers can be seen.

From the summit of the Huffaker Park Lookout Trail there are awesome views of the Truckee Meadows and Sierra Nevada Mountains. From this area, you can see the many various environments such as: desert, **wetland**, urban, and alpine.

Orienteering Activity

Never Eat Soggy Waffles

A map and compass can help you navigate (also known as **orienteering**). In order to use it you will have to know four important directions: north, south, east and west. A good way to remember these four directions is by using the saying, "Never Eat Soggy Waffles."

The needle on a compass will always point to north. Maps are made so that north is "up" or at the top of the map. You should turn your map so that the top of the map is where the arrow on the compass is pointing. If you know your location on the map, and your map is aligned with your compass, you can find out which direction you need to go to get to where you want to go.

Hike up the hill and in each box near the compass write down or draw something you can see to the North, South, East and West.

NORTH

WEST

EAST



SOUTH

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Go On A Hike

Use your planning and **orienteeing** skills to hike a trail outside of the parks in this guide. Pick one from the list and go do it!



Hunter Creek Trail
4715 Woodchuck
Cir., 89519



Galena Creek Trail
5390 Double Creek
Ct., 89511



**Thomas Creek
Trailhead**
N. Timberline Dr., 89511



Keystone Canyon
3030 Leadership
Pkwy., 89503



Evans Creek
2975 N. Virginia St.,
89503



Tom Cooke
7900 Sugar Pine Ct.,
89523



Huffaker Hills
4599 Alexander Lake
Rd., 89521

Which trail did you hike?

How far did you go?

Did you see anything cool?

What direction of Reno was the trail in, north, south, east or west?

Have a favorite trail that's not on the list? That's great!

What is it called?

What city is it in?

What did you see?

Stormwater

Where does stormwater go?

Did you know?

Stormwater means any water that an area receives from rain or snow

Roof/Gutter Downspouts

Runoff from Roof Surfaces, Driveways, Walkways & Patios

Yard Runoffs

Storm Drain Inlet

Catch Basins

Storm Drain System

Storm Drain Outlet

Truckee River



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Interview a Ranger

1 What do you do to protect the parks and keep people safe?

2 Who are the other people that help keep parks and trails maintained?

3 What is your favorite park and trail?

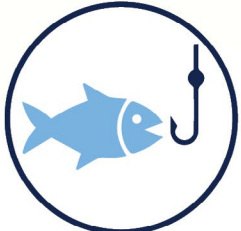
4 How do you become a Park Ranger? What subjects in school did you take?

5 What is the hardest part of the job?

6 What part of the job is the most fun?

Outdoor Activities

Check off each activity you participated in our parks. Do at least 3 activities.



Fishing



Hiking



Picnicking



Sledding



Wildlife Viewing



Dog Walking



Disc Golf



Pickleball



Baseball or Softball



Meet a Park Ranger



Rock Climbing



Soccer



Skateboarding



Running



Biking



Swimming



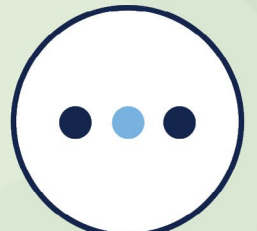
Basketball



Radio-Controlled Car Racing



Photography



Other
(explain below)

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Living with

Wild Horses



Have an adult report any horse-related issues, please include:



Date



Location



Time



Identifying Information



Cautious Driving

Drive with extra caution in areas where horses may be located, especially during dark hours. Follow the posted speed limit.



Fences

Fence out private property. Sturdy fencing around green areas can be helpful to keep horses away from urban areas. Nevada is a fence-out state, meaning livestock are free to roam and feed over any property that is not fenced.



Safe Distance

Keep a safe distance from horses. Horses can be unpredictable and can cause serious bodily injuries.



Report At-Risk Horses

Report injured or at-risk horses and horses causing a public-safety issue. Call (775) 352-3944.



Report Illegal Feeding

Call (775) 353-3608.

Glossary

Arboretum	A garden for trees
Arborist	A person who studies and takes care of trees
Attire	Something you wear like clothes, a hat or shoes
Canal	A ditch or man made waterway
Conifer	A type of tree that has “cones” (like pinecones) that holds seeds and keeps its foliage all year
Deciduous	A type of tree that loses its leaves in the winter
Designated	Marked for a specific purpose, like a walking trail or picnic area
Disc Golf	A game played with a throwing disc (“frisbee”) where you try to make it into a hanging basket in the least amount of throws
Double-Breasted Cormorants	are large waterbirds with small heads on long, kinked necks
Futsal	A game similar to soccer (futbol) played on a fenced-in court
Foliage	The leaves, needles, buds, or flowers of a plant
Granite	Coarse- or medium-grained intrusive igneous rock that is rich in quartz and feldspar
Habitat	A natural place of an organism, a type of environment where organisms live - <i>Example: Desert</i>
Horticulturist	A person who studies and grows plants
Magnate	An important person - <i>Example: School Principal, City Mayor</i>
Observation	Something you saw, smelled, felt, heard or noticed
Orienteering	An activity involving finding your location and direction
Pollen	A part of a plant (usually a yellow dust or powder) that helps it reproduce when spread to other plants
Pollinator	An organism that helps plants reproduce by spreading pollen - <i>Example: Bees, Ants, Bats, etc.</i>
Quarry	An open hole or mine from which rocks or gravel is taken
Riparian	A type of habitat where an aquatic (water) environment blends into another type of environment like a desert or plains (usually found at the edge of rivers, lakes and streams)
Slough	A channel, canal or swamp that is usually full of water
Ward	A district, division or part of a town - <i>Example: Reno has 6 Wards</i>
Watershed	The area or region drained by streams or rivers
Wetland	A type of environment or habitat that is often wet and muddy



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