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Prizes available for youth (18 & under) that complete the clues at 1, 5, and 10 parks. Youth who complete the clues for more than 10 parks will be entered to win the grand prize.

Families can have fun and claim kids' prizes at our Park Hop Celebration on Saturday, April 4th, 1-2pm, at Heritage Trail Park (park near the intersection of First and Cragmont) and come to the fire pit.

## Welcome to the 2020 Park Hop - a scavenger hunt for the whole family!

The Park Hop is a fun way for kids of all ages to visit parks across the community. This year is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. We're joining thousands of other groups to host Earth Day events all year long. This year, the Park Hop clues challenge you to learn about the natural world and have fun in nature.

Happy hopping!

[www.oakheritageconservancy.org/findparks/park-hop/](http://www.oakheritageconservancy.org/findparks/park-hop/)

# Jefferson County Park Hop

*Kids: You may need more room to answer these clues! If so, use scratch paper to make a nature journal. You can draw or write about what you discover at each park and nature preserve.*

*Parents: Most of these parks are now listed on Google Maps. We hope this helps with directions!*

- 1 Clifty Falls State Park** 2221 Clifty Drive, Madison, IN 47250
- Visit Big Clifty Falls. This waterfall is 60 feet tall. How much taller than you is this falls?
  - Observe the birds at the feeders at the Nature Center or Inn. What color birds do you see?

- 2 Heritage Park** Corner of Vernon and Vaughn, Madison, IN 47250
- Use your senses to observe (look, listen, smell, etc.) the Ohio River. What kind of animals do you think live in the river? What animals live beside the river's edge?

- 3 Heritage Trail** Entrance: Heritage Park or at the end of McIntire St, Madison, IN
- People like to walk on this trail - and lots of animals visit this park, too! Make up a story about the animals who live beside the creek and in this steep forest.

- 4 Webster Woods Nature Preserve** 10661 W Ford Rd  
Lexington, IN 47138
- Park at the church. Walk down the gravel road, to the east, to find the walking trail. Look for wildflowers along the trail. What colors are they?
  - This nature preserve is home to lots of frogs! If you notice any small ponds, go look for frog eggs. They will be gooey clumps floating in the water.

- 5 Bicentennial Park** 106 Vaughn Drive, Madison, IN 47250
- What type of animal is on the bench next to the entrance arch?
  - When this park floods, it can bring trash from up-river. Look around for litter, then lend a hand to care for the planet: pick it up and recycle or dispose of the trash.

- 6 Hanover College Trails** Hanover Valley Trail Entrance:  
College Ave, Hanover, IN 47243
- Do you see any flowers blooming along the trail? What kind of animals do you think depend on those flowers to survive?
  - Stop and be absolutely silent. What kind of sounds do you hear?

- 7 Gaines Park** 628 Broadway Street, Madison, IN 47250
- Walk around the park. Do you see any shadows? Describe them.
  - Take a snack, enjoy it in the park. Think about what foods animals in this park might eat. Be sure to take any snack wrappers or bags with you when you leave.

- 8 Hanover Town Park** 200 Spruce Lane, Hanover, IN 47243
- How many of the following can you find: fallen leaf, evergreen needle, pine cone, insect, worm, rock, clover.
  - What else here is interesting to you?

- 9 Hargan-Matthews Park** 101 E. Vaughn Drive, Madison, IN 47250
- What's the name of the ship at the center of the playground? Go play on it!
  - There are six trees in this park. Do you think they like watching the Ohio river flow by?

- 10 Johnson Lake Park** 634 Seminary St, Madison, IN 47250
- Walk part of the loop around the lake. Which direction is the wind blowing from?
  - What animals, plants, or insects do you see on the lake trail? Can you draw one?

- 11 Jaycee's Park** 619 Vaughn Drive, Madison, IN 47250
- Swing on the swings and pretend you're a bird soaring through the air. What type of bird would you want to be? Why?
  - Do you see any real birds? Tell a story about why they're visiting the park today.

- 12 John Paul Park** 500 West Third Street, Madison, IN 47250
- Stand in the center of the gazebo and stomp your feet. What do you hear?
  - Observe the trees. Note their leaves, size and bark. Identify at least 2 trees.

- 13 Krueger Lake County Park** 101 W JPG Ordinance Dr  
Madison, Indiana
- Visit the pollinator habitat. What kind of native plants do Monarchs need?
  - What kinds of birds or other animals do you see or hear? Name at least two.

- 14 Lorenz Park** 933 East Street, Madison, IN 47250
- The play equipment lists lots of animals and plants that live here. Look for each one...can you find them? Bat, Hawk, Hummingbird, Owl, Raccoon, Deer, Coyote, Butterfly, Ant, Beetle, Maple, Oak, Alder, Cone, Fern

- 15 Skate Park, Park for All Children** 801 Green Rd  
Madison, IN 47250
- If you could do any trick, what trick would you do using the skate ramps?

- 16 Oak Hill Park** 2700 Basswood Drive, Madison, IN 47250
- Go to the swing set and close your eyes. Imagine you can fly. Draw the park from a bird's point of view.
  - Turn in a circle slowly. Do you hear any birds or insects?

- 17 Rainbow Park** 200 Sharp Street, Hanover, IN 47243
- In the big open space, how many times can you spin around?
  - When you stop what nature sounds can you hear? (For example, any sounds from animals or the wind?)

- 18 Hatcher Hill Trail** Parking near north end of Walnut Street,  
near 1215 Walnut St, Madison, IN 47250
- Many people in the community worked together to create this trail. It's a lovely place for people to fall in love with nature. What do you want to do to help nature and our community?

- 19 Crooked Creek East Trail** Begins at Hanging Rock Motors,  
Comes out on 800 block of third street
- Find three different leaves. Look at their shape, size, color, and texture. What do they have in common? What makes them different?