



Welcome to the 2021 Park Hop - A scavenger hunt for the whole family!

**Visit as many parks and nature preserves as you can.
Have fun exploring and earn neat prizes!**

The Park Hop is a fun way for families to visit parks across the community - and maybe even find a new favorite park. Kids will answer clues, learn about the natural world, and have fun exploring. Get hopping!

Jefferson County Park Hop

Explore Jefferson County's parks and nature preserves, and experience something new with the Park Hop Passport.

Each activity page in this guide will help you on a journey of discovery of the natural world. Complete your Passport by visiting each of the parks in Jefferson County.

Kids earn prizes based on how many parks they visit. Go to the Oak Heritage Conservancy website to claim prizes.

*Check each activity for any extra materials you may want to take to the park.

It's easy to find the parks and nature preserves. Each one is now listed on Google Maps. You can also check out this map of our community's parks on the Oak Heritage website.



1. Clifty Falls State Park

2221 Clifty Drive, Madison, IN 47250

2. Heritage Park

Corner of Vernon and Vaughn, Madison, IN 47250

3. Heritage Trail

Entrance: Heritage Park or
at the end of McIntire St, Madison, IN

4. Webster Woods Nature Preserve

10661 W Ford Rd, Lexington, IN 47138

5. Bicentennial Park

106 Vaughn Drive, Madison, IN 47250

6. Hanover College Trails

Hanover Valley Trail Entrance:
College Ave, Hanover, IN 47243

7. Gaines Park

628 Broadway Street, Madison, IN 47250

8. Hanover Town Park

200 Spruce Lane, Hanover, IN 47243

9. Hargan-Matthews Park

101 E. Vaughn Drive, Madison, IN 47250

10. Johnson Lake Park

634 Seminary St, Madison, IN 47250

11. Jaycee's Park

619 Vaughn Drive, Madison, IN 47250

12. John Paul Park

500 West Third Street, Madison, IN 47250

13. Krueger Lake County Park

101 W JPG Ordinance Dr, Madison, Indiana

14. Lorenz Park

933 East Street, Madison, IN 47250

15. Skate Park, Park for All Children

801 Green Rd, Madison, IN 47250

16. Oak Hill Park

2700 Basswood Drive, Madison, IN 47250

17. Rainbow Park

200 Sharp Street, Hanover, IN 47243

18. Hatcher Hill Trail

Parking near north end of Walnut Street,
near 1215 Walnut St, Madison, IN 47250

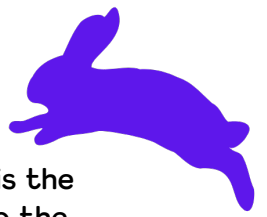
19. Crooked Creek East Trail

Begins at Hanging Rock Motors,
Comes out on 800 block of third street

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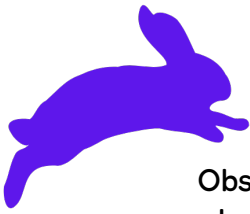
Clifty Falls State Park



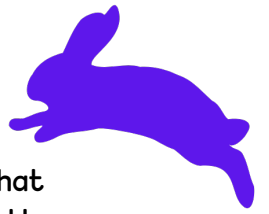
Visit Clifty Falls. This waterfall is 60 feet tall. How much taller than you is the waterfall? Draw a picture of Clifty Falls, and a picture of yourself next to the waterfall. Write down your height next to you, and Clifty Falls' height next to it as a diagram to show the difference.

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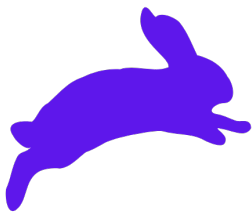




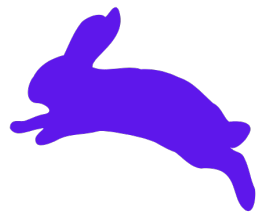
Clifty Falls State Park



Observe the birds at the feeders at the Nature Center or Clifty Inn. What color birds do you see? Try and draw three birds that you see and write the list of colors you see next to each bird.



Heritage Park

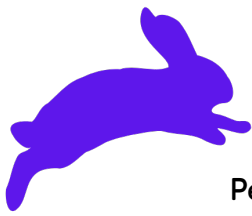


Use your senses to observe (look, listen, smell, etc.) the Ohio River.

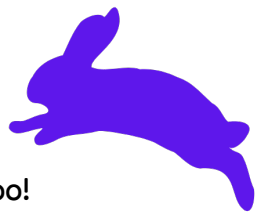
What kind of animals do you think live in the river? What animals may live beside the river's edge. Write a list, or draw pictures of the types of animals you think make the Ohio River and its shores home.

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Heritage Trail



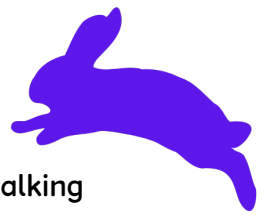
People like to walk on this trail – and lots of animals visit this park too!
Make up a story about the animals who live beside the creek and in this
steep forest and write it down on this page!

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Webster Woods Nature Preserve

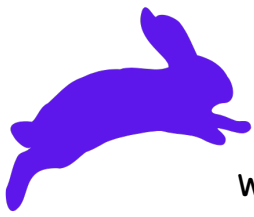


Park at the Church. Walk down the gravel road, to the east, to find the walking trail. Look for wildflowers along the trail and write down what colors they are.

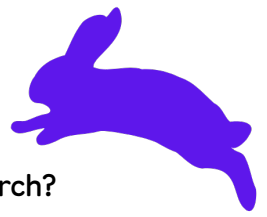
This nature preserve is home to lots of frogs! If you notice any small ponds, go look for frog eggs. Frog eggs are in gooey clumps floating in the water. Draw one of the gooey clumps of frog eggs you see in the space below.

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Bicentennial Park



What type of animal do you see in the bench next to the entrance arch?
Draw a picture of the animal you see in the space below.

When the park floods during heavy rains, it can bring trash for up river. Look around for litter, then lend a hand and pick up some of the trash and recycle, or dispose of it properly.

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Hanover College Trails



Do you see any flowers blooming along the trail? What kind of animals do you think depend on those flowers to survive. Write down a list of animals you think might need wildflowers to survive, and draw a picture of one of them in the space below.

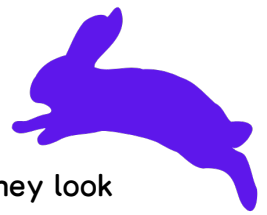
Stop right where you are for a few minutes and be absolutely silent. What kinds of sounds do you hear? Write down what you were able to hear.

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Gaines Park

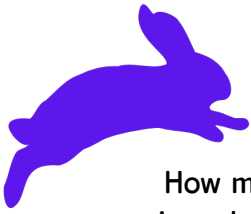


Walk around the park. Do you see any shadows? Describe them and what they look like to you.

Take a snack with you and enjoy it in the park. Think about what foods animals in this park might like to eat and draw one of those foods and write the name of the animal that you think would like to eat it in the space below.

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Hanover Town Park

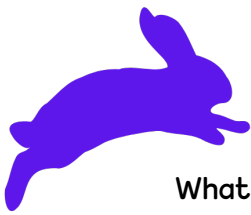


How many of the following can you find: fallen leaf, evergreen needle, pine cone, insect, worm, rock, clover. Write down the number of each of the things you find.

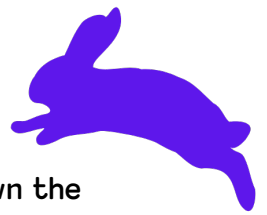
There are many areas to play different sports at this park. What is your favorite sport you like to play here? Draw a picture of something from the sport you picked in the space below.

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Hargan-Matthews Park



What is the name of the ship at the center of the playground? Write down the name of the ship, and then go play on it!

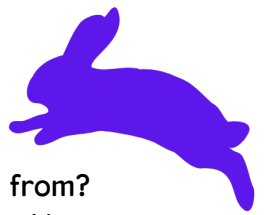
There are six trees in this park. Do you think they like watching the Ohio river flowing by them?

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Johnson Lake Park

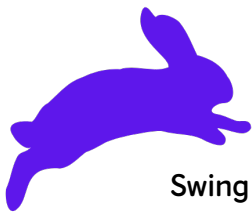


Walk part of the loop around the lake. Which direction is the wind blowing from?
Draw an arrow showing the direction the wind is blowing and write the direction
next to the arrow.

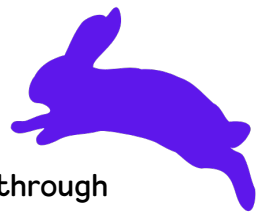
What animals, plants, or insects do you see on the lake trail? Can draw one in the
space below?

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Jaycee's Park

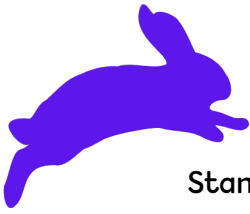


Swing on the swings here at the park and pretend you are a bird soaring through the air. What type of bird would you want to be? Why?

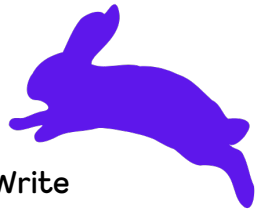
Do you see any real birds? Tell a story about why they are visiting the park today.

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John Paul Park

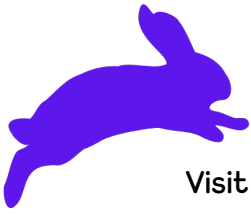


Stand in the center of the gazebo and stomp your feet. What do hear? Write about what you heard it in the space below.

Observe the trees around you. What do their leaves look like? How big are the trees, and what does the bark look like? Can you identify toe of the trees here in park? Draw the leaves of the two trees you identified, and write the name of each tree below each leaf in the space below.

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Krueger Lake County Park

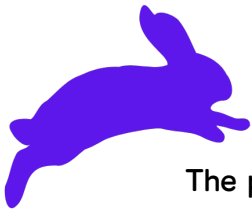


Visit the pollinator habitat. What kind of plants do Monarchs need to survive?
Write down the names of the plants they need to eat.

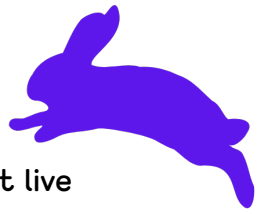
What kinds of birds and other animals do you see or hear? Name at least two, and
write their names in the space below.

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Lorenz Park



The play equipment here at the park lists lots of animals and plants that live here. Look for each one...can you find them all?

☐ Bat

☐ Butterfly

☐ Hawk

☐ Ant

☐ Hummingbird

☐ Beetle

☐ Owl

☐ Maple

☐ Raccoon

☐ Oak

☐ Deer

☐ Alder

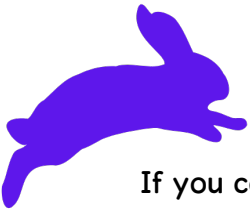
☐ Coyote

☐ Cone

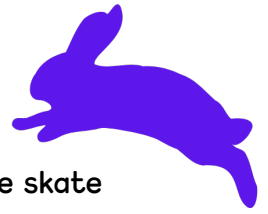
☐ Fern

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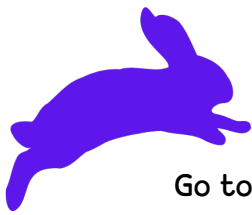
Skate Park, Park for All Children



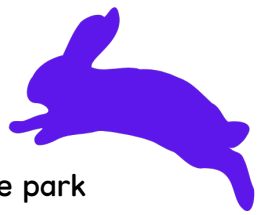
If you could do any trick on a skateboard, what trick would you do using the skate ramps? Describe it in writing below, or draw it.

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Oak Hill Park

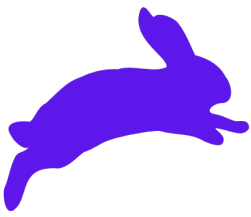


Go to the swing set and close your eyes and imagine you can fly. Draw the park from a bird's point of view in the space below.

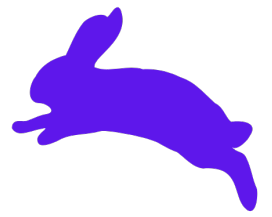
Turn in a circle very slowly. Do you hear any birds or insects? Write what kinds you hear below.

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Rainbow Park

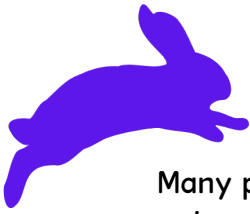


In the big green open space, how many times can you spin around?

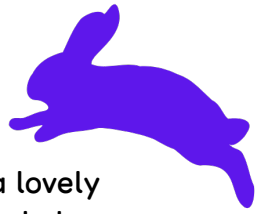
When you stop spinning, listen for what nature sounds you can hear. Write down any sounds you hear in the space below (animals, insects, wind, trees).

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Hatcher Hill Trail



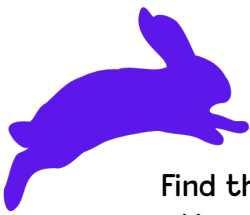
Many people in the community worked together to create this trail. It is a lovely place for people to fall in love with nature. What would you want to do to help nature and our community? Write a story about it in the space below.

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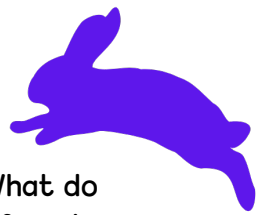


Healthy Communities
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Crooked Creek East Trail



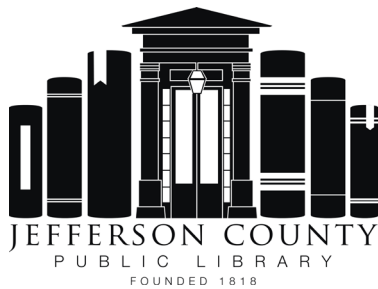
Find three different leaves. Look at their shape, size, color, and texture. What do they have in common? What makes them different? Draw the leaves you found below and list some of the things about each leaf that make them unique.

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The Jefferson County
Park Hop was brought to you
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Ready to claim your prizes?

Prizes available to youth (18 and under) that complete clues
for 3, 5, and 10 parks. Claim prizes online (it's easy)
and then pickup prizes at the Madison Library.

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