

PARK PAL
COLORING & ACTIVITY
ADVENTURES



OKLAHOMA
STATE PARKS



Howdy!

I'M YOUR
PARK PAL.

I would like for YOU to be my Park Pal too!
Let me tell you why:

We have many beautiful state parks in Oklahoma.
They belong to everyone who lives in our state.

Park Pal NEEDS your help
to keep our parks litter-free.
Habitats that are litter-free
are better homes for wildlife.

"Protect our parks...they depend on You!"

Go Hiking with Park Pal

and see how many creatures you can find.



HOW CAN I BECOME A GOOD PARK PAL?

Keep pets on a leash. This protects wildlife, and your pet, from being harmed.



Water safety is so very important. Stay safe by wearing a Life-vest whenever you're at a lake or river.



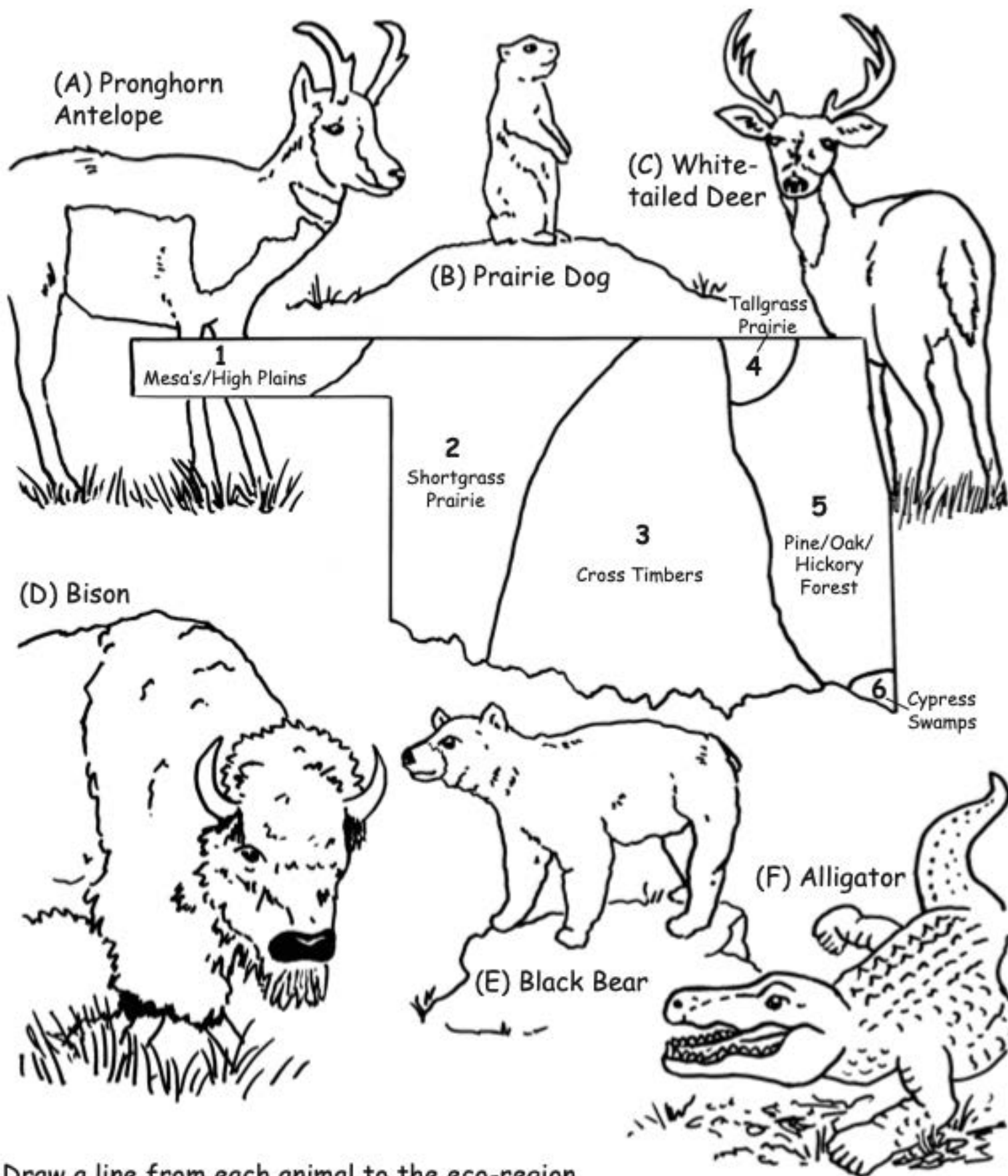
Thank you for Doing the Right Thing With Litter! By throwing litter in a dumpster or trash can you help keep our state parks beautiful!



Smell and enjoy Wildflowers. Their nectar is an important food for butterflies, hummingbirds and many other animals.



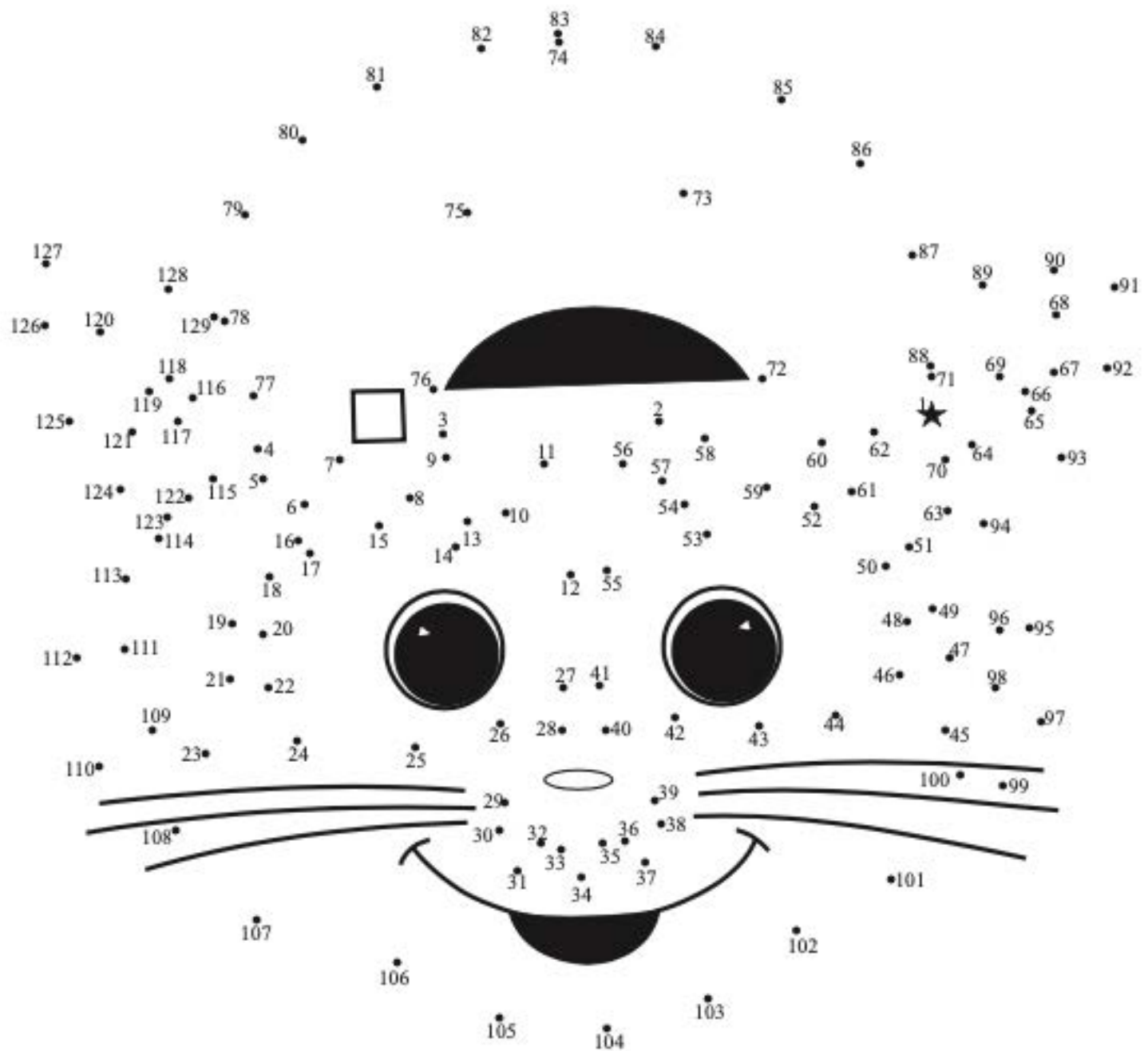
DIFFERENT ECO-REGIONS IN OKLAHOMA Are Preferred By Different Animals.



Draw a line from each animal to the eco-region where they live.

Answer Key: (A-1), (B-2), (C-3), (D-4), (E-5), (F-6)

DOT TO DOT FUN WITH PARK PAL



★ Begin at the star



A-MAZING HIKE

Avoid the
Roadblocks to Find
Park Pal's Campsite.



THINGS YOU CAN SEE AND DO IN OKLAHOMA'S STATE PARKS.

S	G	N	I	P	M	A	C	B	K	F	I	S	H	H
T	L	I	D	R	I	B	E	A	G	L	E	R	N	O
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P	E	B	O	A	T	I	N	G	D	U	O	L	C	S
I	L	C	L	Y	U	R	T	S	B	S	E	K	A	L

WORD SEARCH Locate and circle the words below in the grid above. Words may run forwards, backwards, vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

BASS

BEES

BIRD

BOATING

CABIN

CAMPING

CLOUD

COOK OUTS

CONSERVATION

CAVES

DEER

DUCKS

EAGLE

FISH

FLOATING

FLOWERS

FROGS

GOLF

GRILL

HOT DOGS

IVY

LAKES

LEAF

LIZARDS

MOSS

NATURE

PARK

PARK PALS

POST OAK

ROCKS

SKIING

SPIDER

TIPI

TRAILS

SNAKES

YURTS

DANGER

DO NOT Touch!



Draw a line to connect each name below with its picture.

1. Poison Ivy
2. Opossum
3. Black Widow
4. Rattlesnake
5. Mistletoe (white berries)
6. Snapping Turtle



Opossum and other wildlife will bite! Watch from a distance.



Leaves of 3;
Let it be!

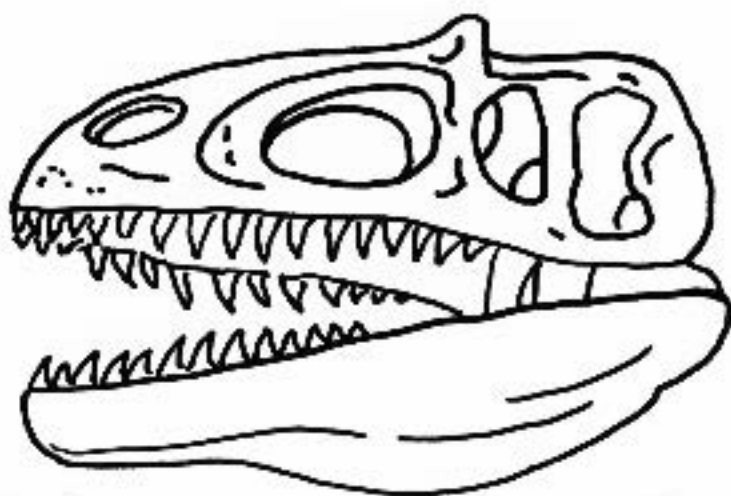


Berries, nuts and seeds are food for wildlife; NOT people food!

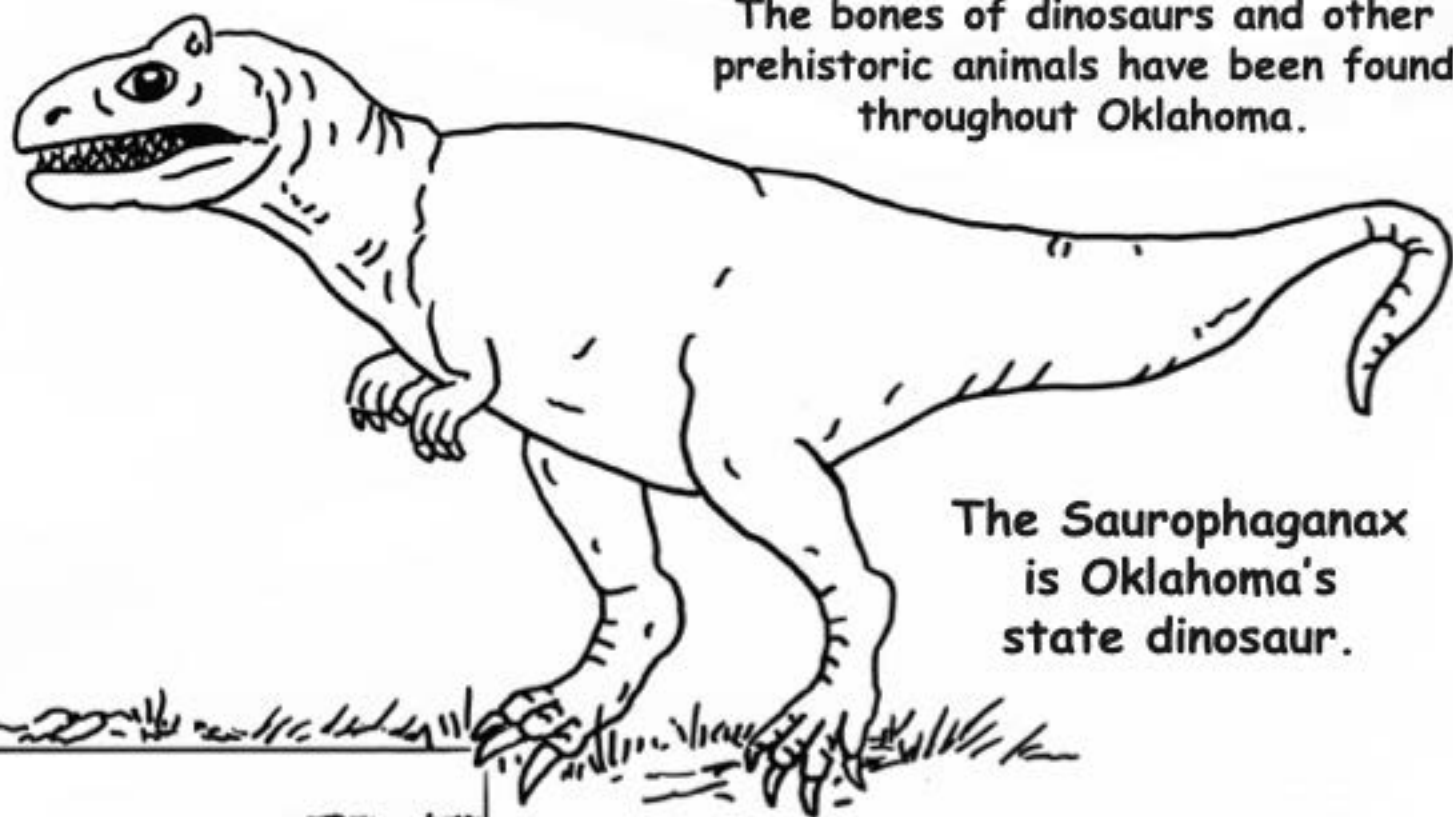


LONG AGO DINOSAURS LIVED IN OKLAHOMA.

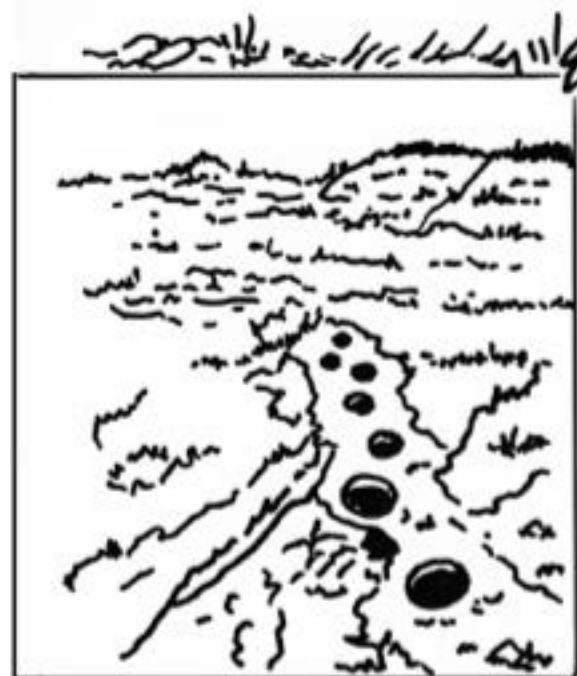
The skeleton of this dinosaur was found in 1931, near the town of Kenton, by paleontologist Dr. John Stovall and his team from the University of Oklahoma. Long ago this large carnivore, called a theropod, lived in the Black Mesa region of Oklahoma.



The bones of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals have been found throughout Oklahoma.



The Saurophaganax is Oklahoma's state dinosaur.



Black Mesa &
Black Mesa State Park

You can see REAL
DINOSAUR TRACKS near
the Black Mesa Nature Preserve
& Black Mesa State Park!

PARK PAL'S ROAD TRIP TO STATE

Lake
Thunderbird



To
40



Lake
Eufaula

McGee
Creek

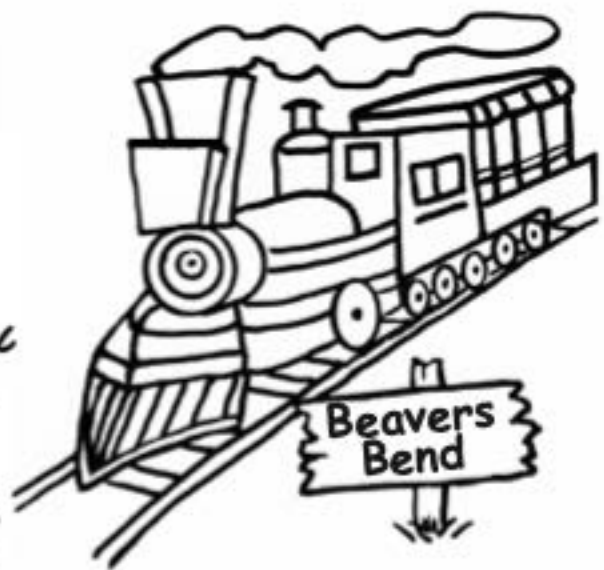
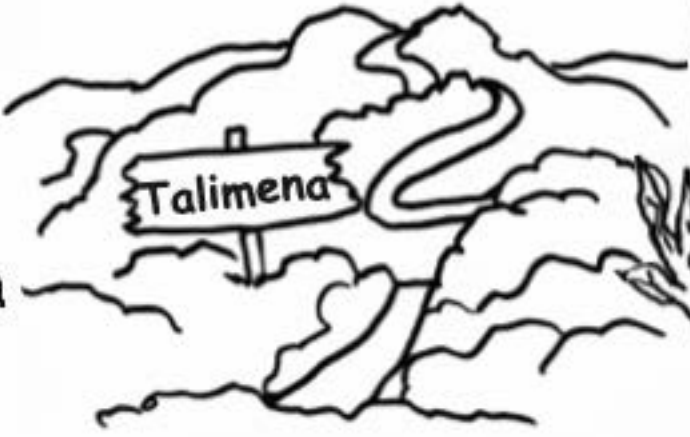
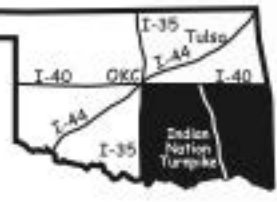
Lake
Murray



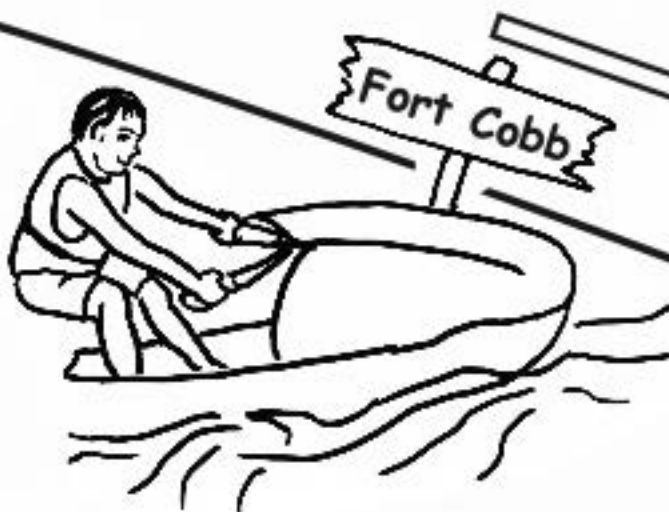
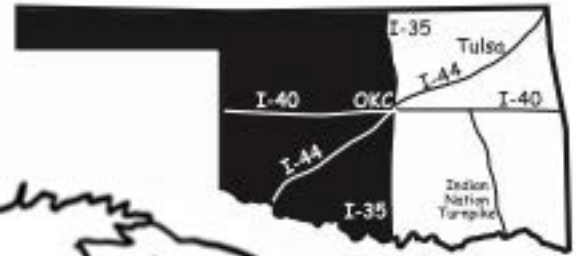
Lake
Texoma



PARKS IN SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA



PARK PAL'S ROAD TRIP TO STATE



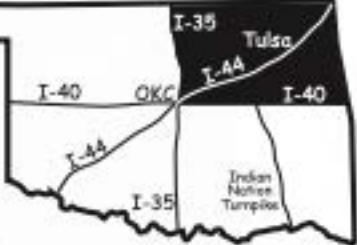
PARKS IN WESTERN OKLAHOMA



PARK PAL'S ROAD TRIP TO STATE



Osage Hills



INTERSTATE
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Tulsa

Keystone



Greenleaf

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PARKS IN NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA



WILDFLOWERS provide food for many kinds of animals.

Be like Park Pal and never pick wildflowers.

Just enjoy their beauty.



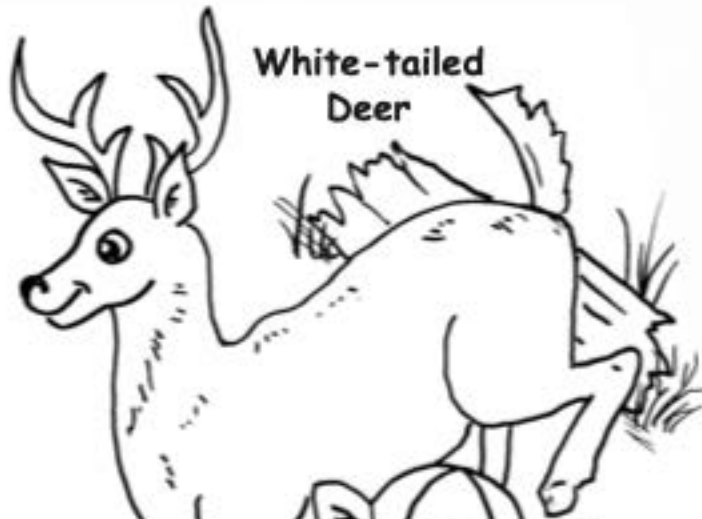
1-Gayfeather, 2-Butterfly Weed, 3-Brown-eyed Susan, 4-Dandelion, 5-Wild Rose,
6-Mexican Hat, 7-Indian Blanket, 8-Butter Cup, 9-Indian Paintbrush, 10-Ox Eyed Daisy,
11-Thistle 12-Queen Anne's Lace, 13-Sunflower, 14-Purple Cone Flower,
15-Cardinal Flower, 16-Hummingbird, 17-Honeybee, 18-Monarch Butterfly,
Color Code: B-Blue, Br-Brown, O-Orange, P-Purple, Pi-Pink, R-Red, W-White, Y-Yellow,
Bk-Black. Use different shades of green on leaves, stems and background.

8 OKLAHOMA SYMBOLS

Redbud
Tree



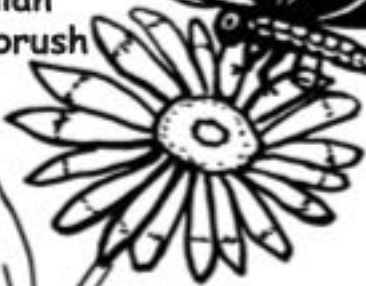
White-tailed
Deer



Black
Swallowtail



Indian
Paintbrush



Raccoon



Honeybee



Bullfrog



Sand Bass

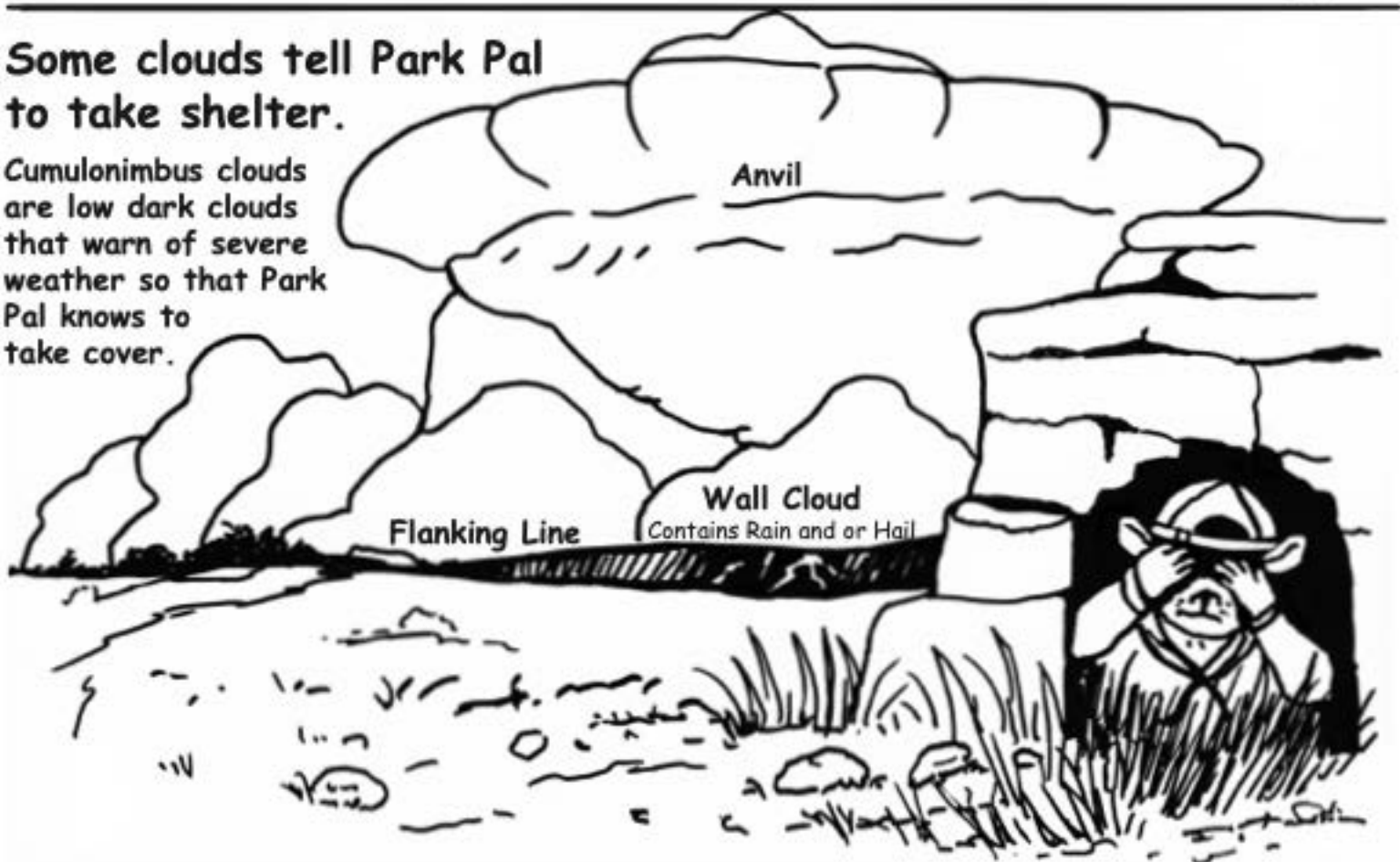


CLOUDS HELP PARK PAL KNOW WHEN IT'S SAFE.

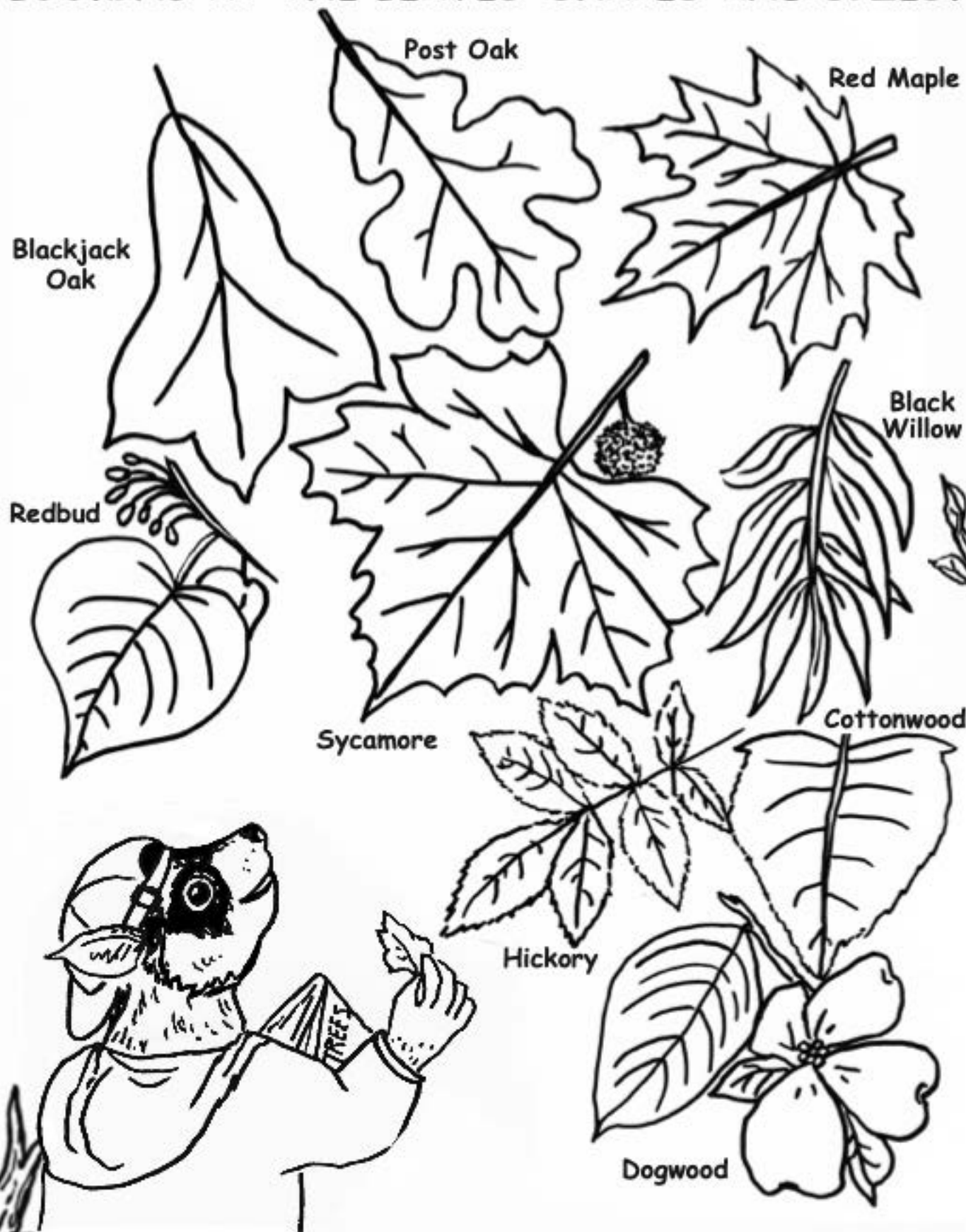


Some clouds tell Park Pal to take shelter.

Cumulonimbus clouds are low dark clouds that warn of severe weather so that Park Pal knows to take cover.



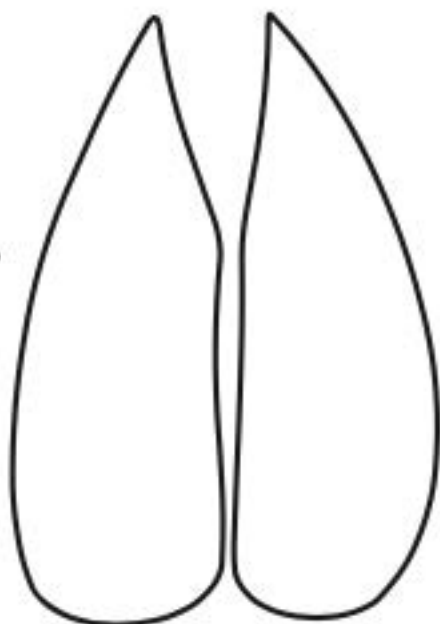
ONE WAY PARK PAL IDENTIFIES TREES IS BY
LOOKING AT THE LEAVES' SHAPES AND SIZES.



FIND PARK PAL AND HIS FRIENDS

By Their Tracks On Your Next Hike.

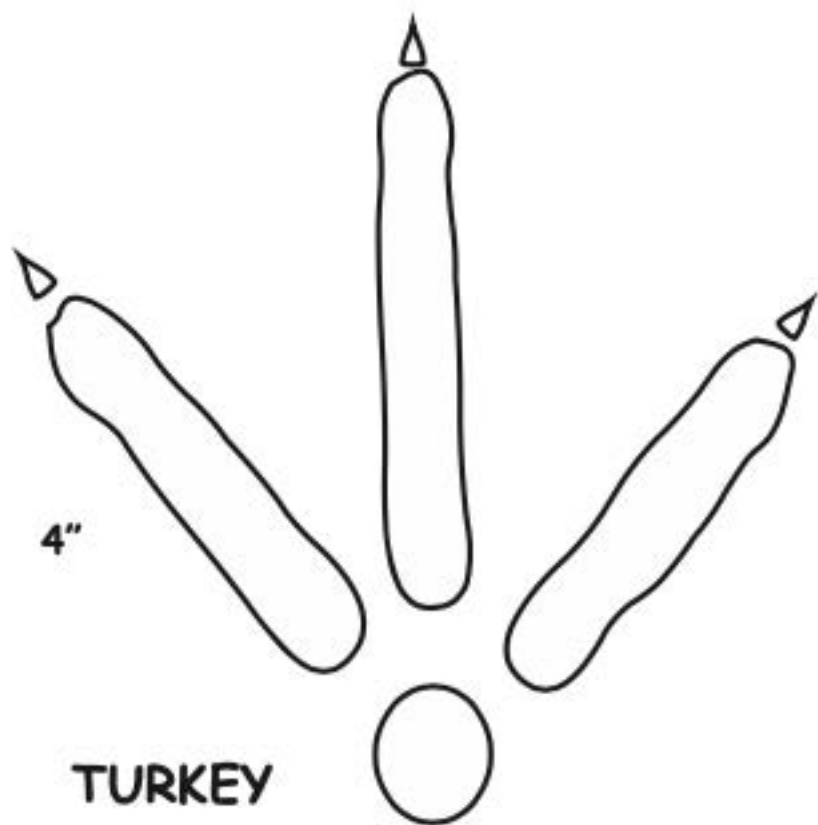
Front
Hoof
3" x 2"



WHITE-TAILED DEER



Front
Paw
2.5"



4"

TURKEY



Hind
Paw
4"

RACCOON

Tracks are life-sized for an average adult.

**Compare your tracks to
PARK PAL AND HIS FRIEND'S TRACKS.**



Trace around your bare foot.

PARK PAL IS A BIRD WATCHER!

Great White Pelican and American Bald Eagle spend their winters in Oklahoma. Look for them at these state parks:

Great White Pelican

Grand Lake State Park, Bernice Area
Great Salt Plains



American Bald Eagle

Great Salt Plains
Lake Thunderbird
Lake Tenkiller
Sequoyah
and Keystone
State Parks



At home or at a park, see how many birds you can see. Contact a nearby state park to find out what kind of birds you might see there.



With its powerful legs and long tail, the roadrunner is quick and fast! It would rather run than fly! With its sharp beak the roadrunner hunts snakes, lizards, mice and even other birds.

Greater Roadrunner



OKLAHOMA ROCKS



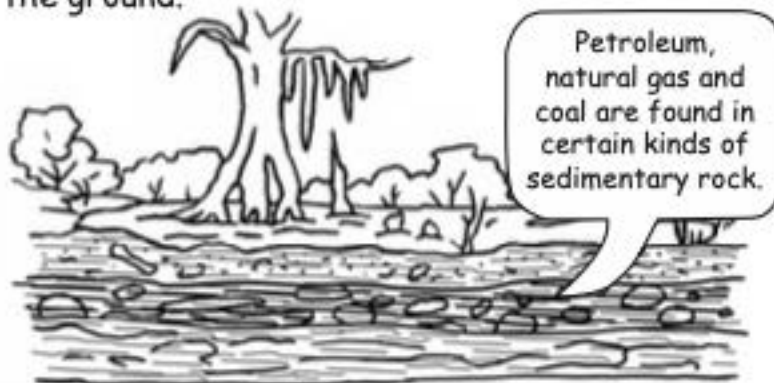
Oklahoma has many kinds of rocks. Geologists are scientists who study rocks. They offer their ideas on when and how rocks were formed.

Sedimentary rocks are the most common kind of rock that we can see in Oklahoma. **Sandstone, shale, limestone** and **gypsum** are kinds of sedimentary rock.

At Robbers Cave State Park the large boulders in this park are **sandstone**. Red Rock Canyon gets its name from **sandstone** that is bright red in color. Near Lake Thunderbird State Park are the famous Rose Rocks, which are a kind of **sandstone**.



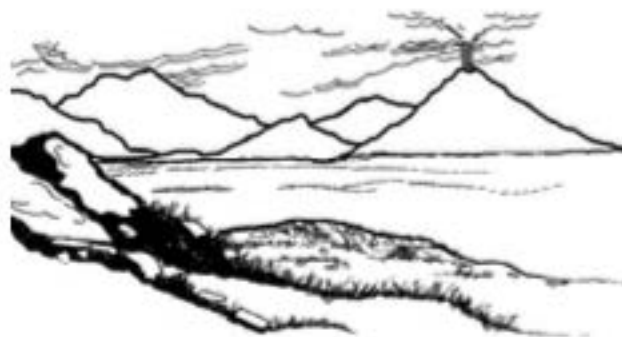
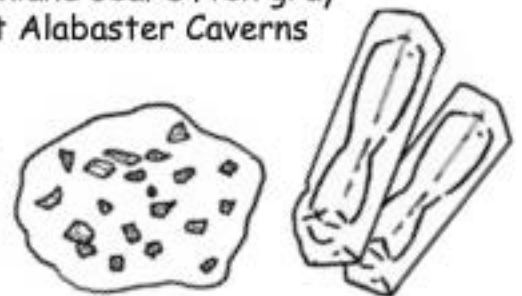
Beavers Bend State Park has a lot of **shale**. Long ago shale was muddy soil that was buried deep in the ground.



Natural Falls State Park is a good place to observe **limestone**. Those places with **limestone** rock were once the bottom of a sea. **Limestone** often contains fossils.

Gypsum was formed when much of Oklahoma was covered by an inland sea. Often gray or whitish in color, different kinds of **gypsum** can be observed at Alabaster Caverns and Roman Nose State Parks.

Selenite crystals come from **gypsum**. Shimmery pieces of selenite glass give Gloss Mountains State Park its name. Unique selenite crystals, with an hour-glass shape, occur at Great Salt Plains.



Igneous rocks, like **granite**, were formed deep within the earth. They were once so hot that they were slushy; they became hard as they cooled. Great Plains State Park is a good place to observe **granite** rocks.

Black Mesa is covered with a layer of **basalt**. This black rock was once hot lava that flowed from a nearby volcano. As the lava cooled, it became **basalt**.



PARK PAL hopes that you had fun completing your activity book.



Here are some ways to have fun and to be just like Park Pal:



1. Always builds a fire in a fire ring. Park Pal doesn't step on ashes or coals...they may be hot.
2. Always picks up all litter at the camping area.
3. Uses tools (hatchets and knives) safely and with adult supervision.
4. Always tells an adult before beginning a hike and takes along a buddy.
5. Always keeps pets on a leash.
6. Carefully crosses all park roads.
7. Is very courteous to other park visitors and observes quiet hours.
8. Always swims in designated swimming areas with a buddy. Never swims near boat ramps.
9. Always wears a life jacket when on the water in a boat or watercraft.
10. Never cuts live trees or branches for firewood. Doesn't carve on trees.
11. Always respects and cares for the plants and animals that live in a park. Park Pal doesn't gather wildflowers. Wildflowers provide food for butterflies and other pollinators.



Just like Park Pal, if you need help while visiting a state park, just ask someone who works at the park.

Park Managers and Park Rangers are glad to help.
State Park Employees are Real Park Pals!





PARK PAL SAYS
HELP A CRITTER-DON'T LITTER.



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