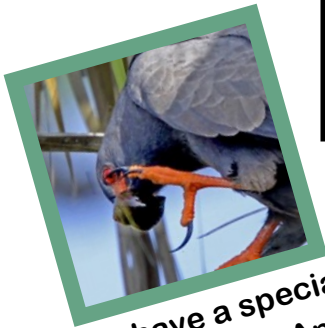
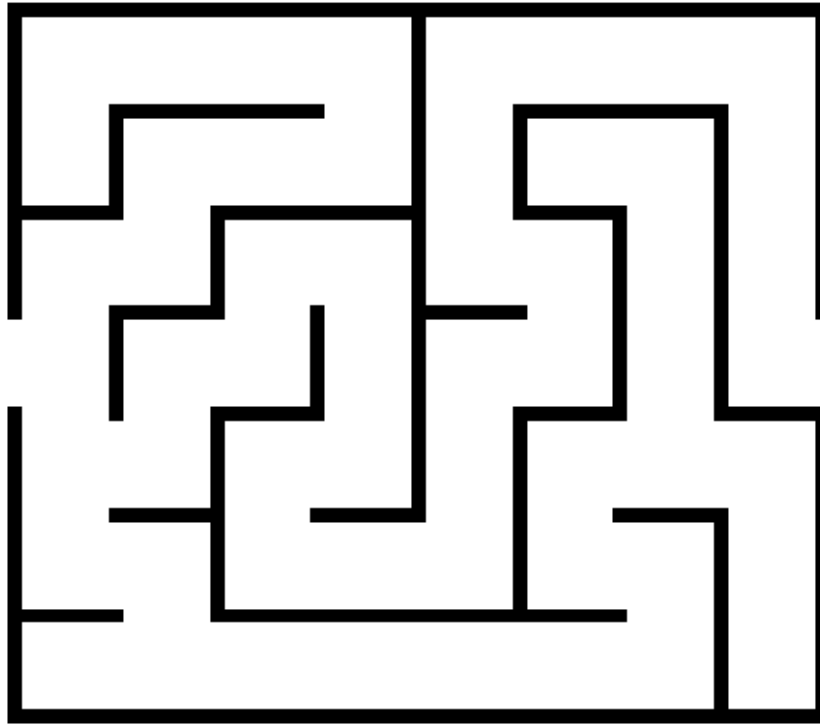


Grassy Waters Preserve Activity Packet

Can you help the Snail Kite get to the Apple Snail?



Snail Kites have a special curved beak to help them eat Apple Snails.



Did you know?

Snail Kites only eat Apple Snails for breakfast, lunch, and dinner!



Apple Snails lay their eggs on grass above the water. Look for them when you visit the preserve.

All About Grassy Waters Preserve!

- Grassy Waters Preserve is a 15,000 acre Everglades habitat, which is the same size as about 11,500 football fields!
- The Everglades is a wetland, meaning the habitat is often covered with water.
- The Preserve is home to many animals, such as alligators, wading birds, frogs, snakes, raccoons, bobcats, and otters.
- Grassy Waters Preserve provides drinking water for the City of West Palm Beach and surrounding communities.

Everglades Hideout

Color the picture and find the camouflaged animals hiding in the Everglades.



Gopher Tortoise



Pig Frog



Pygmy Rattlesnake



Pileated Woodpecker



Red-Shouldered Hawk



Grey Squirrel



Bobcat



Have you seen any different animals in your backyard?

List them below!

Draw your favorite Everglades animal.



Backyard Biologist

You don't need to be at a preserve to observe nature.

Go outside and use your senses to learn about what's in your backyard!

Draw a plant you see,
and label its parts.



Close your eyes, and stay very quiet.
Now listen closely, what do you hear?

With a parent or teacher's help, pick two different types of leaves.

How do they feel similar? _____

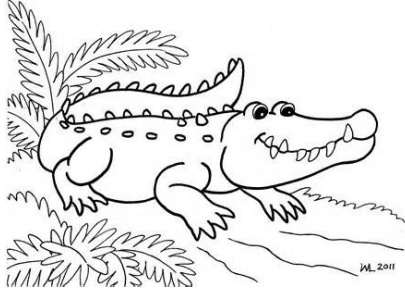
How do they feel different? _____

Want to learn more...

Explore these cool websites, videos, and books to learn more about the Everglades!

Everglades Animals:

- National Park Service- Wildlife of the Everglades
- Youtube- Meet the Residents of Everglades National Park-National Geographic



- Youtube- Animals of the Everglades- GoTraveler (Information on animals begins at 00:52)

Everglades Habitats:

- National Park Service- Everglades Habitats
- Marsh Habitat (seen at Grassy Waters Preserve):
 - National Park Service- Sawgrass Prairie



Water Conservation:



- EPA- Water Sense for Kids
- Water Use It Wisely- 100 Ways to Conserve Water for Kids

Books about the Everglades and its Animals:

Books available to borrow from Grassy Waters Preserve Nature Center or a Palm Beach County Library branch.

- "Marsh Morning" by Marianne Berkes (Everglades birds)
- "Spoonbill Swamp" by Brenda Z. Guiberson
- "The Swamp Where Gator Hides" by Marianne Berkes
- "Deep in the Swamp" by Donna M. Bateman
- "Peek at a Pond" by Neecey Twinem
- "The ABC's of Grassy Waters Preserve" by Donna Van Horn

Great Blue Heron

