

Hecla/Grindstone

JUNIOR NATURALIST

AGES 6-9



Hi! Would you like to become a Junior Naturalist just like Howie Whooo the Owl? Complete the activities in this booklet to discover more about Manitoba's provincial parks and the great ways for you to explore the outdoors. Once you are done, fill in the back page and return the book to become an official **Junior Naturalist!**

My name is

What are your three favourite things to do in a park?

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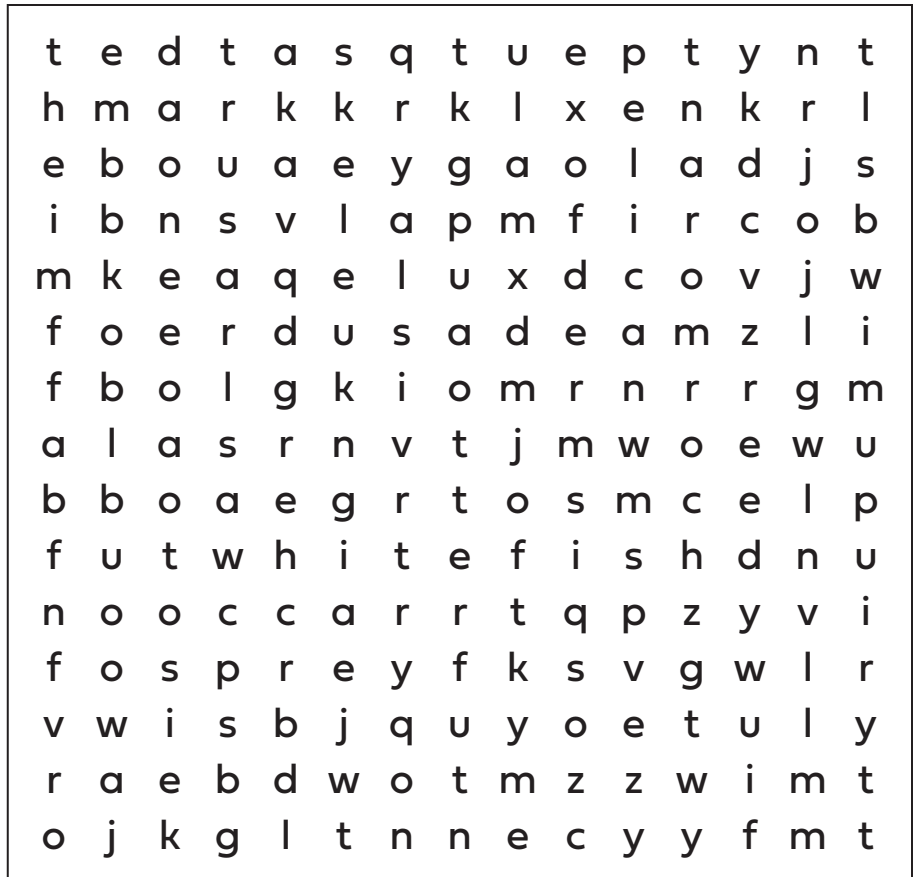
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Wildlife Word Find

There is a lot of wildlife that call Hecla Island home. Search the word find below to see if you've seen any of the animals in the park.

Words to Find:

bald eagle	osprey
bat	otter
bear	pelican
beaver	raccoon
cormorant	red fox
deer	skunk
mallard	western grebe
moose	whitefish
mosquito	wolf
muskrat	



Storytime: Who Lived Here?

Fill in the blanks to complete the history of Hecla Island.

Words to Use:

1876
50%
Gimli
Icelanders
magnificent
Mikley
New
Winnipeg

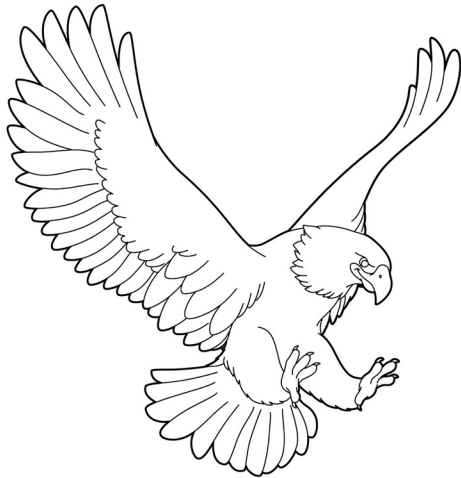
In _____, about 1200 _____ decided to immigrate to Canada. They settled in _____ and started the community of _____ Iceland. The next year, however, another 500 Icelanders made their way to Canada. There was no room in Gimli, so they travelled up Lake _____ to a little island and named it _____, which means "_____ Island". Today, Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park includes _____ islands and part of the mainland on Grindstone point. The park is over _____ water.



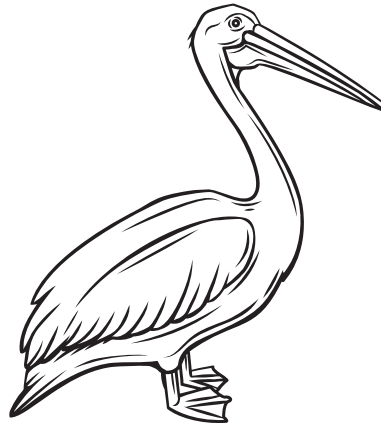
If you need further assistance in completing these activities, look for a Park Interpreter at park programs and interpretive centres for help.

Birds of a Feather

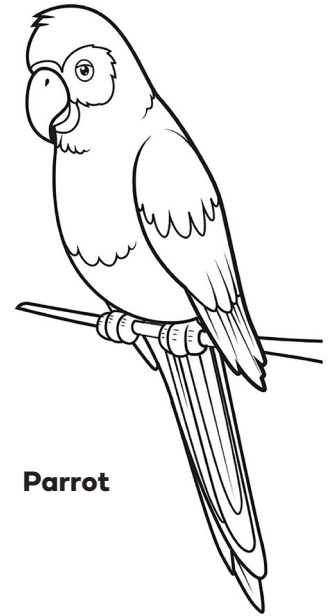
There are a lot of different birds here on Hecla Island. Some look similar, while some are easy to identify. Colour the birds you might see in the park, circle the bird that you would not find in Manitoba.



Bald Eagle



Pelican



Parrot

Peculiar Plants

As you walk around the campground or take a hike on one of our hiking trails, take a look at some of the plants you see. Find a peculiar plant and make a sketch of it.

I like this peculiar plant because:

If I were to name this plant, I would call it:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a sketch of a peculiar plant.

Take a Hike!



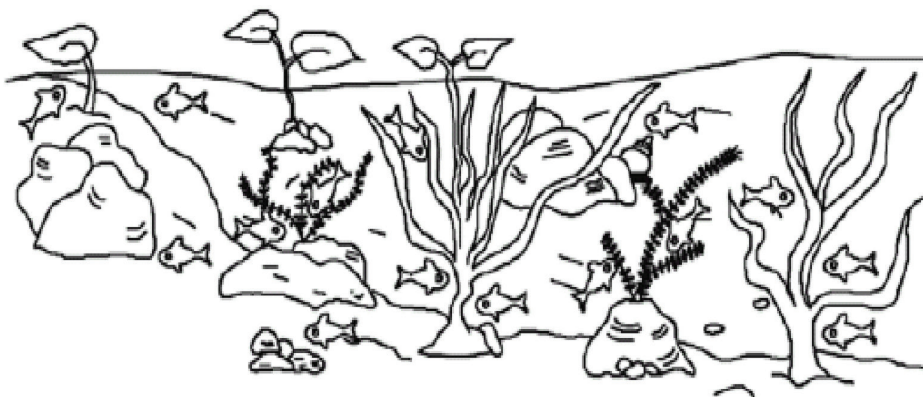
Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park has lots of different animals. You may be able to see some as you take a walk, but some animals just leave clues behind to let you know that they were there. Explore one of our hiking trails and think like a **Crime Scene Investigator**. Find clues, such as tracks, scat, or fur on the trail and see if you can figure out what animal left them behind.

Clues:	Animal:
1.	
2.	
3.	
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10.	



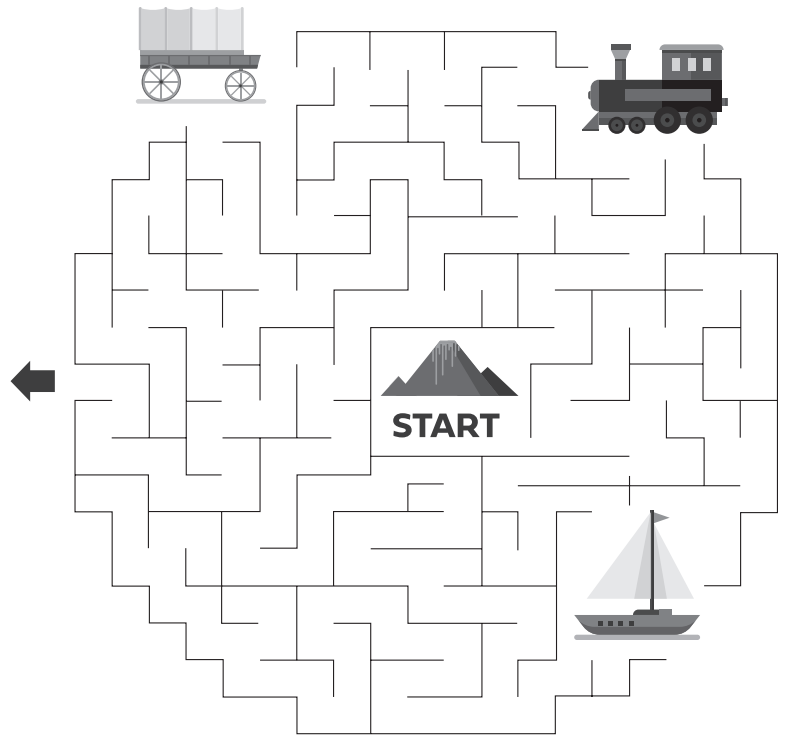
Fish Finder

Commercial Fishing has been a part of Hecla since before the Icelanders even arrived in **1876**. Search for and circle the **15 hidden fish** in this picture.



The Journey of the Icelanders

The economy in Iceland was not that good and, after **Mount Hekla** erupted, some Icelanders decided to follow their European neighbours and immigrated to Canada. Some had to travel from Iceland to Canada on cramped boats, trains, even horse-drawn carriages. Follow the maze and see some of the hardships they encountered along the way. It wasn't an easy trip.



Habitat Ingredient Mix-up!

Howie Whoop is trying to make Marsh Soup, but his recipe is all jumbled. Help him find the right ingredients. If he makes the wrong recipe, the marsh won't provide the four main parts of habitat for the animals: **food, water, shelter, and space!**



Marsh Soup Recipe:

1. ttiacals _____
2. twaer _____
3. gsorf & sdtoa _____ & _____
4. tciaqua tplsna _____
5. terwa sgbu _____

Everything in a marsh has a special job. Some plants act like a filter and make the water clean. These plants may also help animals shelter themselves from the wind or cold. Other parts of a marsh will provide food for animals that call the marsh home. Home is where the habitat is.

Please Bear With Us

Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park is home to a healthy bear population. If you are camping at the campground, there are things that, if left out, will attract a bear. During the summer, they are trying to gain double their body weight so that they can survive the winter in their dens. Getting rid of the bear attractants will lessen your chance of having a bear encounter in your site. Circle the bear attractants.



Garbage

Tent

Hair Brush

Book

Sleeping Bag

Pop

Toothpaste

Birdfeeder

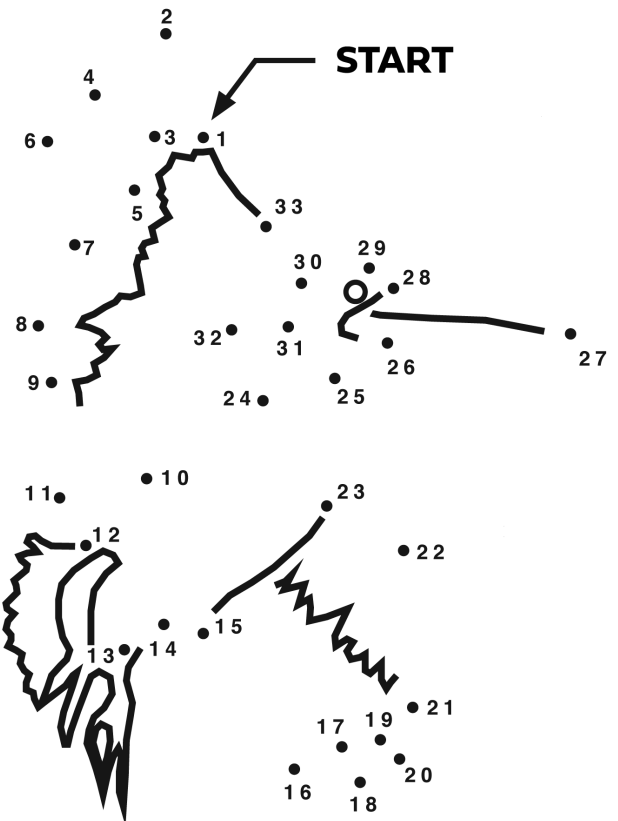
Dish Soap

Dirty Pots

Connect the Dots

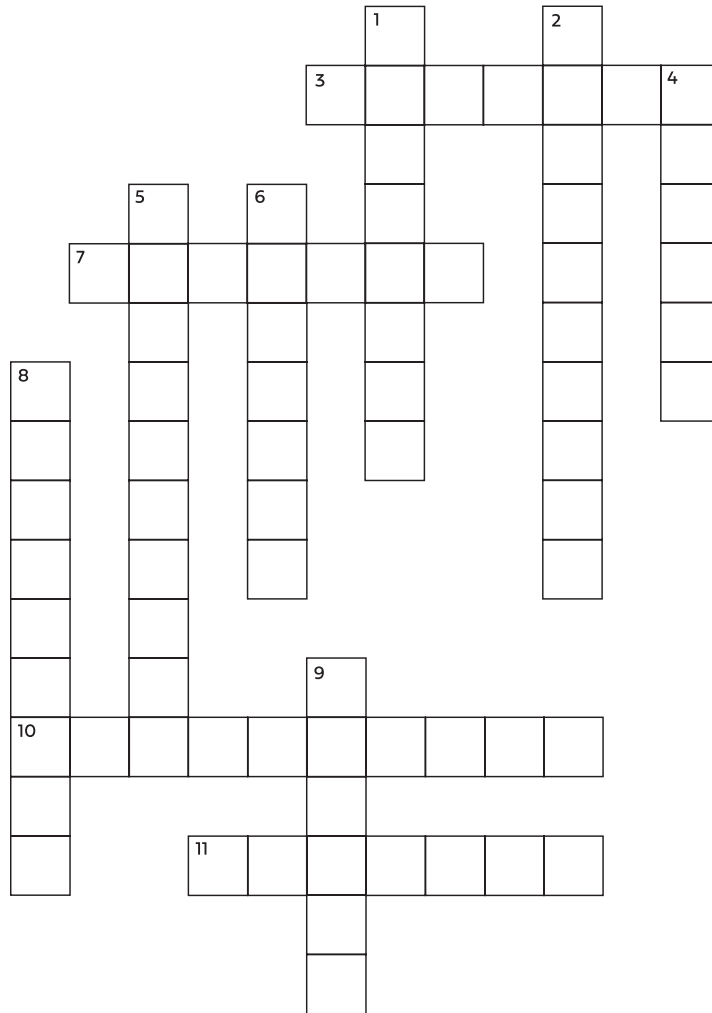
Find out what type of bird makes up Hecla's Airforce.

Hint: It has the largest wingspan in Canada, and third largest in North America at 2.74 meters!



Junior Naturalist Crossword

Need a Hint? All the answers are hidden in your booklet.



Across

3. Food, water, shelter, space
7. Has the largest wingspan in Canada
10. The tropical sea that once covered Hecla Island
11. It caused the Icelanders to immigrate to Canada

Down

1. A filtering plant in a marsh
2. Brings bears to a campsite
4. A clue left behind by an animal
5. Community started in Gimli and spread to Hecla Island
6. The main industry on Hecla Island
8. The majority of the rocks on Hecla Island
9. "Magnificent Island"

Check off the boxes of each activity you have completed. Return the completed booklet to receive your official pin. (Your book will also be returned to you.)

Did you enjoy doing this activity booklet?

If so, you can do other Junior Naturalist/Park Explorer booklets at the following locations:

- **Whiteshell**
- **Spruce Woods**
- **Birds Hill**
- **Hecla**
- **Grand Beach**

Completed booklets can be returned to campground offices, park interpreters or mailed to the address below:

Manitoba Parks
Interpretation Unit
258 Portage Ave, 4th Floor
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 0B6

Junior Naturalist Activity Checklist:

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Junior Naturalist: _____

Adult: _____

You are almost an official Junior Naturalist!

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____