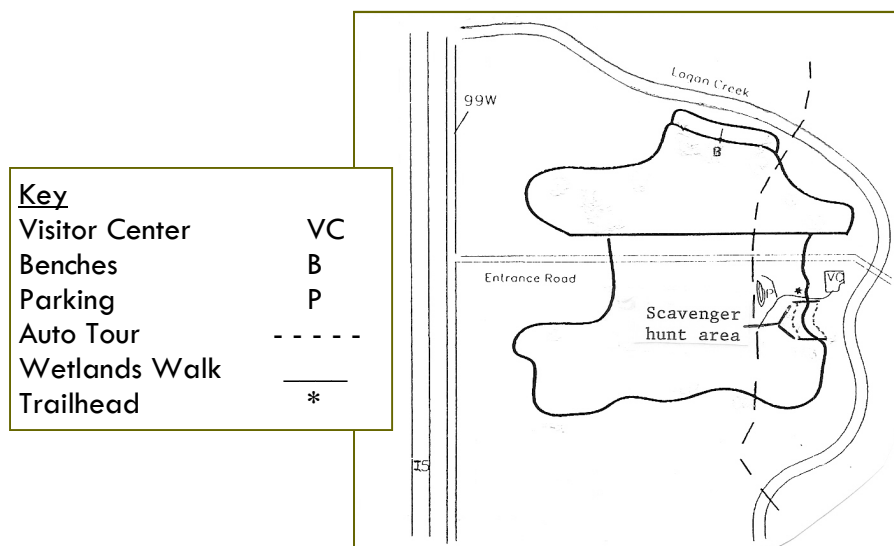
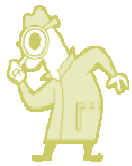




SCAVENGER HUNT ANSWER SHEET

1. Have group gather at the bench area.
2. Divide into smaller groups if you have a large group. (4-8 members per group is best.)
3. Distribute a scavenger hunt list to each group leader.
4. Review the items on the list with everyone.
5. Have the groups spread out on the area marked on the map below. (You have traveled far enough when you can see the auto tour road.) Walk back slowly looking for the items you may have missed.
6. Allow 15-20 minutes for all groups to pick up and find as many items on the list as they can.
7. Reconvene at the bench area.
8. Review the scavenger hunt list items, having one person from each group present what they found. You may want to briefly discuss the usefulness of the items, if it seems appropriate. (ex. Birds use cattail seeds to line nests.)
9. Have the students present which of their items they think are important to nature.
10. Conclude the activity by emphasizing that **all** things in nature (dirt, grass, bugs, feathers, etc.) are important, interconnected and have value.
11. Return all the nature items to the trail or areas nearby.





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To answer these questions, you will need to be like a biologist; precise and observant. You will also need to be quiet. The animals that you are looking for are very shy. If you make noise as you are looking for them they will hide. Whenever you are in a natural area, it is always important to see and hear, but to never be seen or heard.

1. Find and describe a bird that wades through the water.
2. Count how many different types of trees you see. Do you know what the different types are?
3. Find a songbird that is singing in the trees or on the path. Describe it.
4. Find a bird that has a tail shaped like a “V” (You’ll only find it during Spring, Summer and Fall). Describe it. Can you see its nest?
5. Find a suitable nesting site for a duck. Is it well hidden from predators? Is it near water? Describe it.
6. Name the wildlife, OTHER THAN BIRDS, that you see.
7. Find a plant whose stem is a perfect triangle shape. HINT: Roll it in your fingers to feel the shape.
8. Find a tree whose leaves have a strong smell when they are crushed.
9. Find and describe a bird that makes a long chattering sound.
10. Find a bird that bobs its head as it swims or walks. Describe it.
11. Find an animal track. Describe it. Do you know what animal made the track?
12. Find an animal soaring overhead. Describe it.
13. BONUS QUESTION: We have snow geese that come from as far away as Russia to winter here at the refuge. On the boards right outside the visitor center, you will find out WHERE in Russia (USSR) the birds come from. HINT: The answer is the name of an island.



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1. Egrets, Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Black-necked Stilt, Yellowlegs, Avocet and other shore birds.
2. Willows, Cottonwood, Eucalyptus
- 3.
4. Barn Swallow, mud nests
- 5.
- 6.
7. Tuberous Bulrush
8. Eucalyptus
9. Kingfisher
10. American Coot
11. Deer, Rabbit
12. Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Eagle, Northern Harrier Hawk
13. Wrangel Island