

Missouri Meander Trail

Hike the short loop and fill in the chart below, be as descriptive as possible.

Living Things

	What does it look like?	What is it doing?	Name that species
Plants / Trees			
Mammals			
Birds			
Insects/ Spiders			
Reptiles / Amphibians			

Animal Signs

	What does it look like?	Where did you find it?	What made it?
Plants / Trees			
Mammals			
Birds			
Insects/ Spiders			
Reptiles / Amphibians			

Don't Litter

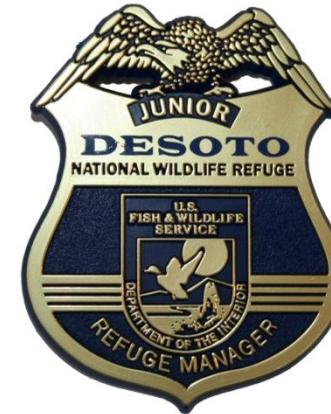
A piece of school notebook paper takes 30 days and 30 nights to break down into pieces small enough to become part of the earth again. A soda can takes 200 years!!!!

Help us keep DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge clean for all animals and visitors. While you are walking the trail pick up ONE piece of litter you come across and bring it to the front desk in order to receive your badge.

Ask for a litter bag at the front desk.

Junior Refuge Manager Activity

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Earning Your Junior Refuge Manager Badge

After you complete the activities in this booklet, return to the visitor center. A staff member or volunteer will review your answers with you, sign your booklet and award you a badge.

Outdoor Activity

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge is home to a variety of plants and animals. As visitors to their home please respect them by:

- Leaving things as you find them, do not pick or take anything.
- Keeping the refuge clean, do not litter.
- For your safety and the safety of the wildlife stay on the trail.

Name: _____ Reviewed by: _____

Why is DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge important to you?

Visitor Center

Look at the habitat displays (Wetlands, Cottonwood Forest, & Prairie).

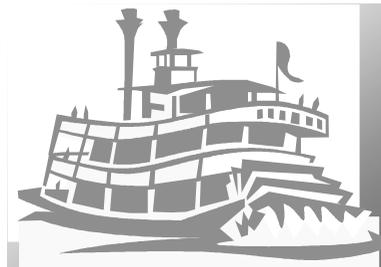
Pick two things (animal, tree, plant, fish, water, etc.) from one display and describe why they are important to that habitat. You can draw, write, or do both:

Answer these questions in the Steamboat display area

The steamboat _____ sank here in 1865.

The *Bertrand* sank because:

- it was attacked by river pirates
- a severe storm capsized the boat
- it hit a snag (tree stump)
- it was overloaded with people and cargo

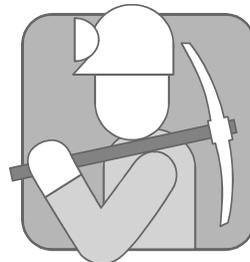


The *Bertrand* made:

- 1-5 successful trips up and down the Missouri River
- sank on it's maiden (first) voyage up the Missouri River
- never sailed on the Missouri river
- 6-10 successful trips up and down the Missouri River

The cargo of the *Bertrand* included:

- mining supplies, groceries,
- used car parts
- school supplies
- railroad equipment



Refuge Riddles

Use the list of clues and word bank below to determine what I am.

- I am a bird of prey
I have a white head and tail as an adult
I am the national symbol



- I am a waterfowl species
I arrive in the fall
I migrate in large flocks



- I can run very fast
I raise my white tail when alarmed
I rub my antlers on trees



- I have rings on my tail
I have a black mask around my eyes
I will eat anything



- I have a very short life span
I appear to flutter in the wind
I am orange and black



- I grow on the ground or up a tree as a vine
I have leaves grouped in threes
I will give you very itchy rash if you leave the trail and touch me

Clues: White tailed deer, monarch butterfly, poison ivy, bald eagle, raccoon, geese