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Scenic and Recreational River



Junior Ranger Activity Book

It's a river, it's a valley, it's history,
it's nature, it's living.
Dig in and EXPLORE!



Find This....

Find This....
macroinvertebrate



Can you identify
this creature...
add your own textures
and patterns to the skin.





Save the Environment What you can do....

A large variety of plants, wildlife, and aquatic life, including more than 400 bird species and more than 100 species of fish call the Delaware River Basin home. You can do your part to preserve this natural environment by being a good steward for this special place.

When you are out hiking on one of the trails or paddling on the river, Leave No Trace. That means bring home whatever trash you brought with you or dispose of it in a proper trash receptacle. If you see someone else's trash, pick it up! Placing trash in the proper receptacle helps everyone out, including the numerous creatures that call the Upper Delaware home. Be sure to leave plants, rocks, and historical items where you find them so others can enjoy them as well.

Invasive species are another environmental threat to the Upper Delaware River valley. To slow the spread of forest pests, don't bring wood from outside the river valley. Before and after hiking, always make sure your shoes, gear, and pets are clean from seeds or plant fragments. Also, always stay on marked trails to prevent introducing or moving nonnative species into new areas.

Before and after boating on the Delaware River, remember to always clean off any aquatic plants, animals, or mud from watercraft, gear, paddles, ropes, or any other equipment used. If you are fishing, remember to dispose of any unwanted bait, fish parts, or packing materials in the trash. It is also important to remember to clean and dry your fishing gear.

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Find
This...
white pine



...easy to remember
as it has 5 needles:
1-2-3-4-5 | W-H-I-T-E

Some are Facts...can you find
the four false facts?

Roebling Bridge

John A. Roebling, designer of the Brooklyn Bridge, constructed this earlier aqueduct over the Delaware River in 1848 as part of the Delaware & Hudson Canal. Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct is believed to be the oldest existing wire-suspension bridge in the Western Hemisphere.

Zane Grey

Famed western author Zane Grey began his writing career relating stories of his experiences fishing along the Upper Delaware River. He lived in Lackawaxen, New York from 1905 until 1918.

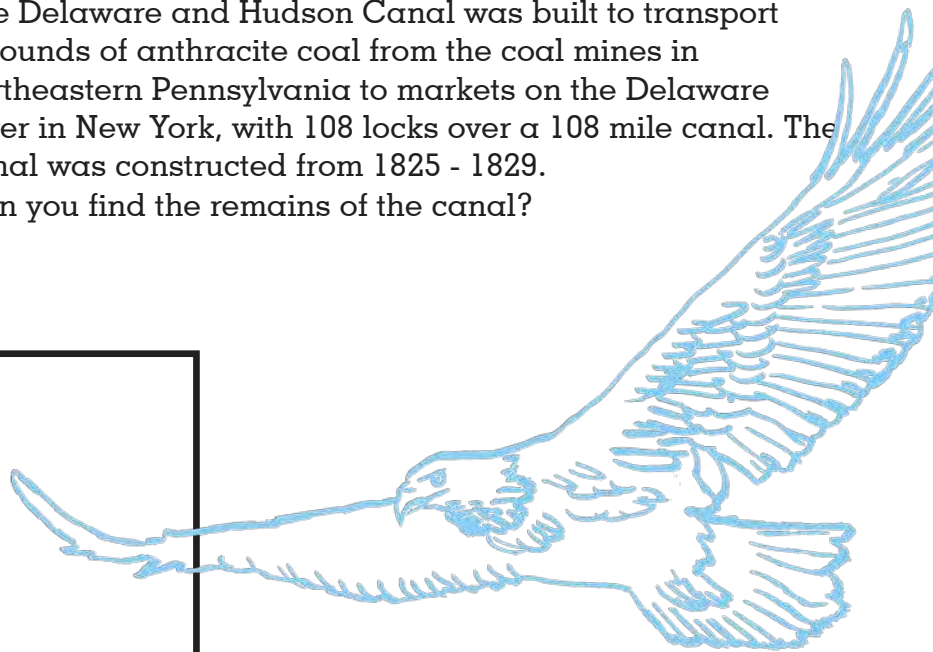
It was during this time period (1912) that Grey wrote his most popular work "Riders of the Purple Sage".

The Canal

The Delaware and Hudson Canal was built to transport 5 pounds of anthracite coal from the coal mines in northeastern Pennsylvania to markets on the Delaware River in New York, with 108 locks over a 108 mile canal. The canal was constructed from 1825 - 1829.

Can you find the remains of the canal?

Free Draw



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River Crossword

1. To keep from getting lost don't forget to bring a trail or river _____.
_____.
2. _____ ahead and be prepared.
3. Dispose of your _____ properly. Keep the river clean and beautiful.
4. Keep your pets on a _____ at all times.
5. _____ rocks, plants and other natural objects where you find them.
6. Be considerate of other park _____.
7. Let nature's sound prevail. Avoid loud _____.
_____.
8. Please don't _____ the wildlife. It could damage their health.
9. Prepare for extreme _____ such as cold temperatures and rain.
10. Boat it in, boat it _____.
Pack out all trash, food waste and litter.
11. _____ the wildlife by observing them from a safe distance.

Summer Facts....

Though Jane Withersteen gave them such liberality, she loved her _____. She loved the rich, green stretches of _____, and the farms, and the grove, and the old stone house, and the _____, ever-faithful amber spring, and every one of a myriad of horses and colts and burros and fowls down to the _____ rabbit that nipped her _____; but she loved best her noble Arabian steeds. In common with all riders of the upland sage Jane _____ two material things—the cold, sweet, brown water that made life possible in the wilderness and the _____ which were a part of that life.

**Wear it! Fishing, boating, swimming, or floating.
Prevent a problem, you don't have a problem.**



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