



KUB RANGER ACTIVITY GUIDE

**KIDS
UNDER THE
BIG
SKY** 
K.U.B.S.

**EXPLORE A
MONTANA
STATE PARK
TODAY!**

**ESPECIALLY
FOR KIDS,
AGES 4-6**



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*Kids explore a ghost town
at Bannack State Park.*







WELCOME, KUB RANGER

Do you want to be a **KUB RANGER** and earn a badge? Just visit a Montana State Park, complete this activity guide and you'll be an official **KUB RANGER!** Older kids: try the **Junior Ranger** challenge booklet.

What you will need:
A pencil or pen, and maybe some crayons or markers too.

Montana State Parks are great places for exploring.

You might:

-  Hike a trail
-  Catch a fish
-  Go boating or swimming
-  Look for dinosaur fossils
-  Find animal clues
-  Go camping



COOL KUB PARK FACT

To learn about a great leader of the Crow people, visit Chief Plenty Coups State Park, near Billings. (Coups is pronounced "Coo".)

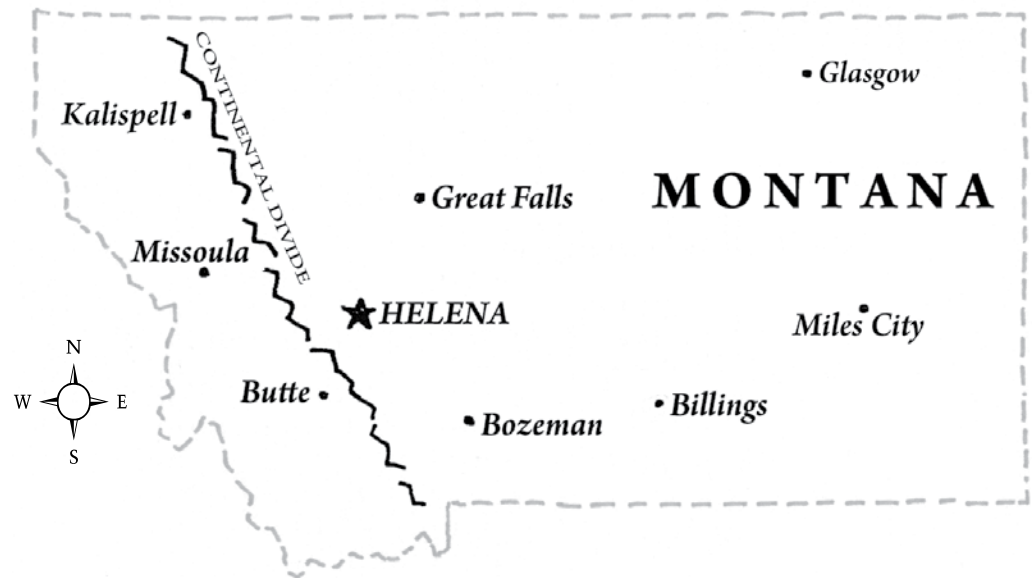
Look for this black bear cub to learn a Cool KUB Fact about a Montana State Park.

ACTIVITY 1 GET YOUR BEARINGS

WHERE ARE YOU?

Trace the map of Montana. Make a best guess where you are today and put an **X** there.

Write the name of the state park below the map.



Name of State Park: _____

DID YOU KNOW?








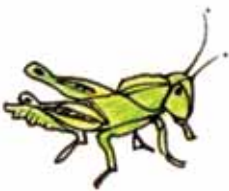




Rivers flowing east of the Continental Divide go to the Atlantic Ocean. Rivers flowing west end up in the Pacific Ocean.

ACTIVITY 2 DRAW WHAT YOU SEE

Crouch down low. Stand on your tiptoes.
Turn around and look in all directions.

Now, draw one special thing (big or small) you can see from here.

SCAVENGER HUNT BINGO

 Butterfly	 Feather	 Animal Scat	
 Tree	 Bird's Nest		 Spider
 Wildflower		 Grasshopper	 Squirrel
	 Dragonfly	 Deer	 Bird Tracks

Can you find these things in the state park today? When you find one, mark the square with an ✕. The blank squares are for you to draw something cool you see. Then mark it with an ✕.

AWARDS!

Find 4 in a row, you're a **GOLDEN EAGLE**



Find all 4 corners, you're a **PRAIRIE DOG**



Find them ALL, you're a **BLACK BEAR**



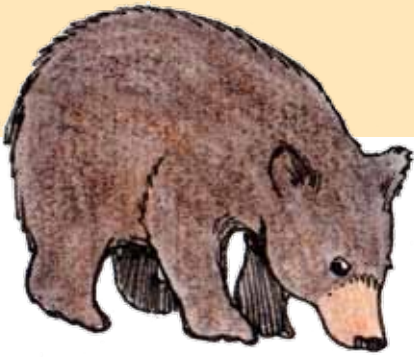
COOL KUB PARK FACT

Montana tribes used to hunt buffalo by stampeding them right over a cliff. To find out more, visit First Peoples Buffalo Jump near Great Falls.

DID YOU KNOW?

Montana has many kinds of state parks. There are ghost towns, battlefields, buffalo jumps, caves, prairie dog towns, and lakes. Some parks are in wide open places. Others have trees or mountains or water.

KUB RANGERS



Bear cubs snuffle around looking, smelling, touching, tasting and hearing. So do **KUB RANGERS** (but **don't taste anything** without an adult saying it's okay).

ACTIVITY 4 **COLOR YOUR WORLD**

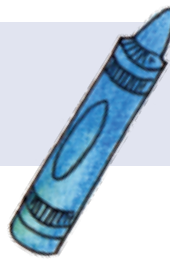
State Parks are full of colors. Draw something you see that has yellow, blue or red.

How many other colors can you find in the park?

Yellow



Blue



Red



ACTIVITY 5 **LISTEN LIKE A RABBIT**



COOL KUB PARK FACT

Travelers' Rest State Park marks the spot where Lewis & Clark camped twice. They stayed there in 1805 and in 1806. The campsite was a favorite of Native Americans too.

Stand in one place that's away from other people. Cup your hands around your ears. Bend your ears out too. Now you have big rabbit ears for listening.

Do you hear loud sounds? Chirpy sounds? Check the boxes below that best match what you hear:

Loud

Soft

High

Low

Rumble

Knock knock

Chirp

Sing

Buzz

Honk





Add more sounds here:



USE THEIR SENSES!

ACTIVITY 6 TOUCHY FEELY

Look for things that are sharp, smooth, prickly or bumpy. When you find and touch one, put an **X** through the box that matches the feel.
Why do you think some plants are prickly? _____

			
Sharp	Smooth	Prickly	Bumpy

Answer: Plants are prickly to protect themselves from hungry animals.

ACTIVITY 7 SNIFF LIKE A BEAR

Find a tree, bush or a clump of grass. Put your nose up close and smell deeply.
Does it smell sweet? Sour? Icky? Does the smell remind you of anything you know already?
Have an adult help you fill in the blanks.

The _____
smelled like _____.



COOL KUB PARK FACT

Black bears get into trouble when they find human food and garbage. Visit Lone Pine State Park, near Kalispell, to find out ways to help bears and other animals stay safe.

ACTIVITY 8 TURN OVER A ROCK!

NOTE: Have an adult with you when you choose your rock. In some places, you do have to be careful of disturbing rattlesnakes, so avoid dry rocky spots.

Bears turn over rocks to find tasty bugs underneath them.

Find a rock that's about the size of your foot. The rock could be in shallow water, or in the mud, or in a damp place.

Slowly turn the rock over. Look close and take your time.

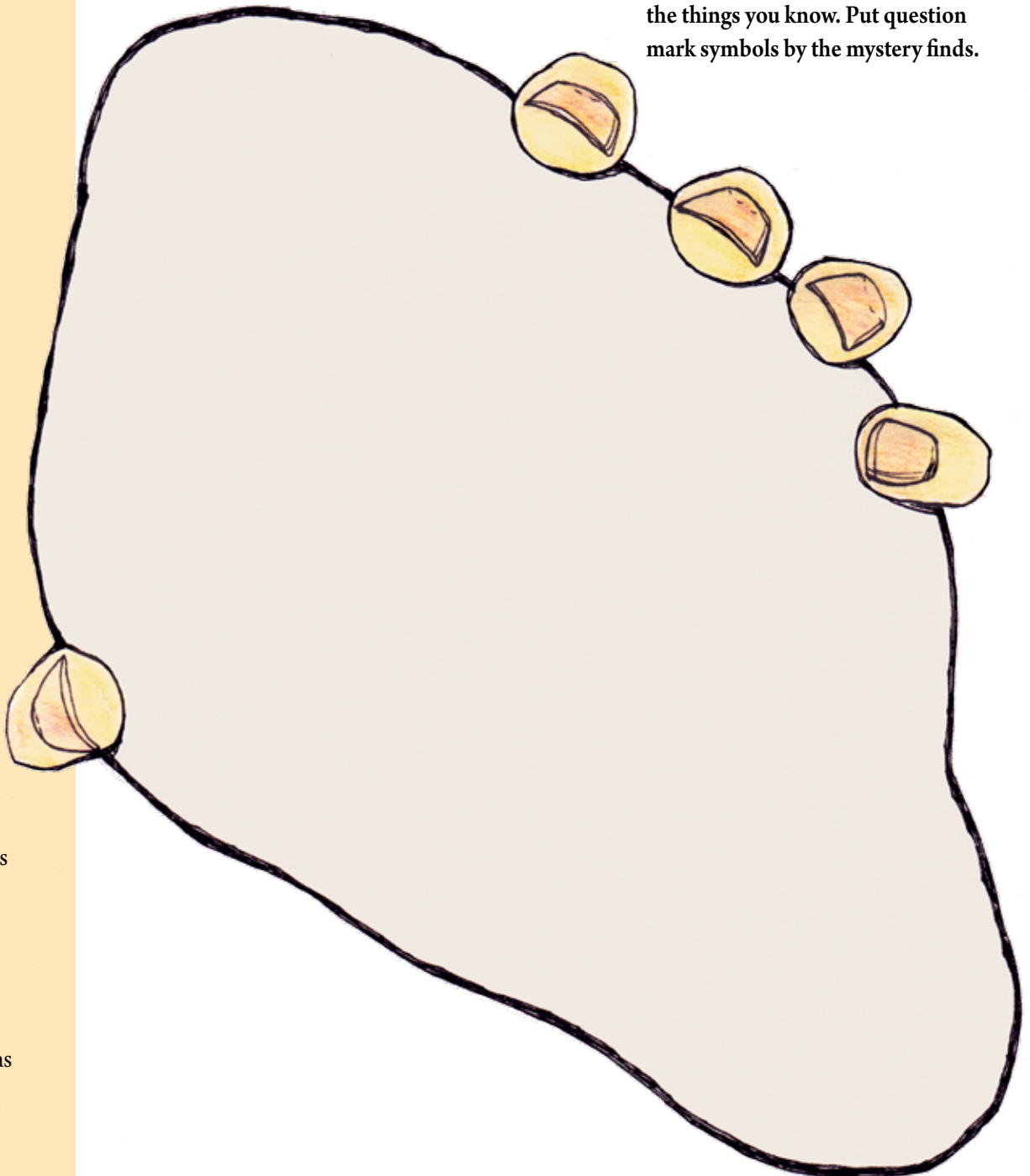
What do you see on the bottom side? What is on the ground underneath? Rocks can be hiding places for tiny creatures. That's why it's important to put the rock back where you found it. Where do you like to hide?

Draw what you found inside the outline of the rock below. Label the things you know. Put question mark symbols by the mystery finds.



COOL KUB PARK FACT

To walk in the footsteps of Tyrannosaurus Rex, visit Hell Creek State Park near Jordan. Paleontologists have unearthed many dinosaur fossil skeletons here – including the first T-Rex ever found!



ACTIVITY 9

WHERE WOULD YOU HIDE?

Some animals and bugs hide by finding places where their colors blend with trees, rocks, or grass. What colors are you wearing today? Can you find a hiding place in the state park that has one or more of your colors?

Draw your hiding spot here:



COOL KUB PARK FACT

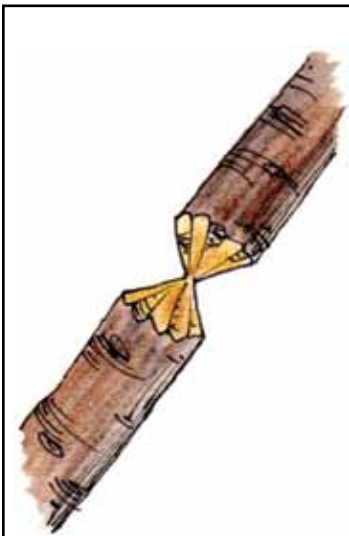
Take a guided hike deep into Lewis & Clark Caverns near Three Forks. To prepare for your trip, remember two things:

- 1) A **stalactite** hugs **tight** to the ceiling.
- 2) A **stalagmite** pushes up with all its **might** from the floor.

ACTIVITY 10

BE A KUB DETECTIVE

Can you find any of these animal signs in this state park? Put an **X** on each of the clues you see.



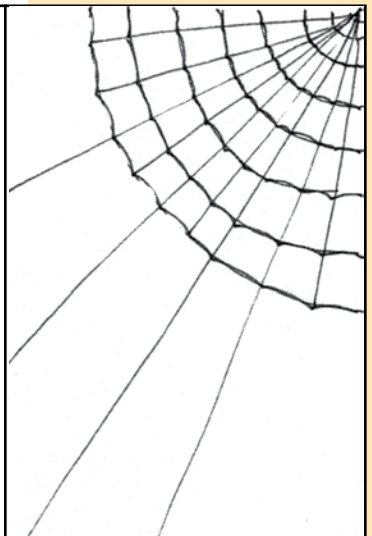
Beaver-chewed log



Deer hoof tracks



Leaf with holes



Spider Web

GOOD JOB!

Did you finish the activities in the booklet? If you did, you are officially a **KUB RANGER!**

You have explored your super senses. You know fun facts about Montana State Parks.



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- Answers:
1. Tyrannosaurus rex
 2. staccates and stagmites
 3. by eating garbage and human food
 4. stampeding them over a cliff
 5. Lewis and Clark, and Native Americans
 6. Chief Plenty Coups State Park

ARE YOU A KUB RANGER? COOL KUB STATE PARK QUICK QUIZ

(Turn upside down to find answers)

- 1 What kind of dinosaur once roamed Hell Creek State Park?

- 2 What will you see in Lewis & Clark Caverns?

- 3 How do black bears get in trouble?

- 4 How did the tribes hunt buffalo at First Peoples Buffalo Jump?

- 5 Who camped at Travelers' Rest State Park?

- 6 What state park is named after a famous chief?



YOUR NAME: _____

STATE PARK: _____
What Montana State Park did you visit today?

HOW DO I GET MY KUB RANGER BADGE?

Just show your finished activity guide to a park ranger who will give you a **KUB RANGER** badge that you can wear and show all your friends. You can also bring the booklet to any *Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks* office to receive your badge.

Or, send in the completed form below to the address at left and an official **KUB RANGER** badge will be mailed to you!

PLEASE SEND A KUB RANGER BADGE TO:

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____