

Fill-in-the-Blanks Activity Sheet #1

Fill in the blanks below with the correct animal or plant (*all of which are found at Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area*) from the word bank at the top of the page. Have fun and good luck!

beaver
blue jay

hemlock tree
osprey

snapping turtle
wood frog

1. This animal builds dams, lives in “lodges”, and has front teeth that don’t stop growing for their entire life:

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2. This large bird which is also known by the names “fish hawk” and “river hawk”, eat almost entirely just fish and build nests that can be 6 feet across and up to 13 feet deep:

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3. This large turtle can weigh up to 30 pounds and can live to 30+ years old, spends most of its life in wetlands, and it lays its eggs in nests that it digs in the ground out of the water:

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4. This tree is “evergreen” (which means that it doesn’t lose its leaves or needles in the winter), can live for 800+ years, and can provide nice cool shade on hot summer days:

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5. This frog can survive freezing for weeks at a time, is the only frog found north of the Arctic Circle, and each female can lay up to 3,000 eggs each year:

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6. This bird is common at bird feeders, can imitate the sounds made by many birds (and even sounds made by humans and the “meowing” of cats), and stores acorns in the Fall similar to what squirrels do:

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Fill-in-the-Blanks Activity Sheet #2

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coyote	largemouth bass	red-backed salamander
great blue heron	porcupine	water snake

1. This animal's body is covered in about 30,000 quills, eats all kinds of plant materials and fruits, is a great climber, and has babies that are called "porcupettes":

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2. This salamander does not have lungs and breathes entirely through its skin, it can be found by looking under logs and rocks, and in some forests over 1,000 individuals can live in an area the size of a football field:

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3. This bird can be 4.5 feet tall, stalks fish along the shores of wetlands, and builds large nests at the top of trees:

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4. This reptile can grow to 4.5 feet long, spends most of its life near or in water (often in or on beaver lodges and dams at Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area), and is not poisonous:

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5. This fish is commonly caught by people fishing at Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area, it eats other fish, frogs, insects, crayfish (and more), and can live 10-20 years:

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6. This animal is closely related to wolves and dogs, lives in dens which are often underground, can be heard howling at night, and tend to be scared of people and thus are not often seen:

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Fill-in-the-Blanks Activity Sheet #3

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American toad	gray squirrel	spotted salamander
Baltimore oriole	kingfisher	wood duck

1. This animal can be found in trees or on the ground while looking for nuts/seeds to eat or to store, they have an excellent sense of smell which they use to find the nuts/seeds that they've buried, and they build large leaf nests high up in trees:

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2. This duck can be found on Fitzgerald Lake, they have claws on their feet that allow them to perch in trees, and the male's face is colored with green, orange, purple, black and white:

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3. This amphibian has "warts" on its body (but you can't get warts by holding them), can eat hundreds of insects a day, and one female can lay more than 10,000 eggs each year:

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4. This bird mainly eats fish, is often found perched on trees near ponds and lakes looking for fish, and has feathers on their head which make them look like they have spiked "hair":

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5. This salamander has yellow spots all over their body that you can use to identify each unique individual by, they can grow to 9 inches long, and can live up to 20 years:

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6. This bright orange and black bird is a beautiful singer, can be attracted to bird feeders with oranges or jelly, and has a major league baseball team named after them:

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Fill-in-the-Blanks Activity Sheet #4

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bobcat

turkey

white pine

monarch butterfly

two-lined salamander

white-tailed deer

1. This large animal is a vegetarian and do most of their eating in the early morning and evening hours, males grow antlers which they shed each year, and females are called "does", males are called "bucks", and young are called "fawns":

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2. This large bird can run up to 25 miles per hour, can fly up to 55 miles per hour, females are called "hens", males are called "toms" or "gobblers", and young are called "poults":

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3. This amphibian lives in streams and along the edges of streams, lays their eggs on the underside of rocks in streams, doesn't have lungs and breathe through their skin:

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4. This tree is "evergreen" (which means that it doesn't lose its leaves or needles in the winter), can grow to 150 feet tall, and drops large cones that can be up to 8 inches long:

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5. This beautifully colored orange, black, and white butterfly lays their eggs on milkweed plants, the eggs hatch into caterpillars which feed on the milkweed plant making them poisonous to predators, and when the caterpillars turn into butterflies they fly to Mexico to overwinter:

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6. This member of the cat family is named for its short (or "bobbed") tail, they have one main den in their territory and several smaller dens, and they can jump as far as 10 feet:

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