

KEEP OUR  
PARKS **WILD**

JUNIOR RANGERS

# BUSH ACTIVITY BOOK

BORN TO  
EXPLORE



LEAVE  
NO  
TRACE

KNOW  
BEFORE YOU  
GO!



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# ANIMAL WORD SCRAMBLE

Junior Rangers are born to explore. If you have an interest in nature, animals and the outdoors then Junior Rangers is for you.

Junior Ranger activities are led by a park ranger and are designed to get children outdoors, have fun and learn about Victoria's wonderful parks.

Junior Rangers provides Ranger Walks and Talks for families with children aged six to twelve. Many parks throughout Victoria deliver the program during school holidays and on some weekends.

Junior Ranger activities that you can do with your family in a park are also available, as well as animal fact files, games and other environmental activities.

Visit [juniorrangers.com.au](http://juniorrangers.com.au) for more information.

BORN TO EXPLORE



1 lakao

CLUE: Eats eucalyptus leaves

— — — — —

2 omawbt

CLUE: Has a backwards facing pouch

— — — — —

3 tuyalspp

CLUE: Is a mammal with a beak and webbed feet

— — — — —

4 aburkkooar

CLUE: Laughs a lot

— — — — —

5 pssomu

CLUE: Has a long tail to help with tree climbing

— — — — —

6 aesi

CLUE: They live on a diet of seafood

— — — — —

7 roakgona

CLUE: Has big feet and hops

— — — — —

8 oooaktcc

CLUE: Has a crest of feathers on its head

— — — — —

9 hieacdn

CLUE: Is spiky

— — — — —

10 yirdrebl

CLUE: Can imitate any other noise

— — — — —



ANSWERS: 1. Koala, 2. Kangaroo, 3. Platypus, 4. Kookaburra, 5. Possum, 6. Seal, 7. Kangaroo, 8. Cockatoo, 9. Echidna, 10. Lyrebird



# PARKS SYMBOLS MATCH

Parks Victoria uses these symbols to help people find their way and stay safe in the park. Do you know what these symbols mean?

Draw a line from the symbol to its description

Walking Track



Information



Playground



Drinking Water



No Dogs



Lookout








Toilets



No Fires



## Did you know?

-  Echidnas are good swimmers! They use their back feet as paddles and their long snout (nose) as a snorkel!
-  Koalas are not bears! Their closest living relative is a wombat.
-  The Laughing Kookaburra is not really laughing when it makes its well-known call. The chuckle of the Laughing Kookaburra is a territorial call warning other birds to stay away!
-  Emu's can run at speeds of 50kph and their stride can be as long as 3 metres!
-  Tawny Frogmouths are not owls. They're members of the nightjar family, and are more closely related to kookaburras and kingfishers than to owls.

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# JUNIOR RANGERS ADVENTURES

## What you need

A playing piece per player  
(cut out from page, or use your  
Junior Ranger badge) and 1 dice.

## How to play

Roll the dice and move that  
number of spaces along the board.  
Perform the action given on the  
square, either moving forwards  
or backwards.

The winner is the player who gets  
to the finish on the board first.

## Playing pieces



## DID YOU KNOW?

Macpac is the Principal Partner  
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of nature lovers.

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outdoor adventure inspiration



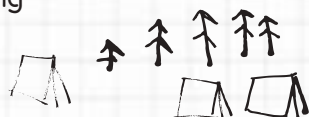
61  4 Checked the weather forecast before going camping. Move forward to 20.	60 Rode your bike off the bike track. Move back to 43.	59  5  5 Took your rubbish home with you after your bbq in the park. Move forward to 22.	58 Left your campfire unattended. Move back to 55.	57  56 Built a frog pond in your backyard. Move forward to 57.
52  36 You went fishing in a Marine National Park. Move back to 23.	53 Cleared native trees without permission. Move back to 20.	54 Recycled your kitchen scraps to make compost. Move forward to 39.	55  42 Packed your lunch in reusable containers. Move forward to 59.	56 You went fishing in a Marine National Park. Move back to 23.
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# PARK ACTIVITIES FIND A WORD

Victoria's parks are the perfect place to explore the great outdoors. Find these fun activities in the find a word puzzle and get out into a park to experience them for yourself!




## Find these words

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Birdwatch | Cycle       |
| Ski       | Toboggan    |
| Boating   | Fishing     |
| Snorkel   | Volunteer   |
| Camp      | Photography |
| Surf      | Walking     |
| Canoe     | Play        |
| Swimming  |             |



# HELP THE WOMBAT OUT OF HIS BURROW

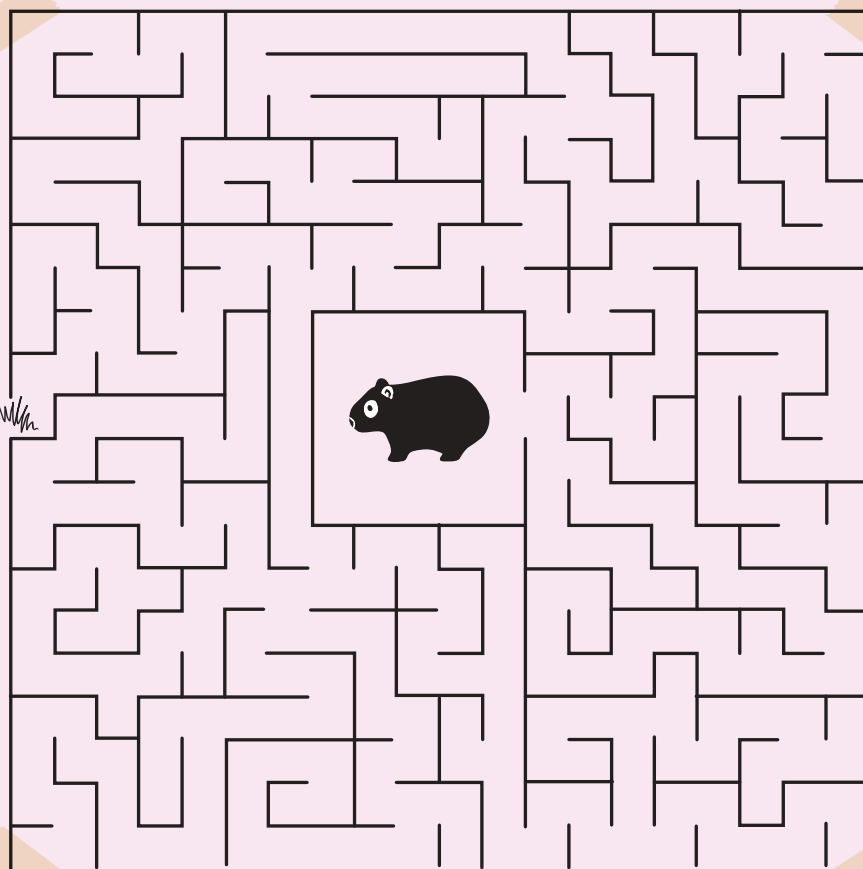
## Did you know?

-  Wombats live in large burrows up to 30 metres long.
-  A wombat's pouch faces backwards so it doesn't fill up with soil while it's burrowing.
-  Wombats teeth never stop growing! The teeth never get too long because the wombat chews up dirt & pebbles and these rough bits grind the teeth down to just the right length.

DID YOU  
KNOW?



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# MAKE DAMPER

Making damper is a great Australian tradition.

Damper can be cooked on a stove but it's great if you can go out into a park and cook it over a fire. As making damper involves using fire you should be supervised by an adult. Remember to only build your fire in designated fire places.

## Junior Rangers Damper Recipe:

6 cups self raising flour  
1/2 teaspoon of salt  
1 tablespoon of butter  
2 cups milk



1 Combine flour, salt and butter. Gradually add milk until you have soft dough.

2 Mix until all ingredients are combined. If the damper mixture is too sticky, add more flour. If too dry add a little more milk until your mixture is of good consistency.

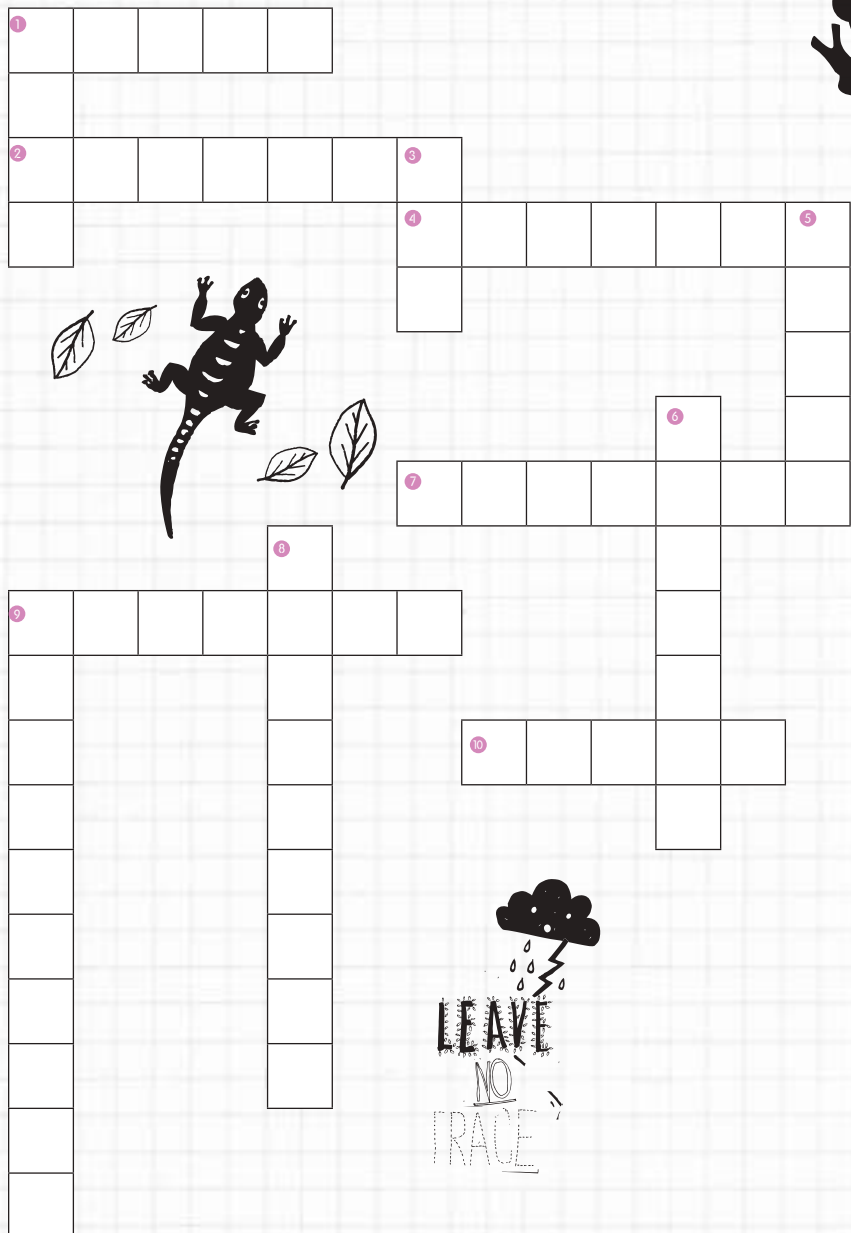
3 Place in a greased camp oven or wrap around a stick. It's best to wait for the fire to burn down and coals to develop before cooking.

4 Place camp oven in hot coals (not the flames) or hold the damper stick above the hot coals turning the stick regularly.

5 Remember to let the damper cool before eating. When it's ready, cover in your favourite topping or enjoy plain.



# PARK VISIT CROSSWORD



## Across

- 1 Listen for the \_\_\_\_\_ chirping
- 2 So we don't litter the park we take our \_\_\_\_\_ home
- 4 Don't share your food with native \_\_\_\_\_ as human food can make them sick
- 7 Smell the \_\_\_\_\_ that have blossomed
- 9 Junior Rangers are born to \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Fallen branches can provide \_\_\_\_\_ for animals

## Down

- 1 The outside of a tree trunk is covered in \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 You wear a \_\_\_\_\_ on your head so you don't get sunburnt
- 5 Wear good walking \_\_\_\_\_ to protect your feet
- 6 Check what the \_\_\_\_\_ will be like and be prepared for hot sun, or cold rain
- 8 Animals that are more active at night are called \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Koalas only eat \_\_\_\_\_ leaves

ANSWERS: Across 1. Bark, 2. Rubbish, 4. Animals, 7. Flowers, 9. Explore, 10. Homes Down 1. Bark, 3. Hat, 5. Shoes, 6. Weather, 8. Nocturnal, 9. Eucalyptus

# CAN YOU FIND VICTORIA'S MARINE NATIONAL PARKS?




L Y Y F E X T E L N I R E N R O C D  
P A C A P E H O W E X Y M R Q D A N  
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N I N E T Y M I L E B E A C H I O L  
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F R E N C H I S L A N D P K Z I O C

## Find these words

- Bunerong
- Cape Howe
- Churchill Island
- Corner Inlet
- Discovery Bay
- French Island
- Ninety Mile Beach
- Point Addis
- Point Hicks
- Port Phillip Heads
- Twelve Apostles
- Wilsons Promontory
- Yaringa

## Did you know?

 You use kelp (a type of seaweed) every day. The slimy stuff in Bull Kelp helps bind ice-cream, toothpaste and Vegemite™ together!

LEAVE NO TRACE ALONG YOUR WAY  
TAKE GOOD MEMORIES OF YOUR DAY,  
THAT'S THE JUNIOR RANGER WAY!

  
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