

RIO BOSQUE WETLANDS PARK



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JUNIOR EXPLORER





OLLIE'S BIG ADVENTURE

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Hey, explorer! I'm *Ollie* the Owl, your guide to the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park! I love adventures, finding cool things, and meeting curious kids like you. Let's go explore!



What is the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park?

- The Rio Bosque is a super cool, wild world full of amazing creatures! It's home to turtles, dragonflies, fishes, and even my burrowing owl family! But that's not all, coyotes, bobcats, beavers, and so many other animals also live here, making this place extra special.



**Let's make this your official
Junior Explorer Guidebook!**

Write your name as neatly as possible in the section next to this, just like a true explorer signing their adventure log!



FUN FACT!

WETLANDS ACT LIKE NATURE'S FILTERS, TRAPPING DIRT AND POLLUTION TO KEEP WATER CLEAN. THEY ALSO SOAK UP RAINWATER LIKE A SPONGE, HELPING PREVENT FLOODS AND KEEPING RIVERS FLOWING. THAT'S WHY WETLANDS ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR NATURE AND PEOPLE!

EXPLORER SCRAMBLE

Look at each jumbled word, rearrange the letters, and write the correct word on the line.

Hint: All the words are things you can find at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park!

TDNAWLES

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TOTCONOWOD

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QUESIMTE

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VEBAER

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ANSWER SHEET (TURN TO READ)

WETLANDS - COTTONWOOD - MESQUITE - BEAVER - COYOTE



SCAVENGER HUNT

Ready for an adventure?

Explore Rio Bosque Wetlands Park and find these special nature treasures!

Check them off as you go!

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WINDMILL

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CACTUS

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CATTAIL

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BIRD FEATHER

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RIO BOSQUE MURALS

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SEED POD



THE LOST RIVER

Did you know that Rio Bosque Wetlands Park is hiding a long-lost river? A long time ago (okay... not THAT long ago, but still pretty cool), the Rio Grande River used to flow right through this park. It was full of fish, birds, and all kinds of wildlife. But then, POOF! The river's course was changed! The water disappeared, and the land became dry. For a while, the animals had to find new homes.

But don't worry, this story has a happy ending! Scientists and nature lovers brought the water back and helped Rio Bosque become a wetland again. Today, it's a thriving home for more than 260 species of birds, turtles, coyotes, bobcats, a beaver, and much more!

So next time you visit, just imagine...

you're standing where a river once flowed!

What other nature secrets do you think Rio Bosque is hiding?



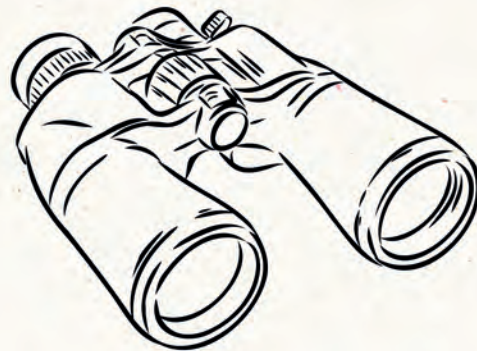


Ollie's Owl Eye



Use your sharp explorer eyes to find the hidden words search up, down, left, right, and diagonal, then circle them to complete your mission!

S N A K E T G R I O N
A C A C T U S O W E Y
L B H Y K B P Q I E T
T V A I L E Y L L A R
B I N S E C T L A L I
U M F S H O A D E C O
S T G R A V D E S B G
H I N S R C T U T R R
C O L E A R V H P A A
I A V O L F D L I W N
E I H A B I T A T J D
R W A T E R F O W L E



SCAN THE QR CODE

Discover plants, animals, and more on your adventure!

SCAN HERE ↙



FIND THE WORDS:

- HABITAT
- RIVER VALLEY
- INSECT
- SALTBUSH
- WATERFOWL
- CACTUS
- RIO GRANDE
- SNAKE



PROTECT THE WETLANDS

Hey, Junior Explorer! Did you know that Rio Bosque Wetlands Park is a special place that needs our help?

- This land is home to birds, turtles, coyotes, bobcats, a beaver, and so many other amazing creatures. But without explorers like you, it could be in danger!
- When we take care of nature, we keep the wetlands clean, safe, and full of life for years to come. That means the animals, plants, and even the water will stay healthy!

How Can We Help Protect the Wetlands?

Every explorer has a mission, and yours is to protect nature!
It's up to YOU to help keep it safe and wild! Here are some easy ways to be a Wetland Protector:



Stay on the trails!
This keeps plants and animals' homes safe.



Be quiet near animals!
Loud noises can scare them away.



Don't leave trash!
Always throw it in a bin or take it with you.



Look, but don't touch!
Nature stays safest when it is left alone.



FUN FACT!

EL PASO WATER HELPS KEEP RIO BOSQUE WETLANDS ALIVE BY RELEASING TREATED WASTEWATER, BRINGING BACK THE PLANTS, ANIMALS, AND FLOWING STREAMS THAT MAKE THIS PLACE SO SPECIAL!



JUNIOR EXPLORER PROGRAM



**WANT TO CONTINUE
YOUR ADVENTURE?**



This booklet is just the beginning of an exciting journey of discovery. It's one of six booklets that make up our Junior Explorer Program, each one filled with fun, learning, and adventure. There's so much more for you to explore and learn!

Scan the QR code below to learn more about the Junior Explorer Program. The Frontera Land Alliance invites you to continue your journey of exploration and discovery. Each booklet opens the door to new wonders, from the ancient history of our lands to the diverse ecosystems that thrive in our preserves.



CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING THE JUNIOR EXPLORER BOOKLET!

Scan the QR code to receive your Digital Certificate from The Frontera Land Alliance. We're proud to officially call you a **Junior Explorer!**



YOU DID IT!

Explore Rio Bosque Wetlands Park with your Junior Explorer Booklet! It's packed with fun challenges and cool facts to help you discover this amazing wetland. Spot soaring birds, find hidden animal tracks, and learn how water brings life to the land. Each page is a new adventure, leading you closer to earning your Junior Explorer Certificate! Get ready to explore, protect, and enjoy Rio Bosque—a wild place for curious explorers like you!

Did you know that Rio Bosque Wetlands Park is like a hidden oasis in the desert? Historically a beautiful running river ecosystem, it is now restored, protected, and managed to be bursting with life!



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