



Activity Booklet

Explore and learn at
Cosumnes River
Preserve!

Habitat Match

The Cosumnes River Preserve is home to many types of plants and wildlife. Within the Preserve there are different kinds of habitats. A habitat is the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.

Below are a few common habitats at the Preserve. Draw a line from the name of the habitat to the correct picture.

**Riparian
Forest**



**Wetland
Pond**



**Savanna
Grassland**



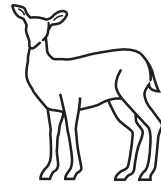
Name That Track!

Animal tracks are the footprints of animals that live or travel through a certain area. Though you may not see the animal, you can use your detective skills to find clues they leave behind -- like tracks!

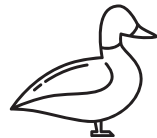
Draw a line from each animal to its matching tracks.



Great Egret



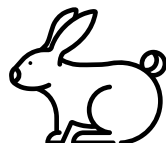
Deer



Duck



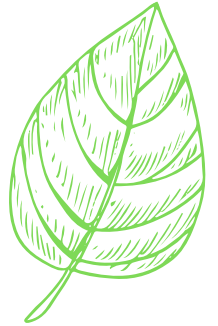
Raccoon



Rabbit

Make A Leaf Print

There are many types of plants at the Preserve and each has a unique leaf shape. Find a leaf on the ground (don't pick!) and place it behind this page. With a crayon or pencil, color the part of the page that covers the leaf until you see the leaf shape appear!



Miwok Word Search

The original inhabitants of the land surrounding the Cosumnes River are the Plains Miwok. The Miwok people utilize many plants as food, medicine, and to build their homes. Some examples are the use of willow branches for baskets, tule for homes, and acorn as a staple in their diet.

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

Miwok

Willow

Fire

Baskets

Gather

Hunt

Harvest

Acorn

Salmon

Tule

Stop and Listen

Be very quiet for at least 30 seconds (have a parent or friend time you!).
Listen carefully to all the sounds you hear around the Preserve.

How many sounds did you hear?

What do you think is making those sounds?

Did you have a favorite sound?

Did you hear any sounds that did *not* come from nature (example: cars, train)?

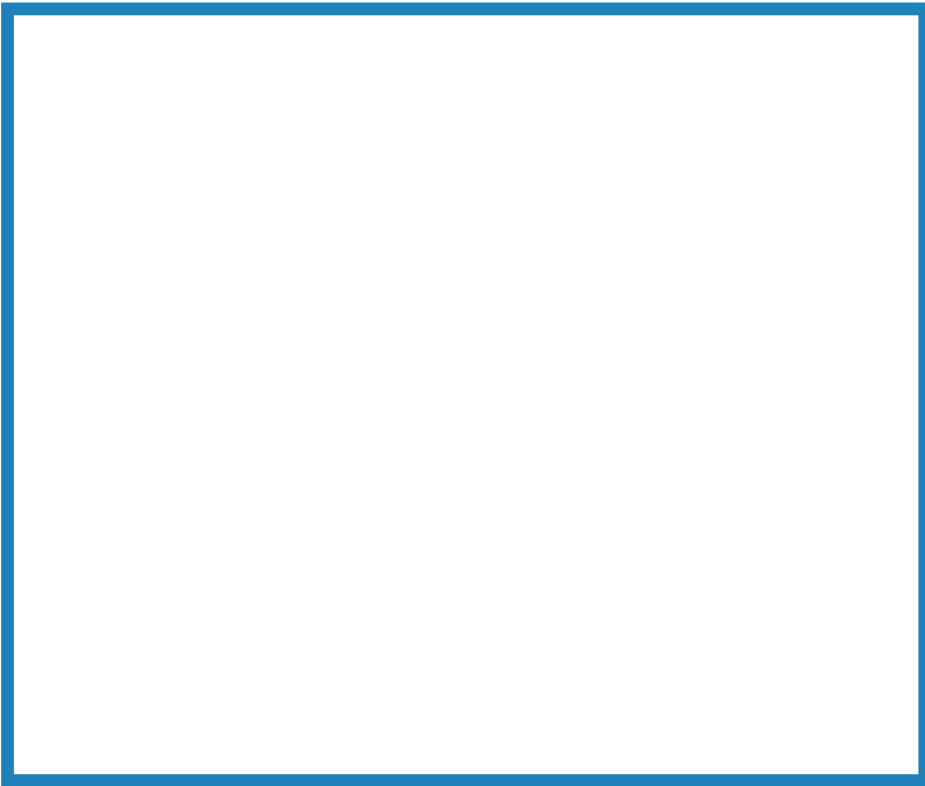
Big and Beautiful Trees

Look around the Preserve for a big tree to study and draw.



What kind of tree did you choose? Do you know its name?

Take a close look at its bark and leaves.
Draw a picture of your tree in the box:



Trees change throughout the year. What season are we in now?

Come back during a different season and see how your tree has changed!

Thank you for visiting Cosumnes River Preserve!

Before you go...

If you have collected anything from the Preserve - leaves, sticks, flowers, rocks, or acorns - leave them here.

These items are a part of what makes Cosumnes River Preserve a beautiful place for the wildlife, plants, and visitors like you!

-Preserve Staff and Volunteers

