

# **Mission Trails Regional Park**

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# **Eco-Explorer Scavenger Hunt**

"Eco" is short for *ecology*, which is the study of how *living* and *nonliving* things *interact* (live together) in their *ecosystem* (environment or habitat).

Go for a hike and try to find the living and nonliving things listed below. Be sure to check off each item as you find it!

Please do not harm, move, or take away any items, as plants and animals may depend on them. Remember, **you** are visitor in **their** home today. Have fun! ©

### **Living Things**

#### \_\_\_\_ prickly leaf

- \_\_\_\_ acorn
- \_\_\_\_ plant that smells
- \_\_\_\_ yellow flower
- \_\_\_\_ insect
- \_\_\_\_ lizard
- \_\_\_\_ fungus (mushroom)
- \_\_\_\_\_ algae (green stuff in water)
- \_\_\_\_ lichen (crusty stuff on rocks)
- \_\_\_\_ white flower
- \_\_\_\_ bird
- \_\_\_\_ snail

## Signs of Living Things

- \_\_\_\_ animal track (footprint)
- \_\_\_\_ ant hill
- \_\_\_\_ burrow (hole in ground)
- \_\_\_\_ chewed leaf
- \_\_\_\_ animal trail
- \_\_\_\_ animal scat (poop)
- \_\_\_\_ bird feather
- \_\_\_\_ spider web
- \_\_\_\_ animal lay (flattened area)
- \_\_\_\_ scratch marks
- \_\_\_\_ animal fur
- \_\_\_\_ animal nest

# **Nonliving Things**

- \_\_\_\_ ray of sunlight
- \_\_\_\_ dew drops
- \_\_\_\_ smooth rock
- \_\_\_\_ rough rock
- \_\_\_\_ broken rock
- \_\_\_\_ soft sand
- \_\_\_\_ puddle of water
- \_\_\_\_ cloud in the sky
- \_\_\_\_ light-colored soil
- \_\_\_\_ dark-colored soil
- \_\_\_\_ reddish-colored soil
- \_\_\_\_ moving water



