



Riding Mountain  
National Park

# XPLORERS

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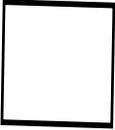
## “COOL” BIRDS!

Many birds stay in the park during the winter. How many different birds can you spot as you Xplore?

Challenge your friends to find more!

Do you see any that forgot to fly south?

Circle the bird below that doesn't spend winter in the park!



Secret number is on the lookout with the binoculars over Ominnik Marsh!

## SNOW EVERYWHERE... OR IS THERE?

Look outside... it's a winter wonderland! Are you wondering how much snow has fallen?

Find the ruler near the animal mural near the beach bath house.

How deep is the snow? Write down your measurement.

Then measure yourself compared to the animals!

Secret number is the total of mice in the mural. Look closely!

Come back next year to see if there is more or less snow. Why is there more snow some years than in others?



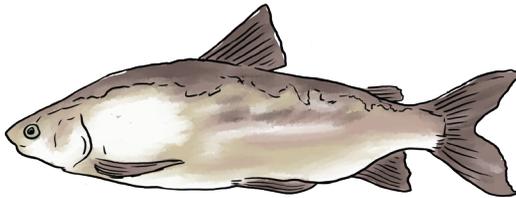
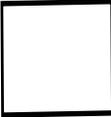
# WINTER WHITEFISH

Ice fishing is a popular activity in Clear Lake. An invasive species can cause Whirling Disease in fish. This can make their tails the wrong shape, causing them to “whirl” in circles when they swim.

Luckily this disease is not in Clear Lake! Let's all protect our lake and the fish by inspecting our boats.

Can you identify the aquatic invasive species?

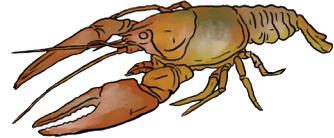
Secret number is the amount of whitefish in your book, plus the quantity in the picture hidden on the pier.



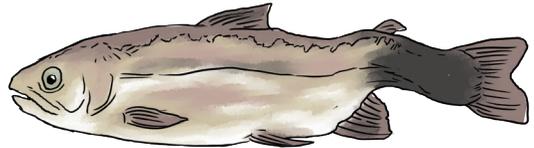
Healthy Lake Whitefish



Zebra Mussel



Rusty Crayfish



Lake Whitefish with Whirling Disease



Spiny Waterflea

# WHERE DO THE BATS GO?

Bats hibernate during the winter. An invasive fungus called White Nose Syndrome can tickle their muzzles and wake them up during the winter. Waking up too soon causes them to use up all their energy!

Find and discover the bat houses at the Friends of Riding Mountain Learning Centre, 154 Columbine Street.



Secret number is the total of bat houses on the building!

# WELCOME!

## to RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

1. Get your Winter Xplorer Missions from the Visitor Centre, RMNP administration building or the Friends of Riding Mountain Learning Centre, 154 Columbine Street.
2. Complete the missions to find the secret numbers.
3. Go to the Friends of RMNP Learning Centre to find the locked chest!
4. Use the secret numbers to unlock the chest

You'll see the numbers below on the activity pages in your booklet. Find them on these pages to see where to go to do the activities. Happy Xploring!

- 1 Ominnik Marsh Binoculars Lookout
- 2 Animal heights mural
- 3 Clear Lake Pier
- 4 Friends of RMNP

