INSECT scavenger hunt

BEST SEASONS: Summer, Fall | BEST TRAILS: Discovery, Lookout, Upland, Whitetail

Can you find these insects as you hike? Place a checkmark next to each insect that you see and answer the questions.

**EASY**

**GRASSHOPPER**

☐ = 1 point

An adaptation is a behavior or a body part that helps a plant or animal survive. Name two adaptations of a grasshopper below.

1: 

2: 

☐ = 2 points

**ANT**

☐ = 1 point

**CRICKET**

☐ = 1 point

Did you know that only male crickets produce sound? Why might this be?

☐ = 2 points

**MEDIUM**

**BUMBLE BEE**

☐ = 2 points

Bumble bees and honey bees are important pollinators in our ecosystem. What is a pollinator?

☐ = 3 points

**HONEY BEE**

☐ = 2 points

**CATERPILLAR**

☐ = 2 points

Caterpillars can often be found in the middle of a trail or sidewalk. If you see a caterpillar in one of these places, please use a leaf or stick to gently move it to a safer place. Check the box below once the rescue is complete.

☐ = 3 points

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**HARD**

**DRAGONFLY**

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Dragonflies are predators that eat other insects (including mosquitoes). Since mosquitoes breed in calm pools of water, dragonflies can often be found nearby. Find a pond and have a seat on the boardwalk. Quietly observe your surroundings for at least three minutes and, in the space below, tally the number of dragonflies you see.

☐ = 1 point each

**DAMSELFLY**

☐ = 3 points

Take a close look at the images of the dragonfly and damselfly above. Although these insects have some similar characteristics, what is one way that you can tell them apart?

☐ = 5 points

**EXPERT**

**RED MILKWEED BEETLE**

☐ = 5 points

**MONARCH BUTTERFLY**

☐ = 10 points

Monarch butterflies are poisonous to predators and are known for their bright “warning” colors. Can you name another insect that has “warning” colors?

☐ = 5 points

Find an insect that is not on this scavenger hunt and describe/draw it below. Can you find out what species it is by using a guidebook at the front desk in the Rowe Visitor Center?

☐ = 10 points

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