

Dogwood Lane

Trail Guide

Activity Book



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Trail Station Answers

1. urushiol oil
2. gray and fox squirrels
3. black dye
4. chewing gum, tobacco, root
bear, medicine, sassafras tea.
5. chipmunk
6. Spanish oak
7. flour, then processed into bread
8. root
9. beaver
10. stream banks
11. September or October
12. combat fevers
13. forecast the weather
14. crimson
15. chests, pencils, furniture and
interior finishes
16. water

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

2. Sassafras
7. Erosion
9. Persimmon
10. Buckeye
11. Green Ash
12. Farkleberry

Down

1. PawPaw
3. Sycamore
4. Dogwood
5. White Oak
6. May Apple
8. Tulip Tree

Volunteer Opportunities

If your trails have provided you with beauty and recreation, please give something back by becoming a trail volunteer. Volunteer trail maintenance can be as easy as picking up litter and cleaning small debris off the trail. Stop by the visitor center or call (870) 932-2615 if you are interested in helping.

Interpretive Programs

Interpretive and educational programs are available year round. Programs may include guided nature hikes, slide shows, demonstrations, special events and weekend programming. Schools, scouts and other organized groups are encouraged to request special programs year-round with advance notice.

NOTE: To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and supervision of your children are required while visiting these areas.



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Welcome to Lake Frierson State Park

Lake Frierson State Park is a popular fishing, recreational and environmental education area. The park fronts the western edge of picturesque Crowley's Ridge, a geological phenomenon which rises 100-200 feet above the surrounding countryside and stretches from southern Missouri to the Mississippi River at Helena, Arkansas.

Trail Description

Dogwood Lane Trail is approximately 1/2 mile long, self-guided interpretive trail with a 1/8 mile spur that leads to the visitor center. Lake Frierson State Park has more dogwoods than any other state park its size and bursts into a wild array of dogwood blossoms each spring. Along this trail you should also watch for deer, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, snake, box turtle, songbirds and wildflowers.

Crowley's Ridge has a distinct type of forest which most nearly resembles that of the Appalachians, and exhibits quite a variety of species. On the drier top will be found the oak-hickory combination of much of the Ozark region, and where it joins the river flood-plains below, the forest will resemble that type. However, on the more sheltered north slopes and spreading out from these will be found a richer assortment of broadleaf trees than anywhere else in the state. This includes the tulip tree; cucumber tree; basswood; white oak, northern red oak, and chinkapin oaks, several hickories; ashes; maples; cherry; walnut, butternut; and beech. This is the only area in the state where the tulip tree (yellow poplar) occurs naturally.

Trail Rules & Regulations

All plants, animals and rocks found in the park are protected by law. Please don't disturb them, just appreciate them and leave them for the next visitor to enjoy.

**"Take nothing but photographs,
leave nothing but footprints."**

To protect the environment and for the safety of you and others, it is unlawful to:

- ◆ Possess alcoholic beverages on trails.
- ◆ Carry glass containers on trails.
- ◆ Litter.
- ◆ Deface natural or cultural features.
- ◆ Allow pets off their leash.
- ◆ Ride bikes or ATVs on trails.
- ◆ Harass or kill wildlife or remove any wild plants.
- ◆ Camp or build campfires on trails.
- ◆ The park closes at 10 p.m. and all visitors (excluding registered campers) must vacate the park by that time.



Across

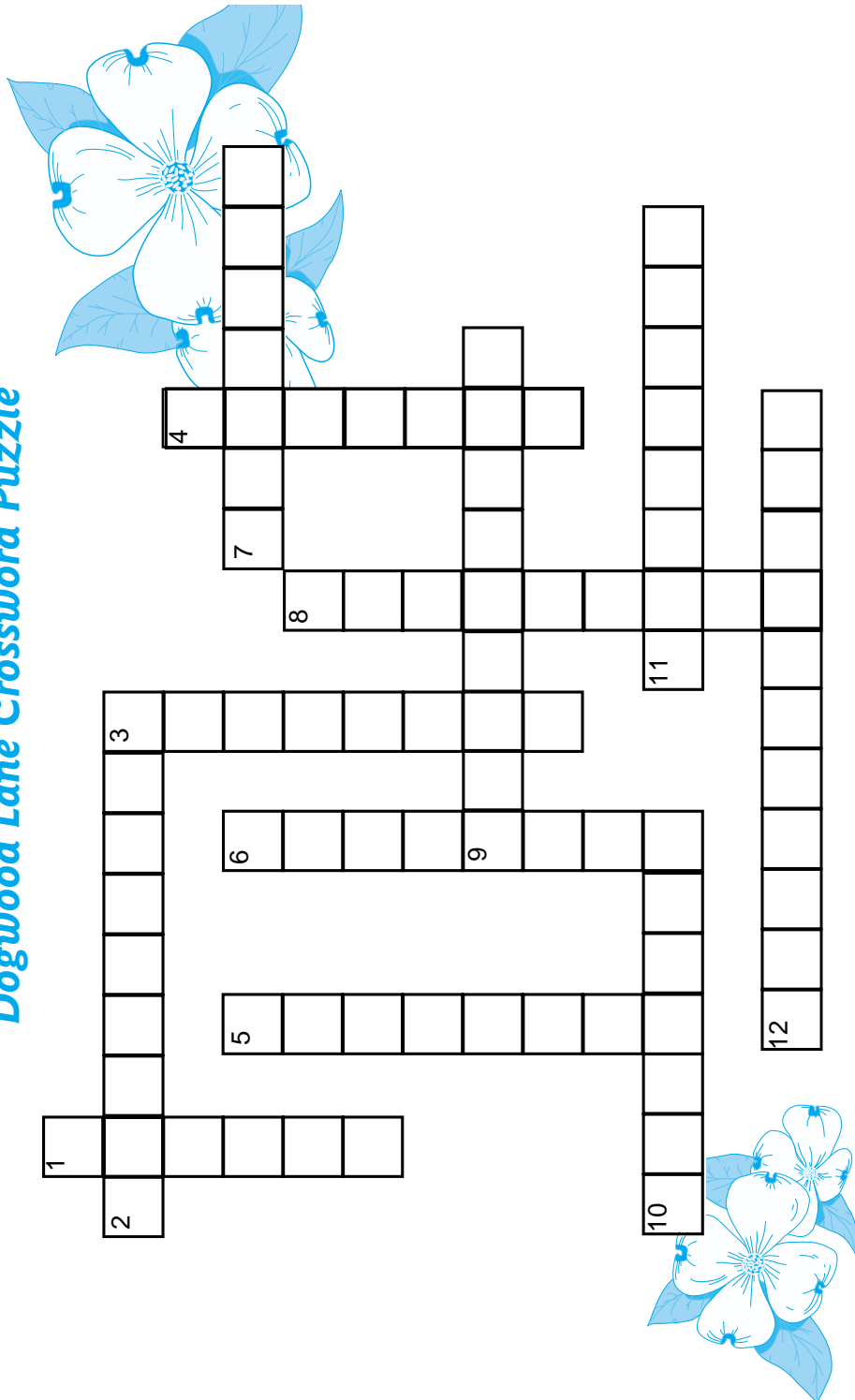
2. This tree has three different shapes of leaves all on the same tree: oval, mitten shaped and three lobed.
7. A natural process by which soil is worn away by water, ice and wind.
9. This wild orange colored fruit is rich in vitamins A & C and is used in cakes and jellies.
10. Some people carry the dried seed of this plant for luck.
11. A fast growing subspecies of the red ash and an important timber tree.
12. This plant is also known as a sparkleberry or huckleberry.

Down

1. The fruit of this tree is also called the "Arkansas Banana"
3. This tree has white bark.
4. The tree this trail is named for.
5. The fine-grained wood from this tree is prized for furniture making and hardwood flooring.
6. This plant's fruit is compared to the strawberry and is acclaimed by poets.
8. This tree is native to Crowley's Ridge.



Dogwood Lane Crossword Puzzle



Trail Stations

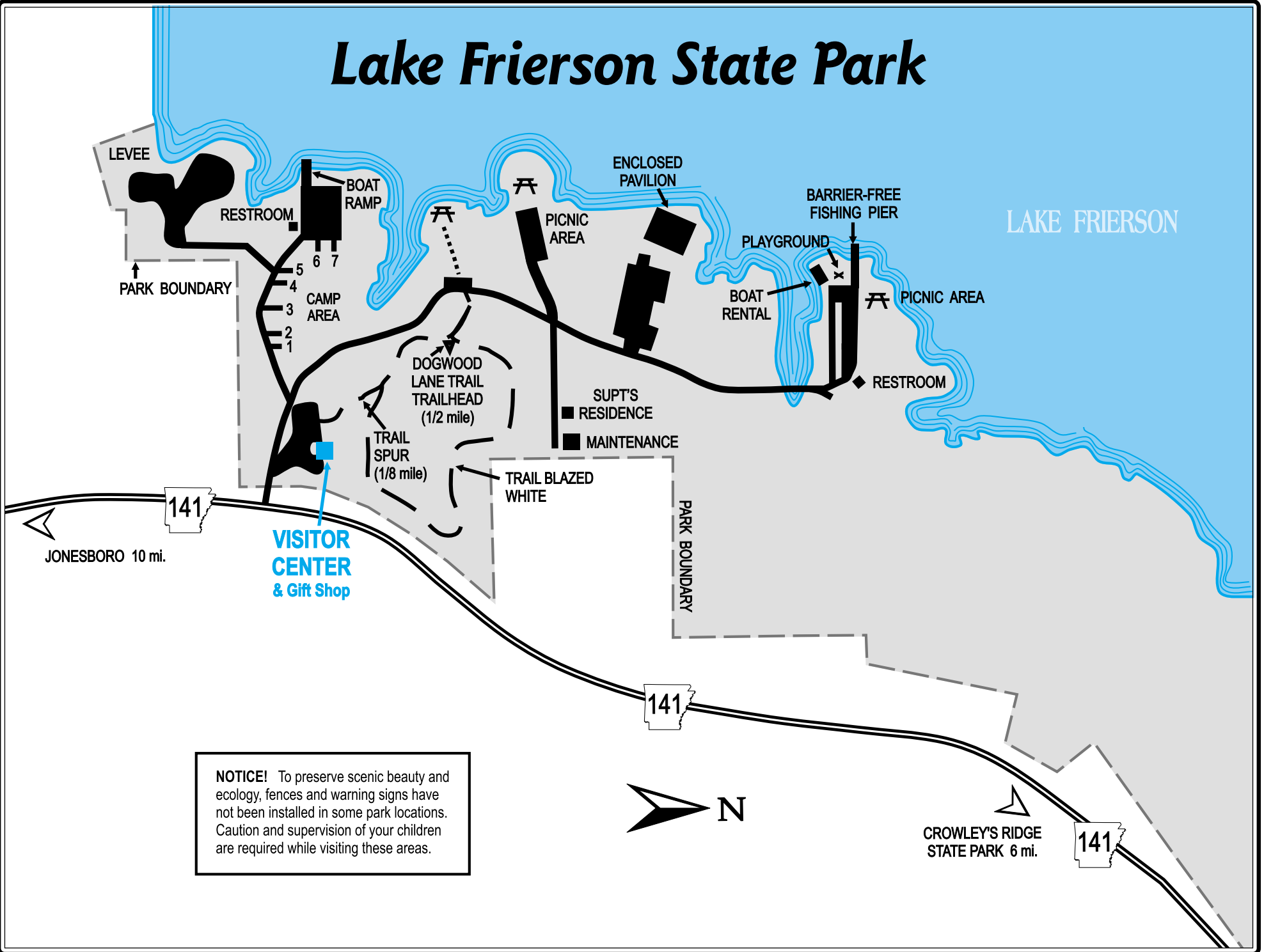
Stations occur throughout the trail that interprets specific flora, fauna or wildlife habitat.

After reading the information at each station, can you answer these questions?

1. What actually causes the rash from poison ivy/poison oak?
2. What two types of squirrels are common in Arkansas?
3. What did early settlers use the bark of mockernut hickory for?
4. Name one thing sassafras roots and bark are used for flavoring ?
5. Black cherry fruit pits are a favorite of what animal?
6. What is another common name for the southern red oak?
7. White oak acorns were used by the Native Americans to make what?
8. What part of the May apple is poisonous?
9. The bark of the sweet gum is a favorite food of what animal?
10. Where is the green ash tree most often located?
11. What months do the berries of the farkleberry mature?
12. What purpose was the tea, made from the root of a dogwood tree used for?
13. What were persimmon seeds used for?
14. Black gum leaves turn what color in early fall?
15. What type of items is cedar used to make?
16. What is the most natural destructive force of erosion?

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