

# Brazos Bend Junior Naturalist RACCOON PATCH



First Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Age - \_\_\_\_\_

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Visit the Cistern located near the Windmill behind the Nature Center



The Brazos Bend State Park  
Volunteer Organization

What was the cistern used for? \_\_\_\_\_  
How deep is it? \_\_\_\_\_ How old do you think it is? \_\_\_\_\_  
Does your drinking water come from a cistern? \_\_\_\_\_



Visit the Butterfly Garden by the Windmill.

What is a Monarch Waystation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Can you name one insect you see in the garden?  
\_\_\_\_\_



Go on a hike around one the trails (your choice!)

Which trail did you choose? - \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_



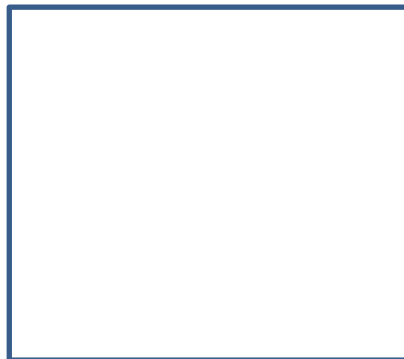
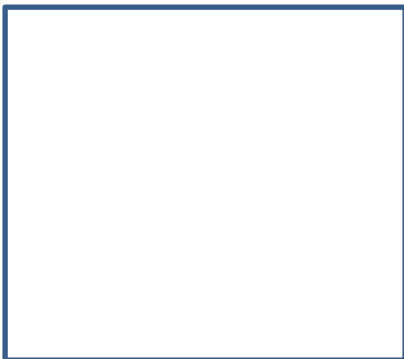
Can you name 4 things you saw on your hike?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

What was your favorite thing to see? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_



Nature Journaling: There are all sorts critters crawling and flying around the park! Draw three insects you saw on your hike.



MORE QUESTIONS ON THE BACK





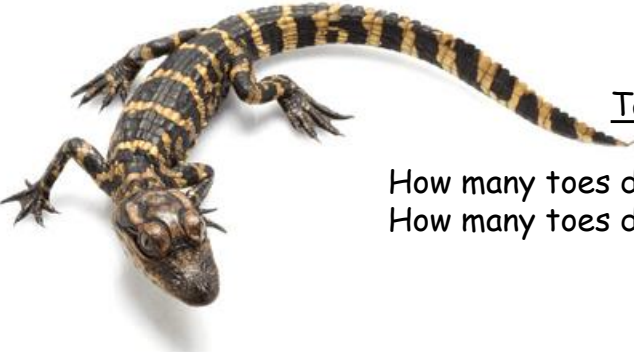
## Let's learn about Alligators!

How many alligators did you see on your hike? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know that when alligators are first hatched from their egg, they have yellow stripes all along their body and tail? (see picture below)

Did you see any young alligators with yellow stripes? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think the stripes are for? \_\_\_\_\_



### Take a closer look at the picture of the hatchling

How many toes do alligators have on their front feet? \_\_\_\_\_

How many toes do alligators have on their back feet? \_\_\_\_\_



## What is your favorite animal that lives at Brazos Bend State Park?

What do you like best about it? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it eat? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it a carnivore, an herbivore or an omnivore? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a carnivore, an herbivore or an omnivore? \_\_\_\_\_

Try to draw a picture of your favorite animal.



What is something you could do to help protect Brazos Bend State Park and other natural places? \_\_\_\_\_

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