

Completed Park Passport Details

Don't forget, once you have all your stamps, take a photo of your completed stamp pages and e-mail to anna.park@glastonbury-ct.gov with the subject line "Completed Parks Passport". Be sure to include your name, address and t-shirt size!

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Park Passport Instructions

1. Select a Park Map and visit each park in that region.
2. Once at each location, look for a punch stamp using the hints located in this booklet. When you find it, use the punch to stamp the appropriate spot.
3. Complete the checklist, challenge activities and coloring pages in each region. After you have visited each park, see if you can correctly identify the parks from their photos.
4. Once you have all your stamps, take a photo of your completed stamp pages and e-mail to anna.park@glastonbury-ct.gov with the subject line "Completed Parks Passport". Be sure to include your name, address and t-shirt size!
5. Once your stamps have been verified, we will be in touch to make arrangements to pick up your t-shirt.
6. If you arrive to a location and notice vandalism, missing punch stamps or something amiss, please touch base and let us know!

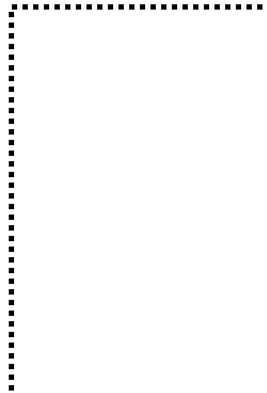
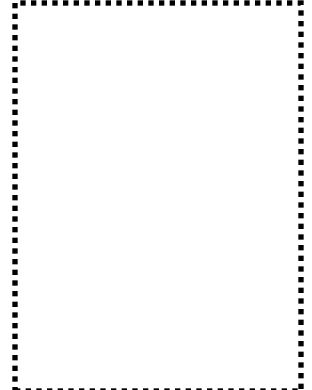


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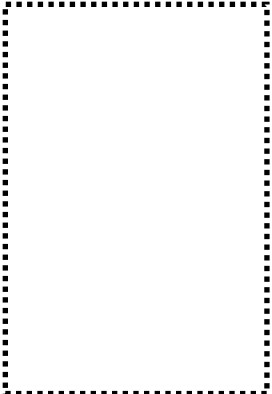
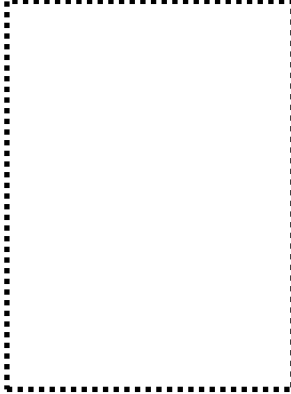
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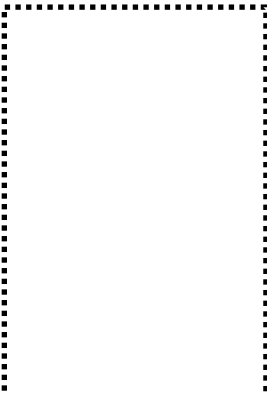
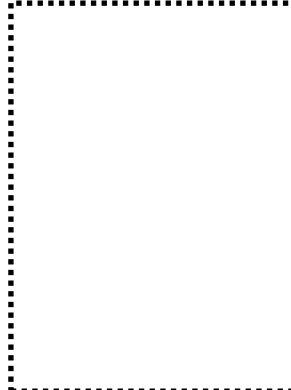
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Park Maintenance Staff work diligently to get fields, playgrounds, parks and courts open and looking beautiful for public use. We need your help to keep these facilities in good shape.

- ⇒ Use Trash and Recycling Containers instead of throwing items on the ground or leaving them on a bench. Plastic and other materials can be harmful to the birds and other animals that live in these places. Plus, it's the right thing to do.
- ⇒ If you see trash and happen to have some gloves handy, please pick it up and throw it out. Parks are an important part of our community, and we all have a responsibility to ensure that they are kept clean.
- ⇒ Leave no trace - if garbage and recycling containers are full, please take your items out with you. Pack it in, Pack it out.

Be Smart, Be Safe!

When you venture out to the different parks, here are some suggestions of items to bring with you and some general safety tips:

- Bring a friend - there's safety in numbers!
 - Water Bottle
 - Snacks
 - Appropriate clothing including comfortable shoes
 - Map and/or Compass
 - Cell Phone
 - Bug Spray
 - Sunscreen
 - Whistle
- ⇒ In case of an emergency, make sure to call 911
 - ⇒ Make sure to stay on marked trails
 - ⇒ If you are unsure of which trail to take, turn around and backtrack rather than risk getting lost
 - ⇒ Plan your adventures for the daylight hours and always check the weather before you go
 - ⇒ Make sure to tell someone where you are going and when you plan to be back

Just for Kids

Snow Tracking

Have you ever seen a track in the snow and wondered who made it? By looking at a track's shape, size and trail pattern, you can figure out which animal was around before you were!

The First Clue

Is the track....

dog-like?

(oval with claw marks)
coyote, red fox, gray fox, dog

COYOTE



cat-like?

(round and no claw marks)
bobcat, cat

BOBCAT



with big, back feet;
little front feet?
rodents, rabbits

RABBIT

different?

skunk, weasels

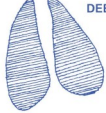
SKUNK



heart-shaped?

deer, moose

DEER



hand-like?

raccoon, opossum

OPOSSUM



More Clues

Does the trail of tracks....

end at a tree?

squirrel?

follow a straight path?

fox or coyote?

show no pattern at all?

skunk?

Clues to Close the Case

Knowing about habitats helps!

3-inch, dog-like tracks in a field?

COYOTE

hand-like tracks by a stream?

RACCOON

2-inch, cat-like tracks in rocky woods?

BOBCAT

Solve this Mystery:

While walking in a field one day, you see dog-like tracks following a straight path. Walking a little further, you notice the tracks of an animal that has two small feet and two large feet. The dog-like tracks follow the other tracks for a while until they lead to a thick brush pile. Then, you only see dog-like tracks leaving the brush pile. What do you think happened?

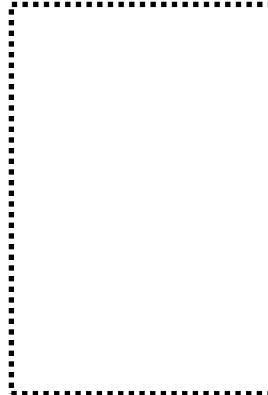
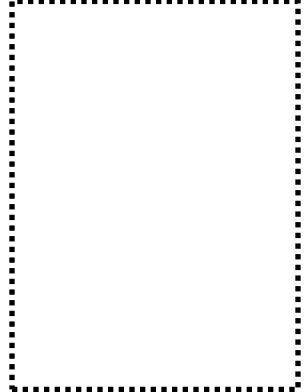
Answer to Mystery:

A coyote was walking in the field when it snatched a rabbit's trail. It followed the rabbit's trail, hoping to make a meal of it, but the rabbit escaped by entering a small hole in the brush.

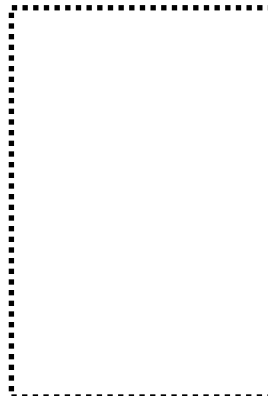
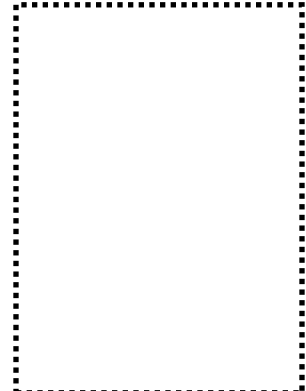


Walking	Snowmobile
Hiking	Fishing
Jogging	Wheelchair accessible
Pets allowed	Parking lot Symbol
Bicycling (road or hybrid)	Alcohol
Mountain bike recommended	Motorized bikes
Cross-country skiing	Completed multi-use trail
Horseback riding	Under construction / Proposed multi-use trail
In-line skating	
ATV's	

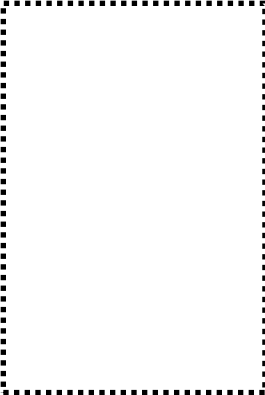
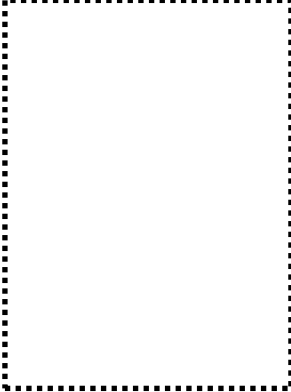
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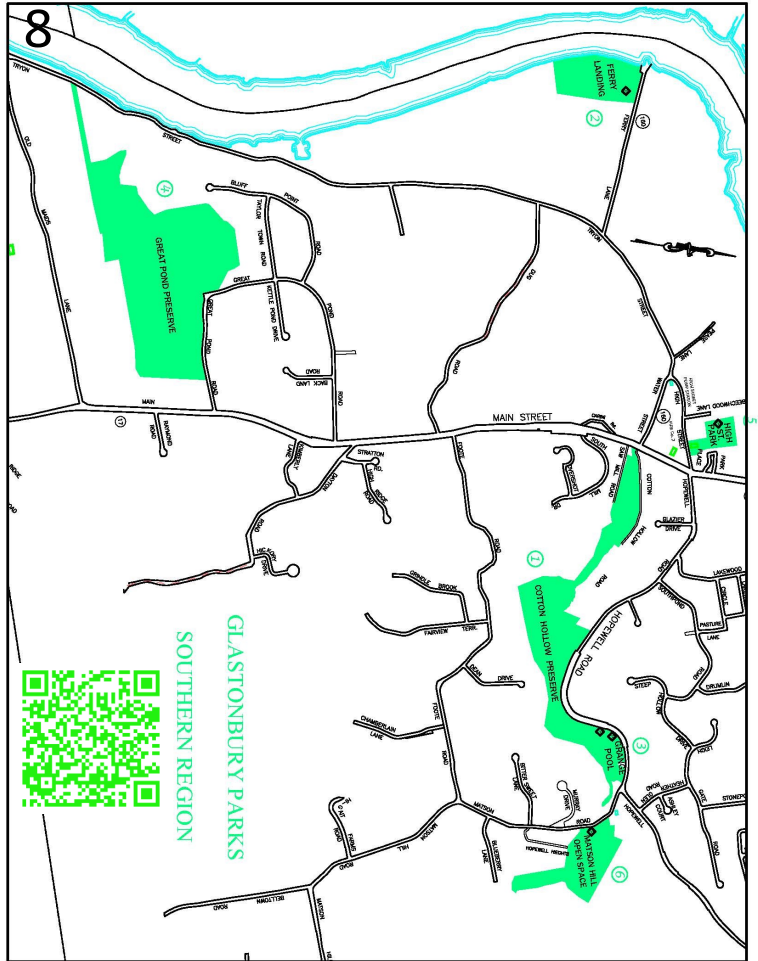
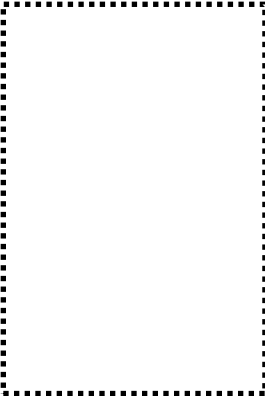
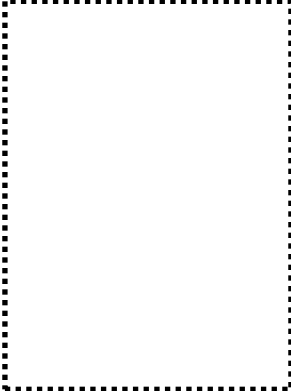
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Southern Region Checklist

- Pine Cone
- Sand
- Waterslide
- Bird
- Boat

Southern Region Punch Stamp Hints

Look for the **GREEN** stamps to add to your passport. Stamps will be hanging from the sign near each park entrance. There may be more than one sign - so don't give up if you don't find it right away! Stamps will look something like this (though the shape of the punch may be different)



Southern Region

Cotton Hollow: The Cotton Hollow Preserve consists of 80 acres of pristine woodlands traversed by the Roaring Brook.

Ferry Landing: The Glastonbury-Rocky Hill ferry is the longest continuously operating ferry in the United States. Pedestrians, vehicles and bicycles are all welcome for the short trip across the Connecticut River.

Grange Pool: An outdoor rectangular shaped swimming pool with a depth from 3 feet to 10 feet and a slide at the deep end; also includes a children's wading pool.

Great Pond: This 70 acre preserve is owned by the Town and managed in cooperation with the Great Pond Stewardship Committee. Great Pond itself is a 12 acre glacial drawdown pond, experiencing great fluctuations in water level throughout the year.

High Street: Park that features a baseball field, soccer field, volleyball court and playground.

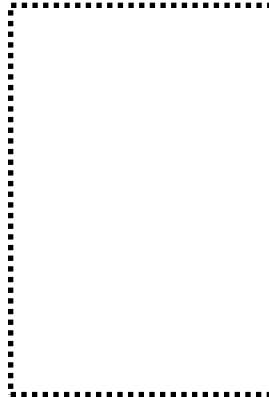
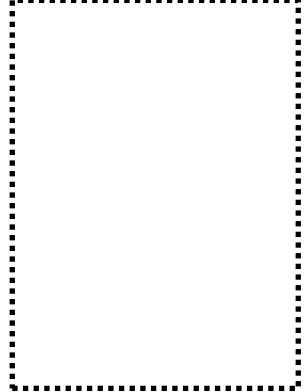
Matson Hill: Access to Woodlands, Fishing and Hiking/ Walking Trails.



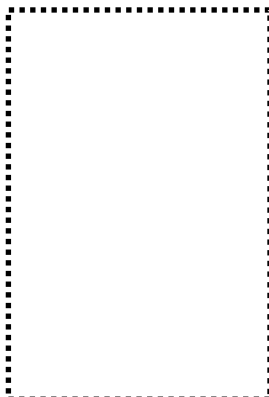
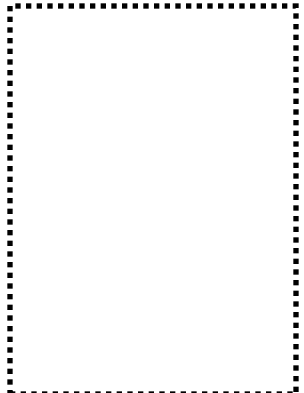
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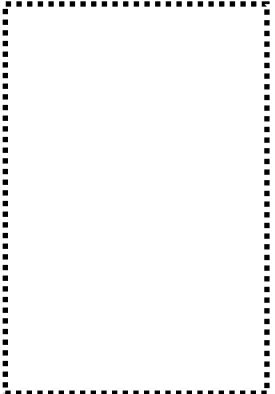
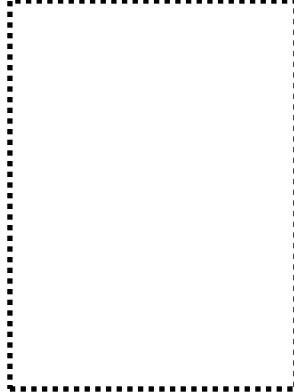
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CAMP
 HIKE
 REPEAT

12 Southern Region Challenge Activity

This region is home to many farms and farm stands that grow and sell fruits and vegetables.

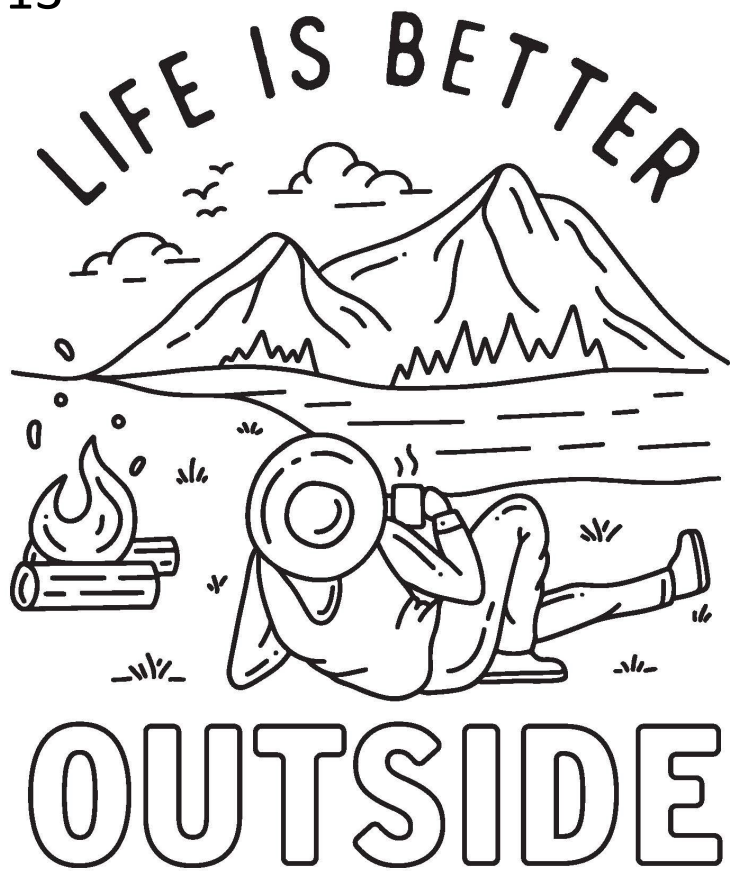
As you travel around, count and name the farms in your passport. If the farm stands are open stop in to get a healthy snack for your adventure!



Park Rangers

As you visit all the parks and facilities, you may see one of our Park Rangers. These Town staff patrol various Town parks to answer questions, direct traffic, explain ordinances and regulations and help to keep our parks beautiful! If you happen to see one, make sure to say HI! They may even be willing to snap a photo with you 😊





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Go Green!

We all know caring for the environment is important, but it can also be really easy! Here are a few ways YOU can be an environmental steward:

- Turn off lights each time you leave a room.
- Be mindful of your water use - turn the tap off when you are brushing your teeth, take a shorter shower, scrub the dishes, then rinse.
- Take a look at the things in your house you don't use - can you recycle or reuse them in another creative way. If they're broken, see if you can fix them before buying a replacement.
- Use reusable bags at the grocery store.
- Ride your bike or walk to/from school.
- Plant a vegetable or flower garden in your yard.
- Collect rainwater from your gutter downspouts.
- When you go visit a park, take out what you took in (leave no trace).
- Educate your friends on the importance of caring for the environment.
- Compost your veggie or fruit scraps.

It's Easy Being Green!



40 Far Eastern Region Challenge Activity

The Far Eastern region is home to some vast open spaces. Wear your boots for this sensory outdoor scavenger hunt in the Far East!

Sensory Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

• CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL? •

 FEEL WIND ON MY FACE	 SMELL A FLOWER	 FIND A PATTERN OR DESIGN IN NATURE	 TOUCH THE BARK ON 2 DIFFERENT TREES
 PUT MY FINGERS IN SOIL	 FIND A ROCK THAT SPARKLES	 HEAR A BIRD CHIRPING	 TOUCH A BUMPY & SMOOTH ROCK
 LISTEN TO INSECTS BUZZ	 FEEL 3 DIFFERENT KINDS OF LEAVES	 LISTEN TO WATER RUNNING	 TOUCH A PINECONE
 SMELL GREEN GRASS	 LOOK FOR ANIMAL TRACKS	 WATCH ANTS MOVE AROUND	 TOUCH MOSS

Far Eastern Region Punch Stamps		
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Punch Stamp Here		Blackledge Scan Here for Park Info
Punch Stamp Here	Grayledge Scan Here for Park Info 	
Punch Stamp Here		Longo Scan Here for Park Info

Far Eastern Region

Arbor Acres: Arbor Acres Open Space is a 75.48 acre space with hiking/walking trails and a streambelt.

Blackledge: Located in East Glastonbury at the Hebron Town line, this 80 acre parcel of open space is largely wooded. It contains hiking trails, a pond and a streambelt. The parcel abuts Gay City State Park. A small parking area is available for vehicular access.

Grayledge: Grayledge Farm Open Space is a 96.84 acre space featuring hiking/walking trails.

Longo: Longo Farm Open Space is a 156.99 property featuring Hiking/Walking Trails.

Central Region

Academy: Features a softball field and Skate Park.

Center Green: Offers a relaxing atmosphere accented by the peaceful sounds of its fountain.

Cider Mill: Thought to be the longest operating Cider Mill in the Country.

Earle Park: A 49.7 acre largely wooded park with trails along the Holland Brook.






Glastonbury High School: A multi-purpose facility that houses several softball, baseball, lacrosse, field hockey and soccer fields. Includes 8 outdoor tennis courts, an outdoor track and synthetic turf field.

Hubbard Green: An expansive green with plenty of open space. Home to the Town's war memorial and the Glastonbury Historical Society Museum.

Riverfront Park: Our newest park featuring fields, a dog park, waterfront activities and stunning views of the Connecticut River. Enjoy a picnic in the pavilion or one of the tables along the water. Park is within walking distance of Main Street.

Ross Field: A multi-purpose facility that houses a lighted baseball field, children's playground and community gardens.

Central Region Punch Stamps

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	Cider Mill Scan Here for Park Info	Punch Stamp Here
Earle Park Scan Here for Park Info		Punch Stamp Here
	Glastonbury High School Scan Here for Park Info	Punch Stamp Here
Hubbard Green Scan Here for Park Info		Punch Stamp Here
	Riverfront Park Scan Here for Park Info	Punch Stamp Here
Ross Field Scan Here for Park Info		Punch Stamp Here

Central Region Checklist

- Recycle Bin
- Historical Sign
- Fountain
- Basketball Hoop
- Skateboard

Central Region Punch Stamp Hints

Look for the **PINK** stamps to add to your passport. Stamps will be hanging from the sign near each park entrance. There may be more than one sign - so don't give up if you don't find it right away! Stamps will look something like this (though the shape of the punch may be different).



Central Region Challenge Activity

Science is all around us in our Town parks. For this region create a tool box of nature science tools to examine, play, and observe nature in the present moment. The following items could be in your science tool box:

- ⇒ Small Cloth
- ⇒ Small Hand Shovel
- ⇒ Magnifying Glass
- ⇒ Paper/Chalk for Leaf Rubbing
- ⇒ Old Toothbrush for Cleaning Gems
- ⇒ Bug Collection Container

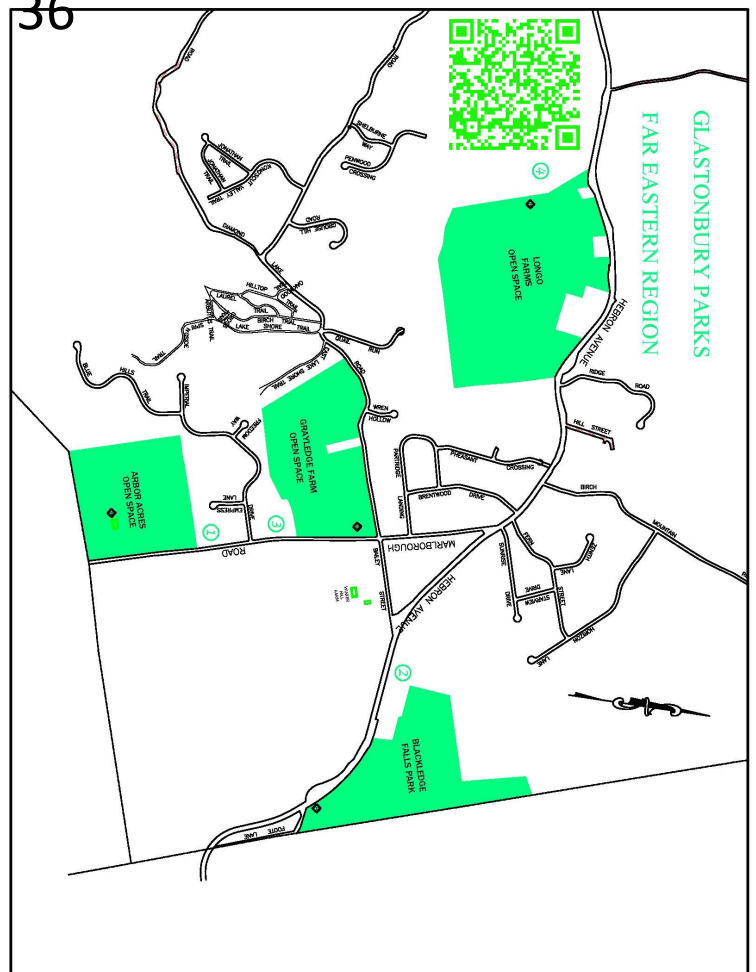
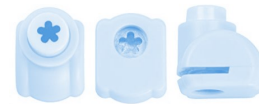


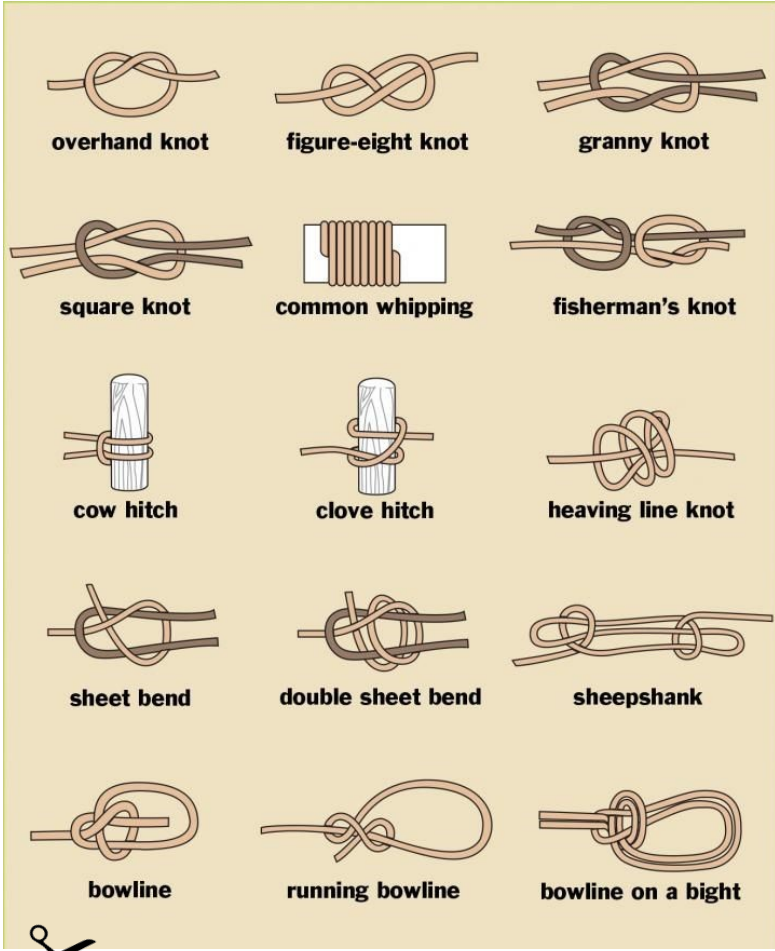
Far Eastern Region Checklist

- Stream
- Waterfall
- Giant Boulder
- Animal Prints
- Trail Blaze

Far Eastern Region Punch Stamp Hints

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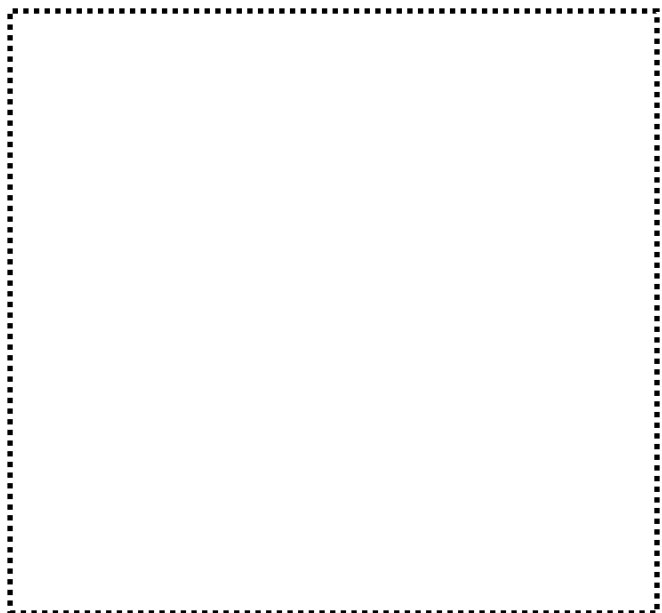




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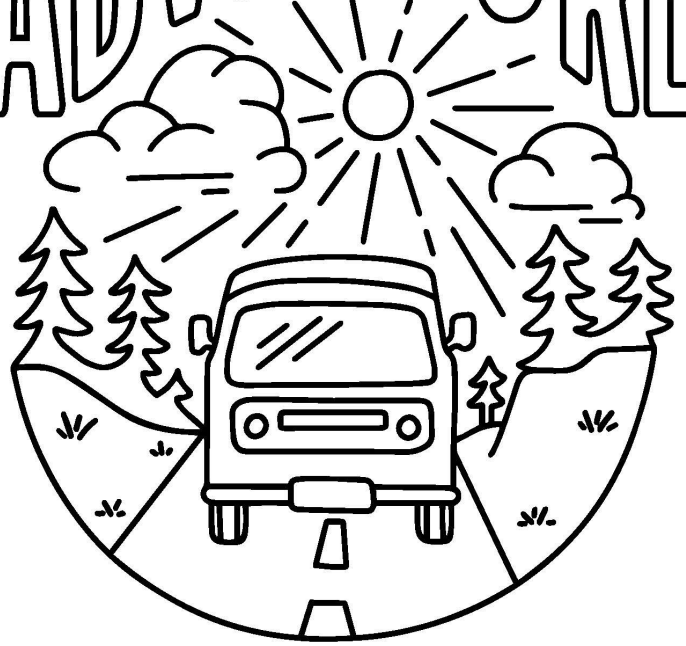
Nature is full of ART! In this region bring your artist tools along for the adventure.

Taking a hike or a walk can inspire an artist to make amazing creations. Look for a babbling brook, a majestic tree, a person to draw on a park bench, or golf cart to draw.

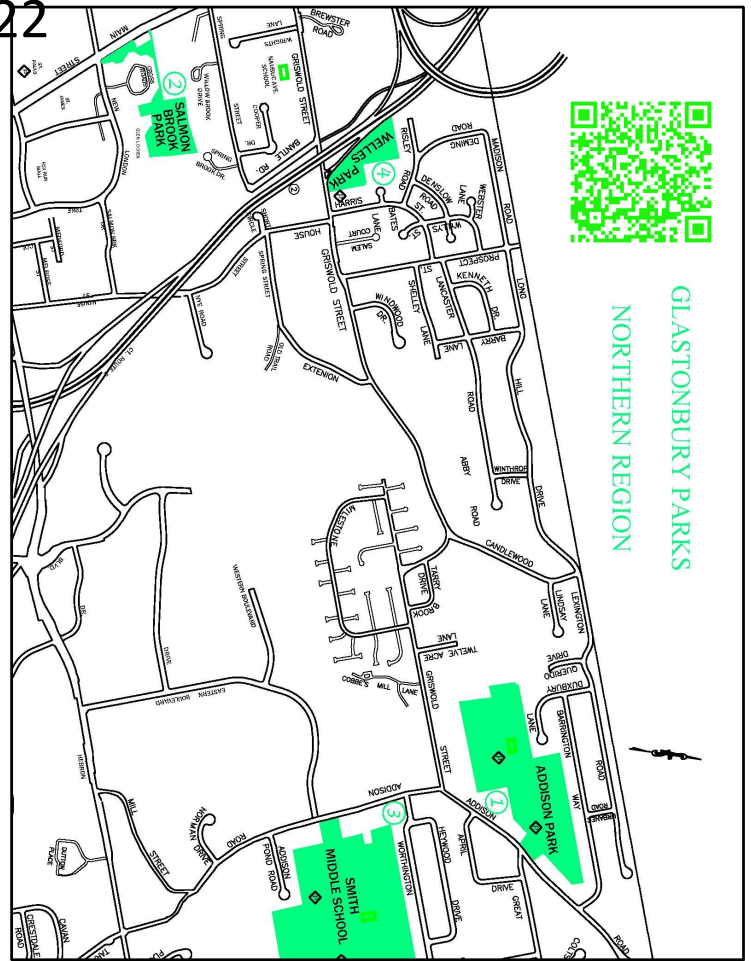


SAY YES TO

ADVENTURE



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GLASTONBURY PARKS
NORTHERN REGION

No Watch, No Problem!

Being able to tell the time (without consulting your watch) is an important wilderness survival skill.

Using your Hand:

- Face the horizon and extend your arm in front of you. Align the top of the index finger to the bottom of the sun.
- The width of each finger between the sun and horizon is equivalent to about 15 minutes.
- Each hand represents one hour
- As the sun drops a finger or a hand, you'll be able to estimate the time before it goes dark.

Using the Sun:

The sun rises in the east and sets in the west. When it's right above you, it's about noon. You can use your compass to locate east and west then follow the instructions below:

- Imagine an arc from east to west and divide it into sections with one hour per slice, starting at 6:00 am in the east and ending at 6:00 pm in the west.
- If the sun is positioned in between sunrise (east position) and noon (sun right above you), it's approximately 9:00 am. Continue using this logic.



Northern Region

Addison: A multi-purpose facility that houses softball fields, outdoor basketball courts, soccer and lacrosse fields, a boundless playground, tennis courts, picnic areas, and an outdoor pool. This park will be home to a future splashpad!

Rotary: Includes two Little League sized baseball fields, soccer field and children's playground.

Salmon Brook: This passive recreation area includes benches overlooking a pond available for fishing.


Smith: Offers several outdoor recreation facilities for community use. Athletic fields include a baseball field and two multi-purpose fields used for soccer and/or lacrosse. A paved walking trail surrounds one of the fields. Additional access and parking for the Addison Bog and Woodlands. This nature area includes hiking trails, vernal pools, a bog and the Salmon Brook Streambelt.

Welles: A multi-use facility featuring 2 baseball fields 1 softball field, soccer fields, 2 basketball courts and children's play area.



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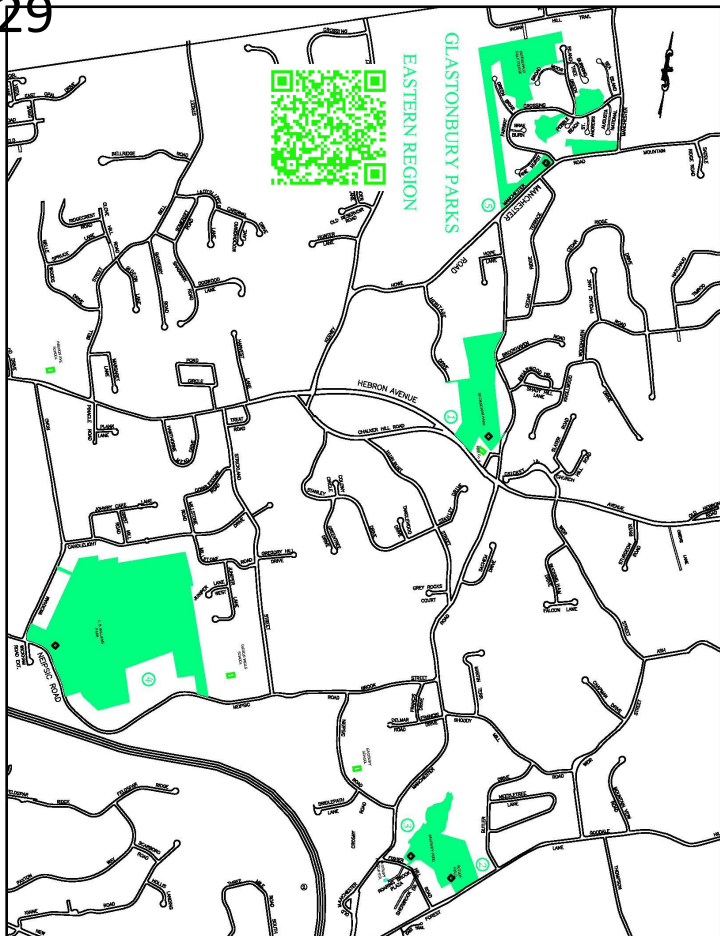
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	Eastbury Scan Here for Park Info	Punch Stamp Here
J.B. Williams Scan Here for Park Info		Punch Stamp Here
	Minnechaug Scan Here for Park Info	Punch Stamp Here

- Swings
- Flag Pole
- Pavilion
- Golf Ball
- Pond

Eastern Region Punch Stamp Hints

Look for the **PURPLE** stamps to add to your passport. Stamps will be hanging from the sign near each park entrance. There may be more than one sign - so don't give up if you don't find it right away! Stamps will look something like this (though the shape of the punch may be different)



- Soccer Goal
- Bench
- Fitness Equipment
- Garbage Can
- Slide

Northern Region Punch Stamp Hints

Look for the **YELLOW** stamps to add to your passport. Stamps will be hanging from the sign near each park entrance. There may be more than one sign - so don't give up if you don't find it right away! Stamps will look something like this (though the shape of the punch may be different)



Northern Region Challenge Activity

Stretching and breathing are important parts of a healthy body and mind. Try the following breathing and poses to build strength and balance. Make sure to do poses like tree pose on both sides, because what you do on one side YOGA-tta do on the other!



Camel pose



Plow pose



Boat pose



Tree pose



Triangle pose



Belly breathing



Cobra pose








Warrior pose



Down dog pose

Northern Region Punch Stamps

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Punch Stamp Here	Salmon Brook Scan Here for Park Info	
Punch Stamp Here		Smith Scan Here for Park Info
Punch Stamp Here	Welles Scan Here for Park Info	



Eastern Region

Buckingham: A multi-purpose facility that houses a softball field, soccer field, hiking and walking trails and children's play area.

Butler: Includes 2 baseball fields used primarily by the Glastonbury Little League. The parcel adjoins the Eastbury Pond Recreation area which can be accessed from the Butler field via a trails through the woods. Please note that the trail traverses a short but fairly steep slope.

Eastbury: A large pond used for swimming in the summer, fishing in the spring, and ice skating in the winter. The pond is fed by Roaring Brook which is a state stocked watercourse for fishing.

J.B. Williams: Park encompasses 161.9 acres of woodlands. Includes hiking trails, a softball field, pavilion, pond and children's playground. The 40'x40' park pavilion is available for rental. The lower pond is a popular location for ice skating in the winter.

Minnechaug: A 9 hole public par 35 layout Golf Course. Call (860)643-9914 for tee times and information about leagues, lessons and clinics.

Get Leaf Savvy

If you're taking a walk on the wild side or trimming brush in your yard, be wary of poison oak, sumac and ivy. Look out for these leaves.

Poison Oak



3 leaves (never 5)

Looks similar to poison ivy

No thorns

Leaf groups grow in an alternating pattern on the stem

Grows in dry, sandy areas as a vine or small shrub

Less common than poison ivy

Poison Sumac



Grows as a small tree only in wet areas (often in mud)

Red stems

Oblong, tapered leaves

Wavy or smooth-edged leaves (not saw-toothed)

Parallel rows of upward growing leaves

May have **pale yellow** or **green flowers** in spring or summer, **green berries** in fall

Poison Ivy



3 leaves (never 5)

no thorns

Leaves may be rounded or have points

Leaf groups grow in an alternating pattern on the stem (not directly across from each other)

Leaves may be **red** or **green**, even **slightly yellow**

Very common