

WE LOVE NORTH CAROLINA!

What do YOU love best about North Carolina? Is it your hometown? The mountains? The beaches? The fantastic people who live here? We LOVE all things about North Carolina, especially the natural and cultural treasures that enrich our lives. We are the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – or DNCR for short.

We take care of the things that people love about North Carolina, literally from A to Z. This includes the Arts to the Zoo, and so much else – state parks, aquariums, historic sites and many others. These places, and the ideas they represent, create a shared identity among us as North Carolinians. They provide common ground, and everyone is welcome. Explore this booklet to learn more and have FUN!

WHAT IS DNCR?



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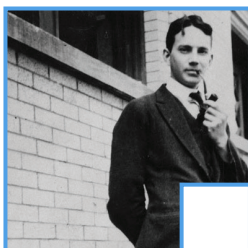
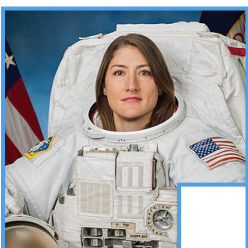
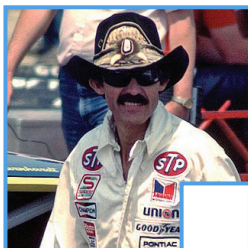
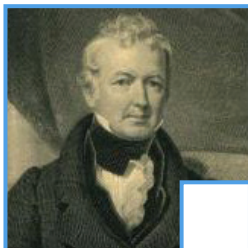
Many people do not know what we are as a group but they know “parts” of us. Try your luck at finding out more about all of us in the word search!

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FAMOUS NORTH CAROLINIANS

Our state has many past and present VIPS (very important people) that you may have heard of. Match these people with their description- ask your family and friends for help!



1. Jaki Shelton Green - From Alamance County, first African American poet laureate of NC

2. George Masa - Asheville resident and photographer, considered the Ansel Adams of the Smokies

3. Earl Scruggs - Renowned bluegrass banjo musician from Shelby

4. Kizzmekia Corbett - Viral immunologist from Hurdle Mills, helped develop COVID-19 mRNA vaccine for Moderna

5. Steph Curry - One of the best point guards of all time

6. Charlotte Hawkins Brown - Vance County educator, built nationally recognized school for African American children

7. Ricky Hurtado - First Latino Democratic representative in NC Legislature

8. Nina Simone - Singer, songwriter and civil rights activist born in Tryon as Eunice Waymon

9. Lillian Exum Clement - Attorney and first female NC legislator born near Black Mountain

10. J. Cole - Grammy-nominated rapper, singer and producer from Fayetteville

11. Loretta Lynch - From Greensboro, former Attorney General for President Obama

12. Selma Burke - Mooresville sculptor, member of the Harlem Renaissance movement

13. Richard Petty - "The King" and former stock car racing driver from Randolph County

14. Maya Angelou - Wake Forest professor, poet, singer, composer, director, actress and civil rights leader

15. Brook Simpson - Singer/songwriter from Hollister, member of the Haliwa-Saponi tribe

16. William Gaston - New Bern lawyer, legislator, and congressman, wrote lyrics for NC state song

17. Christina Koch - Grew up in Jacksonville, holds record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman

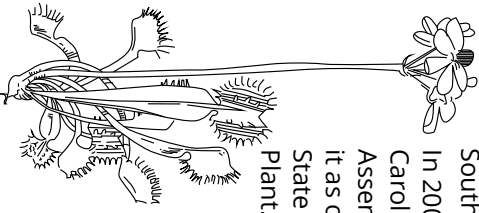
18. Thomas Wolfe - Asheville author wrote "Look Homeward, Angel," later made into Broadway play

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National Hollerin' Contest

A National Hollerin' Contest was held every year until 2016 in NC in Spivey's Corner. If your family and friends had a hollerin' contest, who do you think would win?

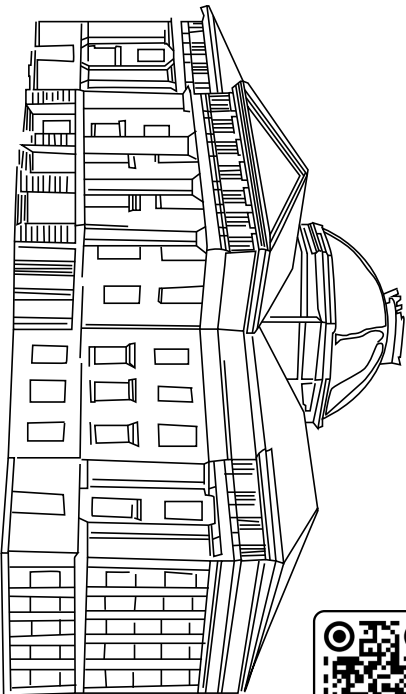


Venus Flytrap

The Venus Flytrap is native only to a small area of North and South Carolina.

In 2005, the North Carolina General Assembly adopted it as our Official State Carnivorous Plant.

This plant eats ants, spiders, and other insects!

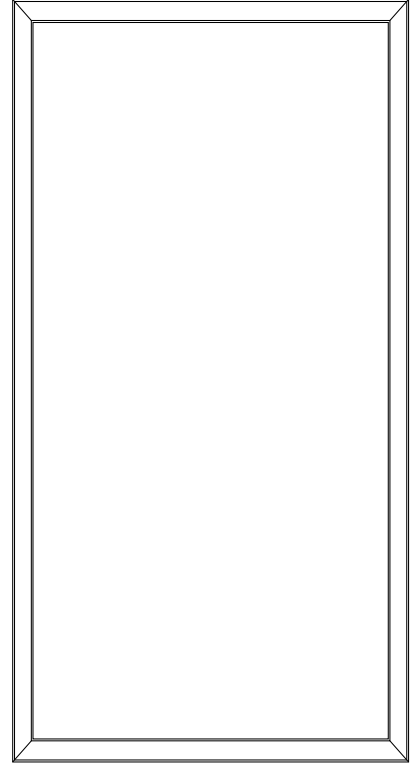


Color the NC State Capitol

Did you know that the current Capitol is actually the second building on that site? The original capitol building burned down in 1831 when workers were plating the roof with zinc. Why were they plating the roof with zinc? To fireproof it!

Draw a WAMPUS!

A wampus is a semi-mythical animal. People reported seeing one in North Carolina in the 1930s! What do you think a wampus looks like?



STRANGER than Fiction

True stories found in NCpedia



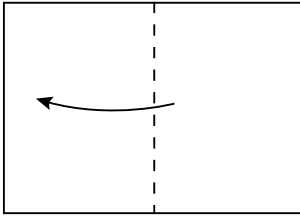
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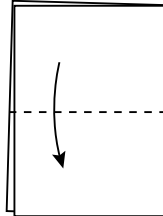
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Make a Book

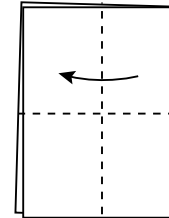
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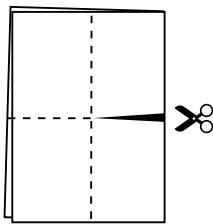
2 Fold paper in half again.



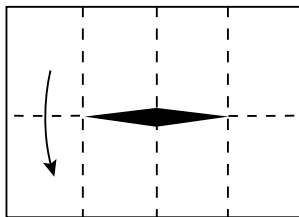
3 Open out last fold, then fold paper in half the other way.



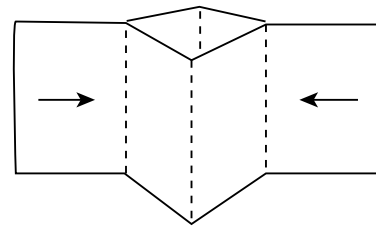
4 Open out last fold, and cut halfway along the middle crease.



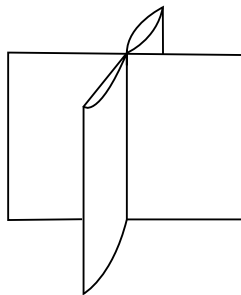
5 Unfold paper completely, then fold in half horizontally.



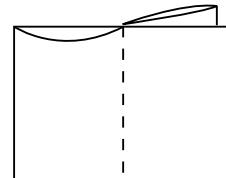
6 Push the right and the left sides of the paper to the middle...



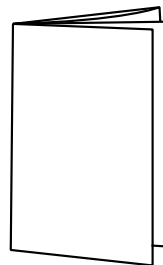
...making a shape like a plus sign.



7 Fold the plus sign flat. Then fold the pages together and you have a book!



Ta-da!



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WHO IS DNCR?

Our strength is our great staff who have a lot of different jobs! All of the words to the right are part of DNCR. Try finding where they go in the crossword.

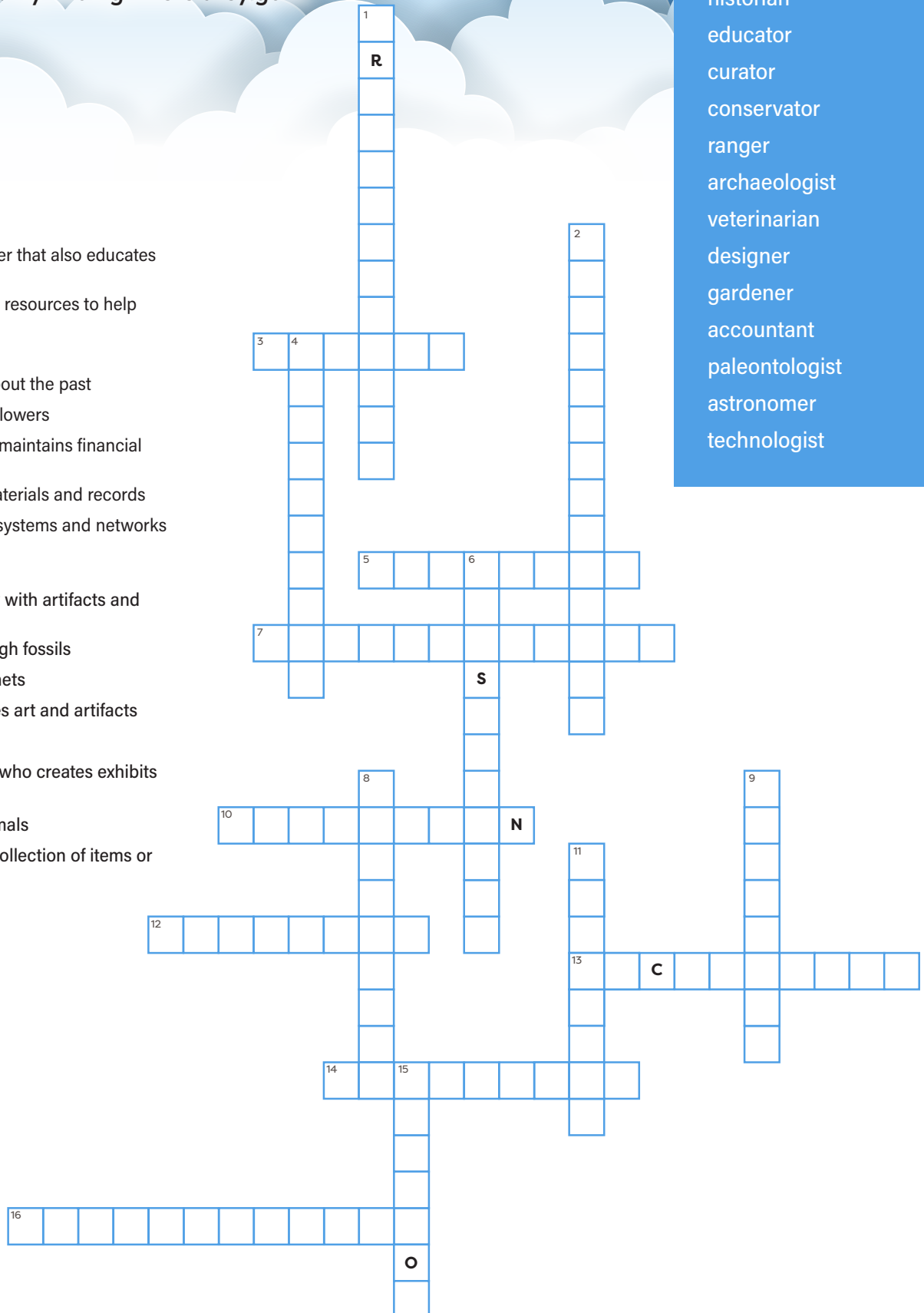
Across

- 3. law enforcement officer that also educates and maintains trails
- 5. creates programs and resources to help people learn
- 7. doctor for animals
- 10. studies and writes about the past
- 12. cares for plants and flowers
- 13. tracks spending and maintains financial records
- 14. preserves original materials and records
- 16. maintains computer systems and networks

Down

- 1. studies human history with artifacts and remains
- 2. studies past life through fossils
- 4. studies stars and planets
- 6. restores and preserves art and artifacts
- 8. cares for animals
- 9. visual communicator who creates exhibits and brochures
- 11. cares for aquatic animals
- 15. coordinates overall collection of items or animals

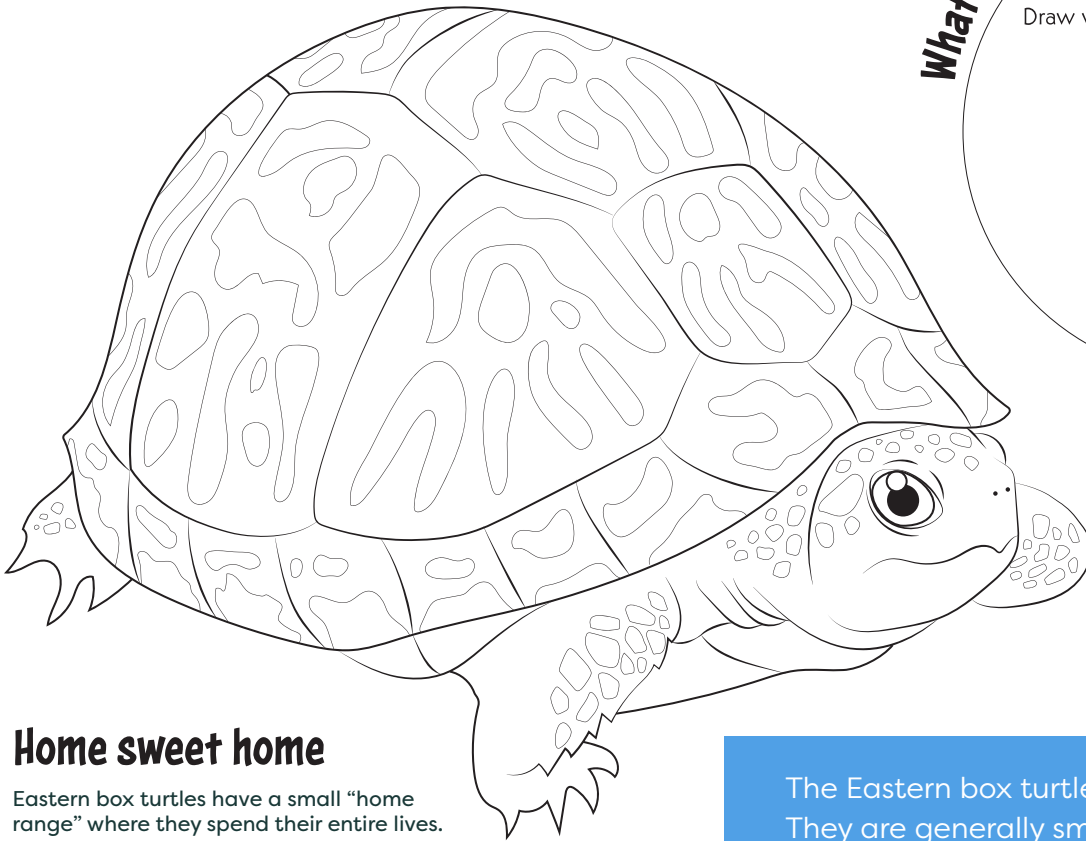
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historian
educator
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conservator
ranger
archaeologist
veterinarian
designer
gardener
accountant
paleontologist
astronomer
technologist



Our state is filled with creative people working in many art forms. It is also home to a lot of really cool animals like box turtles! Show your creativity by coloring the image below:

EASTERN BOX TURTLE

Terrapene carolina carolina



What's for lunch?

A box turtle's favorite foods include insects, worms, snails, berries, leaves and mushrooms.

Draw what you think this box turtle is having for lunch today:

Blending in

The bright orange and yellow marking on an eastern box turtle's shell help it camouflage with its habitat

Scan to see an image of a turtle



Home sweet home

Eastern box turtles have a small "home range" where they spend their entire lives. Never remove a box turtle from where you found it as it may get lost!

Source: NC Aquarium at Roanoke Island

The Eastern box turtle is our state reptile. They are generally small with a distinctive domed shell that can be brightly colored, and they can live up to 25 to 30 years. We see them from forests to fields and often in our neighborhoods. The box turtle got its name from its ability to box itself into its shell when it senses danger.

Come visit us!

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