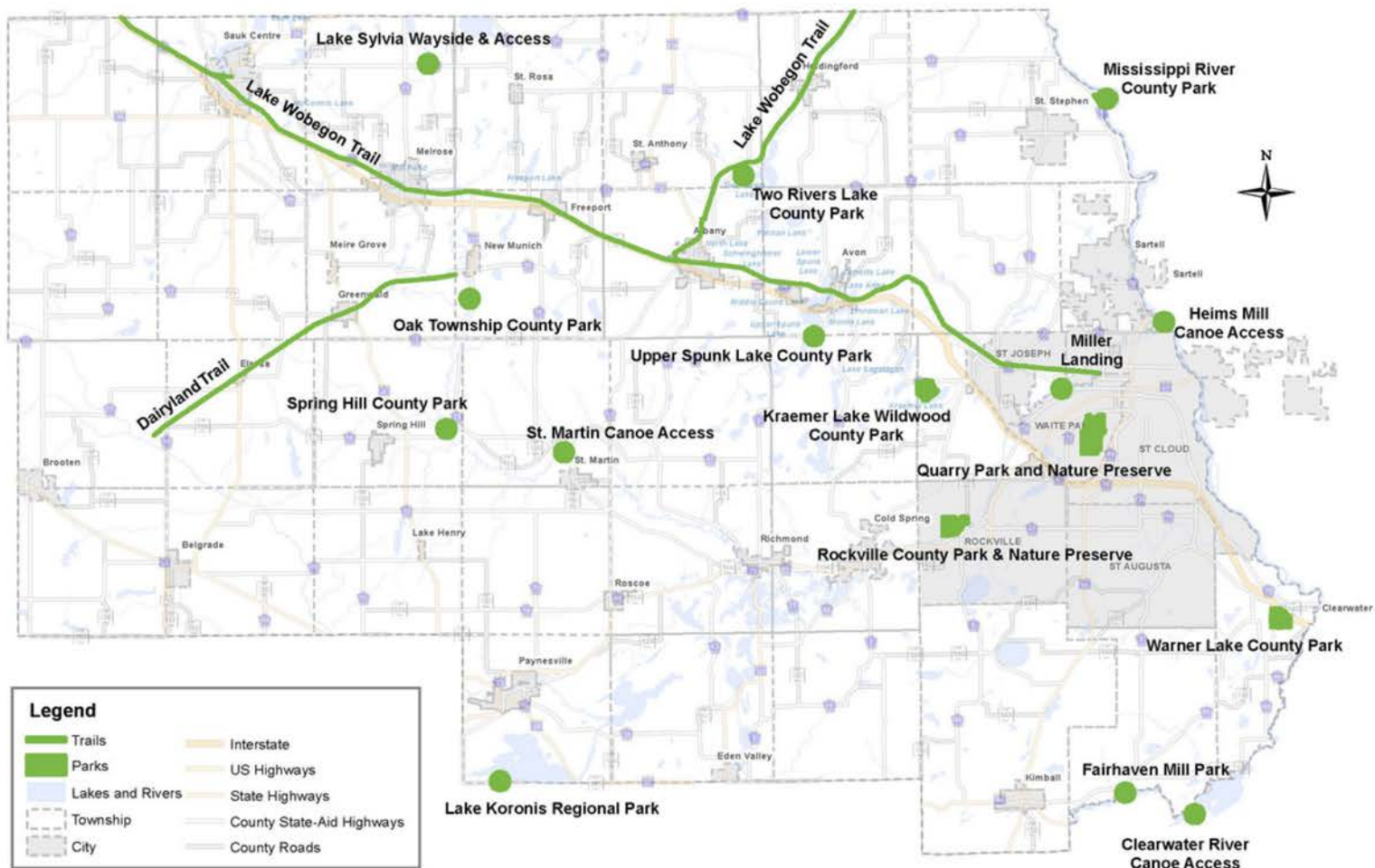


Stearns County Parks COLORING & ACTIVITY BOOK



Stearns County
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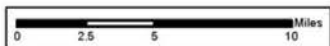


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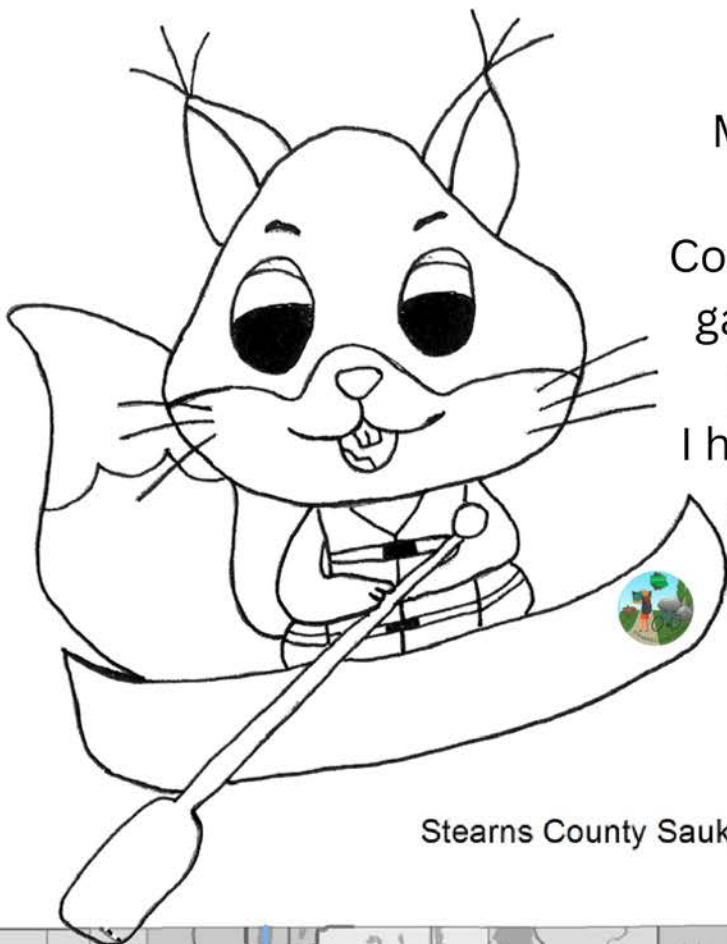
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Stearns County Parks Department and Parks Commission would like to give a special shout out to the many Stearns County Staff who assisted in the creation of this coloring book. A huge thank you to Lisa B. for her many hours of hard work, talent and creative design that went into creation and completion of this book and an additional thank you to Nicole A. for writing Stu's adventure story!



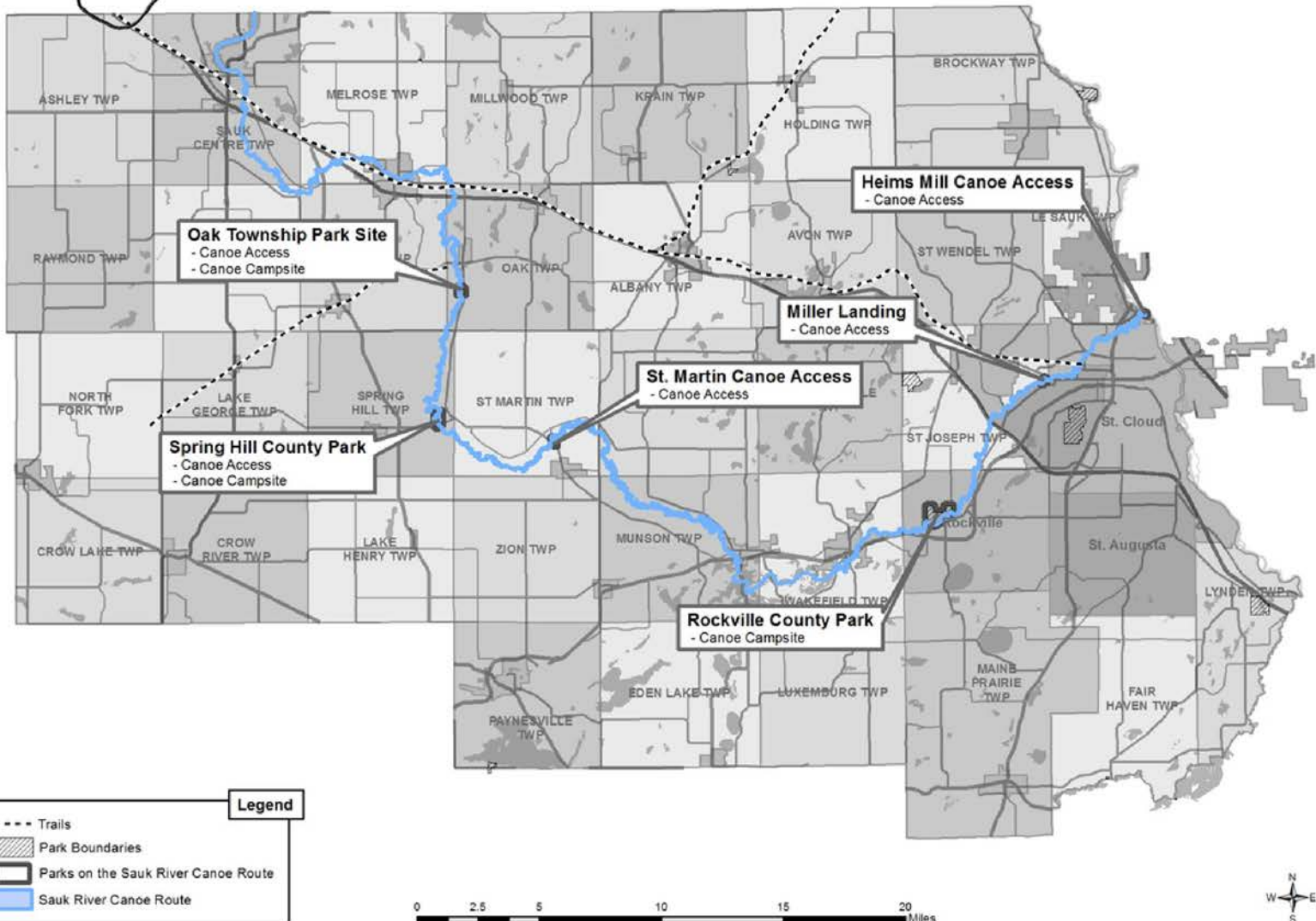


Hi Friends,

My name is Stu. Join me and my friends as we explore Stearns County. Together, we will play some games, color, and learn about our parks and trails along the way. I hope you will enjoy and help keep all of our County Parks & Trails clean and safe for everyone.

Stu 2023

Stearns County Sauk River Canoe Route





Stu heard the Lady Slippers were blooming, so he thought a bike ride on the Lake Wobegon Trail was a great way to see them, along with his friend, Chip.





tap... tap... tap... Stu is tapping maple trees and collecting sticky sap so that he can make delicious maple syrup for you to enjoy on your pancakes & waffles.

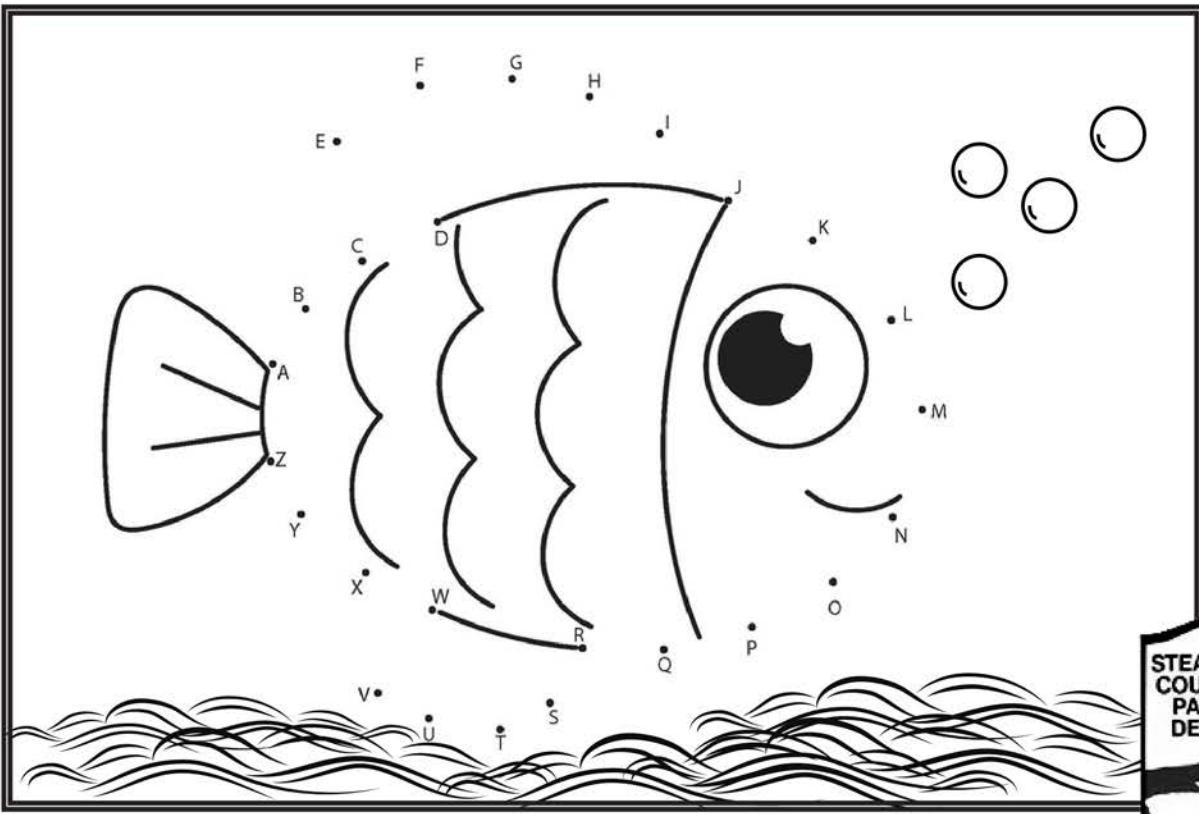
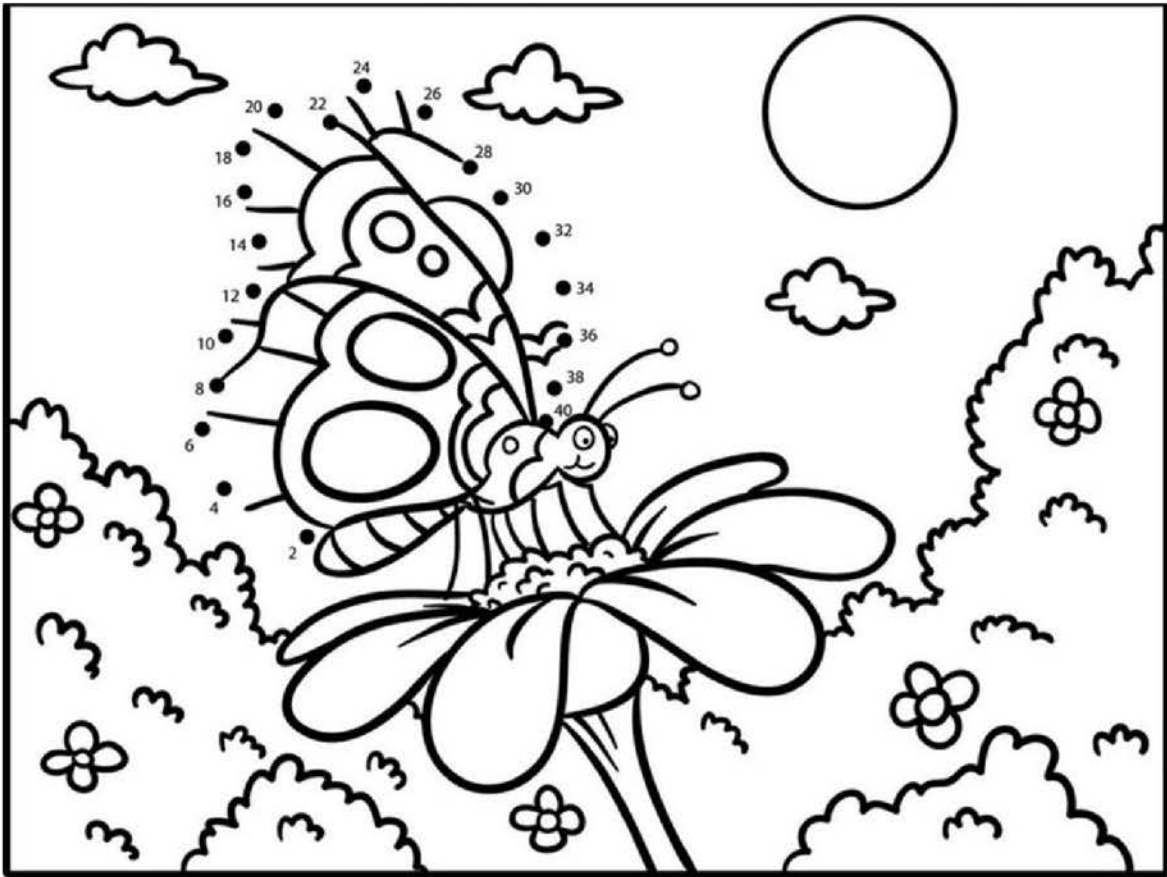




Stu went to see his friend Todd the beaver at his new home by the Beaver Island Trail. They wanted to bike the trail and meet up with their friends. "Remember to wear your helmet," said Todd, "Safety First!"



Connect the Dots to discover more critters in Stearns County





Stu, Toby, Ginger and Oakley decided to meet at Fairhaven Mill Park for an afternoon of fishing and a picnic by the dam.

Ginger caught the first fish!





Quarry Park and
Nature Preserve



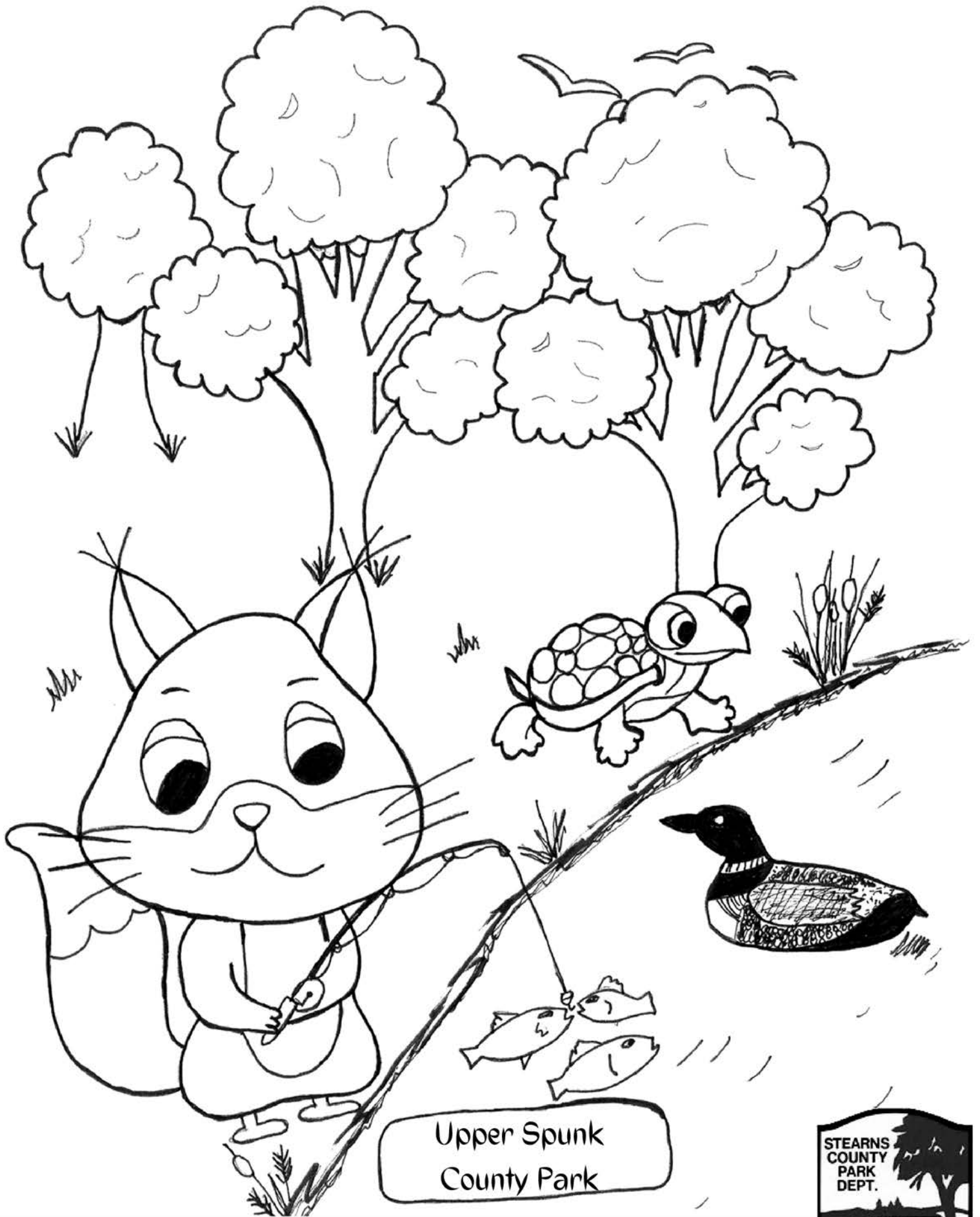
After a long hike in Quarry Park, Chip and his friends met up with Stu and Ollie the Otter to cool off.



Miller Landing

Penelope loves to pick wild flowers next to the river at Miller Landing. She likes to hum a tune to the sound of geese and buzzing bees.





Stu finds fishing at Upper Spunk very peaceful. He loves to hear the loons, turtles, and other friends talk about the people they see.



TP, Oakley & Max need to take their trash and recycling to the proper bins.
Help them by following the paths that each animal has to take so they can get
back to having fun.





Kip invited Stu to go canoeing at the St. Martin Canoe Access. "Kip, be sure to wear your life jacket, because you want to be safe on the Sauk River," said Stu.





Stu and his dog, Bo, were exploring Spring Hill Park. Bo started barking at Kip. Pew, good thing he was on a leash! "Sorry for spraying," said Kip. "You really scared me!" It is very important that you keep your pets on a leash for their safety and others'.



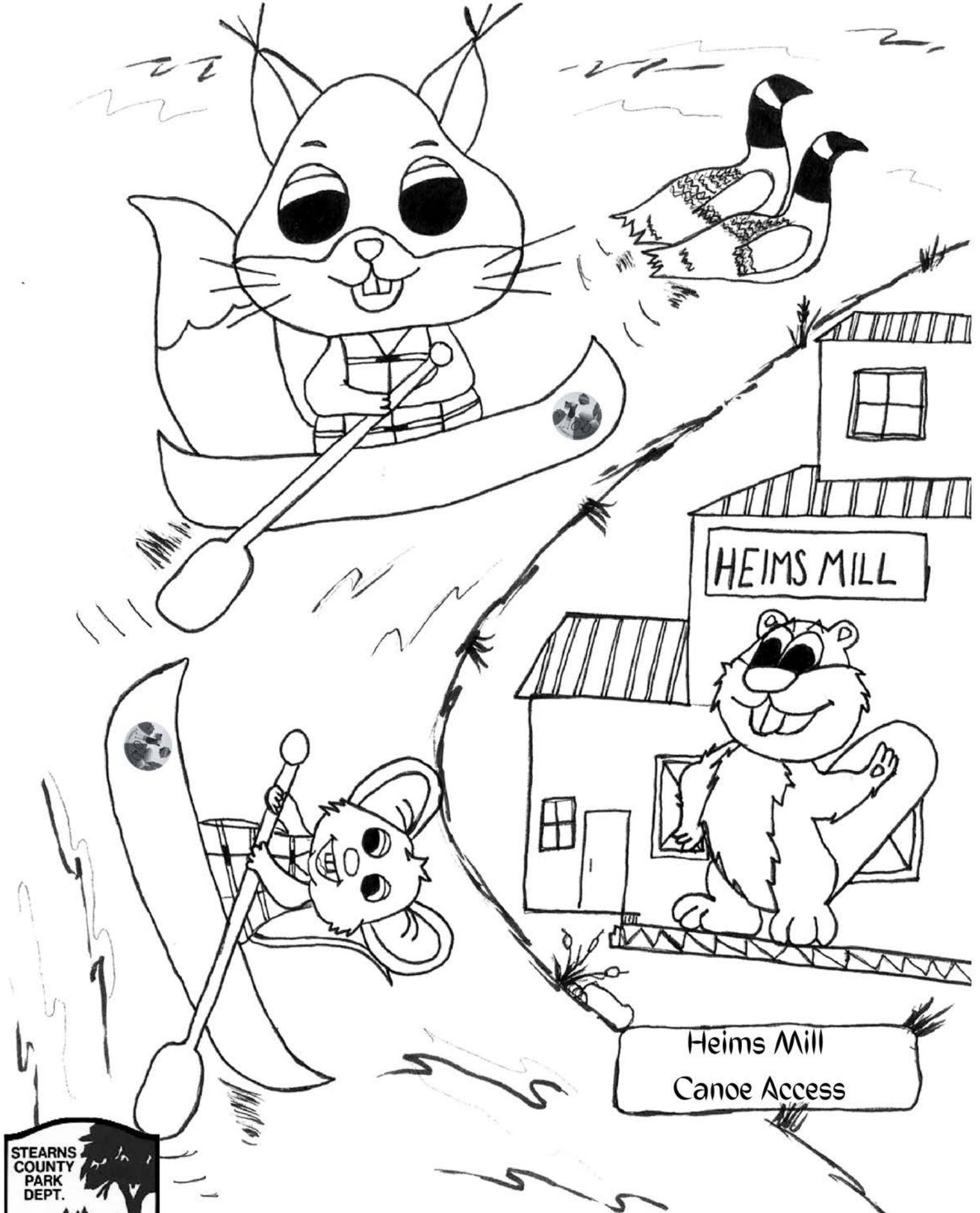
Two Rivers Lake
County Park

After a long day of biking on the Lake Wobegon Trail, Stu set up camp at Two Rivers Park. His friends Chip and Clover came to visit. There is nothing like toasting marshmallows and sharing them with your friends.



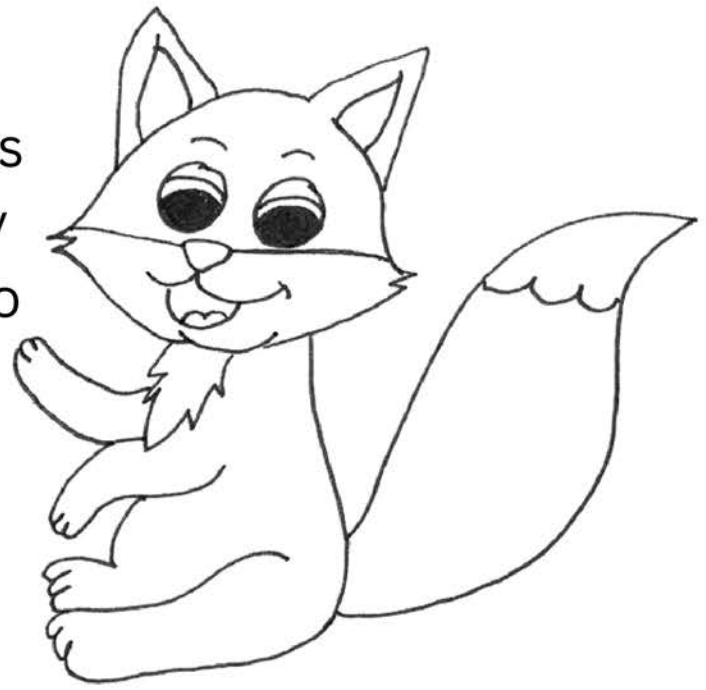
Mississippi River
County Park

Stu, Oakley & Chip are having fun playing Disc Golf at Mississippi River Park. WOOSH... "Nice shot, Chip!" said Stu.



"Hi Stu! Hi Apollo! Uffda, what a nice day for a canoe ride!" said Bob, as Stu was canoeing on the Mississippi River and Apollo was canoeing on the Sauk River.

Oakley the fox has created a couple secret messages for his friends about Stearns County Parks. Decode his messages to see what he has to say.
 What a clever fox!



Message 1.

2 5 11 9 14 4 20 15 16 12 1 14 20 19
1 14 4 23 9 12 4 12 9 6 5.

Message 2.

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16 5 20 19 15 14 1 12 5 1 19 8.

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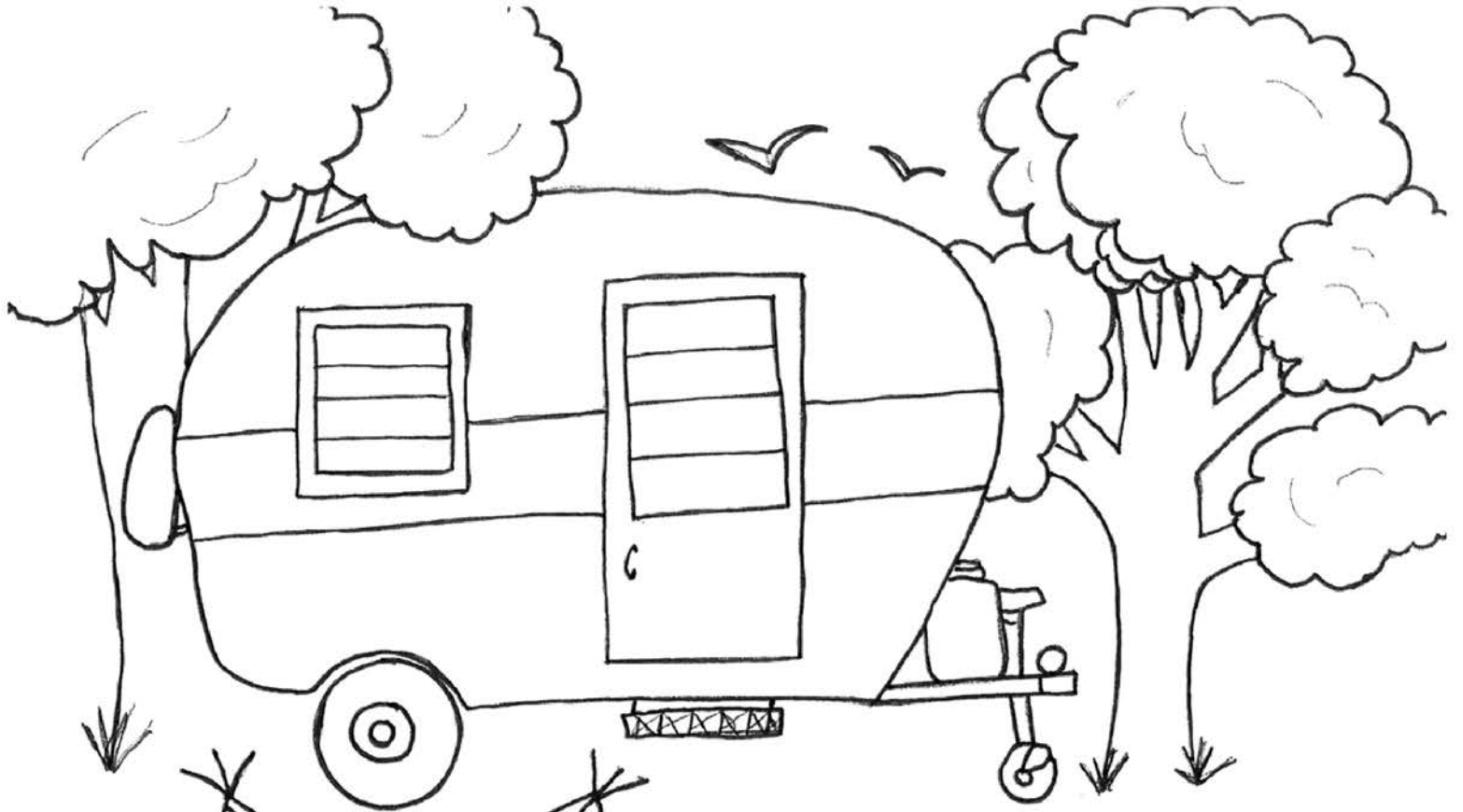
Lake Sylvia
Wayside



A warm and sunny day is great for some fishing at Lake Sylvia.
TP Raccoon sat nearby to chat with Stu about his plans
for the first day of fall.



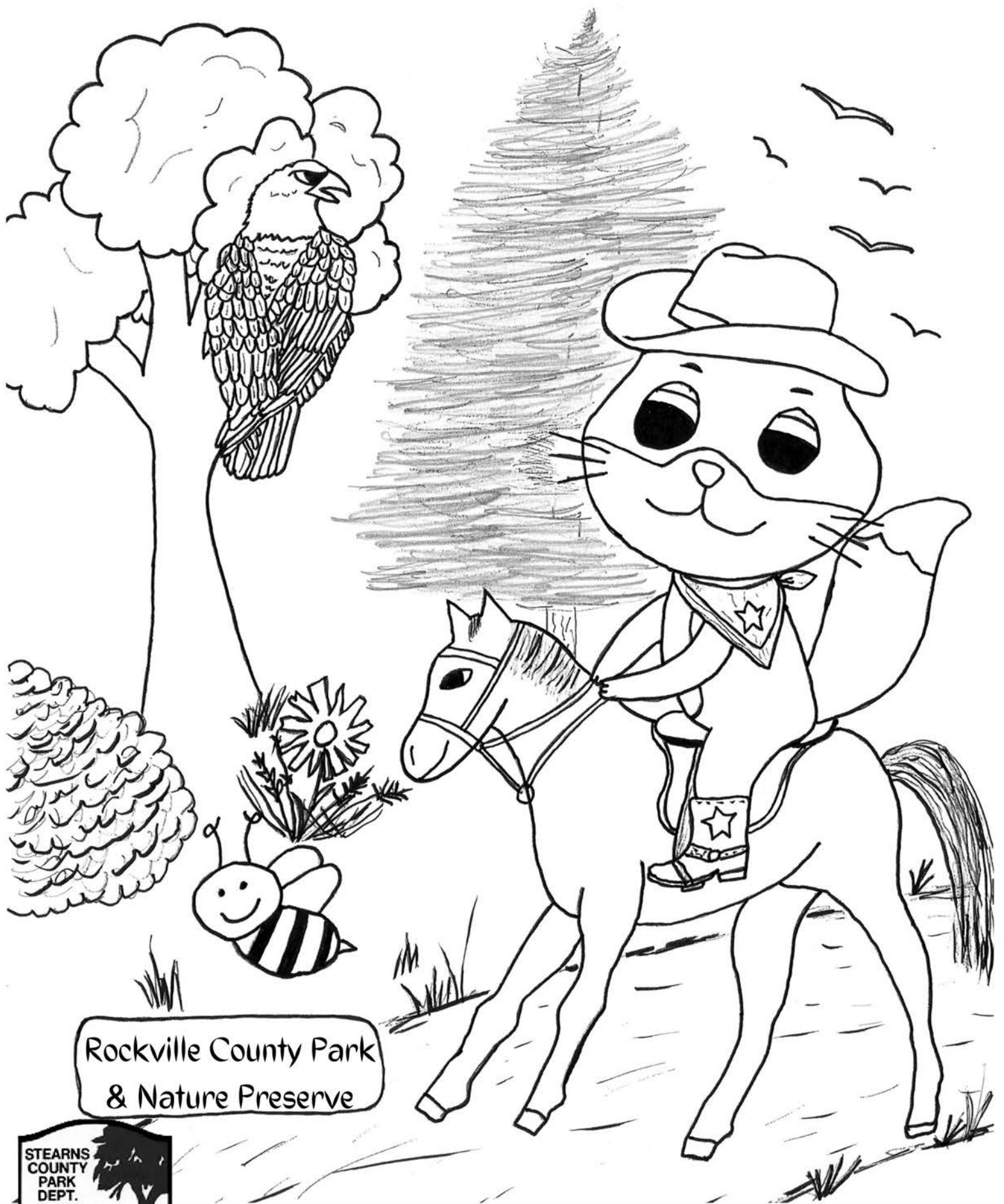
Stu and Oakley went to Oak Township for some archery fun. They met a new friend, Max the Woodchuck, who made them brand new bows and arrows. Oakley tried one out. *TWANG!* He got a bullseye!



Lake Koronis
Regional Park



Oakley invited his little sister, Hazel, to join him and Stu camping at Lake Koronis Regional Park. Because he is the oldest, Stu makes everyone toasty marshmallows. It is very important to practice fire safety.



Rockville County Park
& Nature Preserve



Stu loves to ride his horse at Rockville County Park. The needles from the Tamarack trees that cover the paths are crunchy under its hooves. An eagle in a nearby tree watches Stu as he rides by.



Parks Word Search

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K F T Q O C S Q U I R R E L S
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SNOWMOBILE

BUTTERFLY

SWIMMING

HIKE

SQUIRREL

DISC

ARCHERY

OWL

BICYCLE

GOLF

PRAIRIE

BEE

GRANITE

FISHING

QUARRY

GEESE

RABBIT

FRIENDS

FAMILY

TREE

PICNIC

FLOWER

TRAIL

DEER

BEACH

RIVER

NATURE

CANOE

LAKE

LOON

ROCK

DUCK

HORSE





Dairyland Trail

"Always wear warm gear and a helmet when snowmobiling," says Stu. "Be mindful of your surroundings and watch the trails. You never know what may be hiding in the snow along the Dairyland Trail."





Warner Lake
County Park



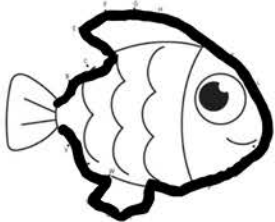
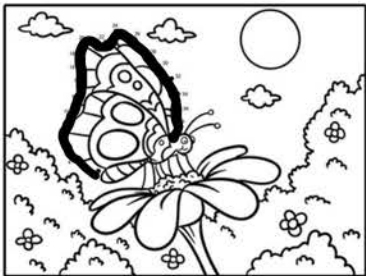
To finish off his adventure, Stu and Penelope went cross-country skiing at Warner Lake. The Parks staff had done a great job grooming the trails for them.



"Thanks for coming on an adventure with me," said Stu. "I hope you had as much fun as I did. We love our Stearns County Parks and Trails!"



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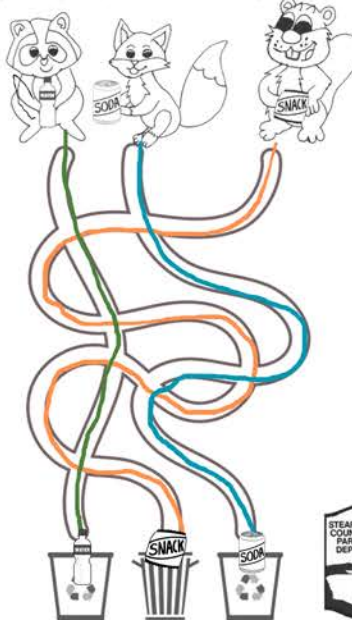
Coded Message 1:

BE KIND TO PLANTS AND WILDLIFE

Coded Message 2:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS ON A LEASH

TP, Oakley & Max need to take their trash to a bin, draw a line to the correct trash or recycling bin. Can you help them match which bin they need to put them in?



Word Search



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| ARCHERY | FAMILY | LOON | SNOWMOBILE |
| BEACH | FISHING | NATURE | SQUIRREL |
| BEE | FLOWER | OWL | SWIMMING |
| BICYCLE | FRIENDS | PICNIC | TRAIL |
| BUTTERFLY | GEESE | PRAIRIE | TREE |
| CANOE | GRANITE | QUARRY | |
| DEER | HIKE | RABBIT | |
| DISC GOLF | HORSE | RIVER | |
| DUCK | LAKE | ROCK | |



	Archery Range	Bike Trails	Bicycle Campsite	Boat Access	Carry-in-Canoe Access	Canoe Campsite	Disc Golf	Fishing	Historic Site	Horseback Riding	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Play Area	Prairie	Restroom	Rock Climbing	Sauk River Canoe Route	Scuba Diving	Scenic Overlook	Scientific & Natural Area	Ski Trails-Groomed	Snowmobile Trails	Swimming	Multi-Use Trails	Trailer Camping	Youth Group Camp
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Two Rivers Lake County Park 38694 Co Rd 10, Albany			•					•			•	•			•				•					•		•
Upper Spunk County Park 17626 Co Rd 9, Avon					•			•			•				•											
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