

2024 Explore & Seek Answers

1	There is a sign at the entrance of the Princeton Wildlife Management Area at 286th St. and 283rd Ave. Who is the project dedicated in memory of?	Don Wachal	9	Enter park through Gate 1 (furthest north entrance) and follow the road to the boat launch area. How many varieties of fish are indicated on the sign?	10
1	The Wapsi River and Mississippi River meet at the Princeton Wildlife Management Area. Which 2 waterfowl are protected from hunting at all times?	Duck & Goose (Ducks/Geese)	9	Who is the sign in memory of?	Harry Day
2	There's a sign near the parking lot & boat ramp off of 240th Ave. In 1805, what was the name of the major village that began Princeton?	Fox Nation (or Elizabeth City)	10	On the west side of the island, heading towards the north end, you'll see a stone building with 5 painted boarded up windows. Describe 3 of them.	Sea animals/turtles/fish, mountains/trees, a beach & chair, a waterfall, a desert w/fence & cactii
2	I used to be a farm, but now I'm a lake. What year was construction of Lost Grove Lake complete?	2012 (lake filled by 2015)	10	A commander, a gunner, a driver, and 2 loaders used me during the cold war. Name my make & model.	Chrysler M103 Heavy Tank
3	There is a sign at the entrance to the Smith's Island Nature Trail. What year was the Prairie Demonstration Plot planted?	2001	11	Take a walk on the Native Tree Identification Trail. Each tree has its own identification sign. Name at least 5 of the 11 difference species you can find.	Black Cherry, Black Oak, Bur Oak, Eastern cottonwood, Kackleberry, Mockernut, Red Oak, Shagbark, Swamp White Oak, Walnut, White Oak
3	Once on the island, take the left trail (moving clockwise around the island). What is the subject of the first green nature sign?	Birds	12	Who erected the sign that tells the story of Illinois in the American Revolution?	Illinois Bicentennial Commission
3	There are several green nature signs on the island trail. What animal is featured on the "Animal Habitats" sign?	Squirrel	13	Near the entrance of Sunset Park is the Mississippi of Life art piece containing four metal plaques. One of them has only fish - how many are there?	11
4	Find the picnic pavillion next to the small waterfall at Devils Glen Park, who is credited for helping make the recreation trail possible?	The Lohman Companies	14	On the path towards the conservatory and greenhouse there is a sculpture of a woman's face. What is her name?	Grace (or a Bear)
4	Relax on a swing overlooking the creek Who is named on the plaques next to each. (Hint: there are 3!)	The Vessels Family, The Ingleby Family, Robert W. Malmgren	15	As you enter Empire Park, a Riverway kiosk explains the history of the Watertown, East Moline area. When did the first railroad arrive in Watertown and what was its name?	1857/Warsaw & Rockford
5	Walk up the stairs to the playground. If you decide to stay after you play, take a seat at the 1st black bench overlooking the river. How many pine trees are directly in front of your view?	One to three	16	Along the river near the Heritage Center you can read about the history of the area. What happened to the first Hampton railroad depot around 1880?	It was struck by lightning and burned down
6	Find the wall plaque near the north entrance of River Action. The permeable brick alley between Federal & Tremond streets drains stormwater from how many acres of surrounding parking lots?	1.25 Acres	17	Near the campground office, a Riverway Kiosk explains the history of the Forest Preserve. Who previously owned the land bought for the Illiniwek Forest Preserve?	Albert Oltman
7	Enter the park from the south (Western Ave). On the restroom wall, what is printed on the blue ribbon on the mural?	Duck Creek Watershed	18	At Shuler's Shady Grove, you can learn about the glaciers that diverted the flow of the Mississippi in the ice age. Which glacier forced the Mississippi to carve out its current channel between Clinton and Muscatine?	The Wisconsinan Glacier
7	From that parking lot, walk north towards the creek. To the left is a rock with a plaque on it. Who is the park named after, and on what date?	Julius Junge on 5/4/1955	18	When did that happen?	About 10,000 years ago.
8	Near the overlook is a sign honoring the Rock Island Arsenal. What year and month did construction of Fort Armstrong begin?	May 1816	19	A few blocks north from the Will B. Rolling statue is a war memorial at the foot of Oak Street. How many names are on the crosses at the war memorial at Main and Oak Streets?	16
8	Underneath the forty-foot long mural displaying different branches of the military there is a slogan. What does it say?	Thank you veterans for your service and bravery.	20	Two of the hiking/biking trails are named after geological features (trees and soil) of the trail, but the third is reported to have been named for a relative of one of the volunteers who worked on the trail. What relative was that?	Uncle Rukus
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