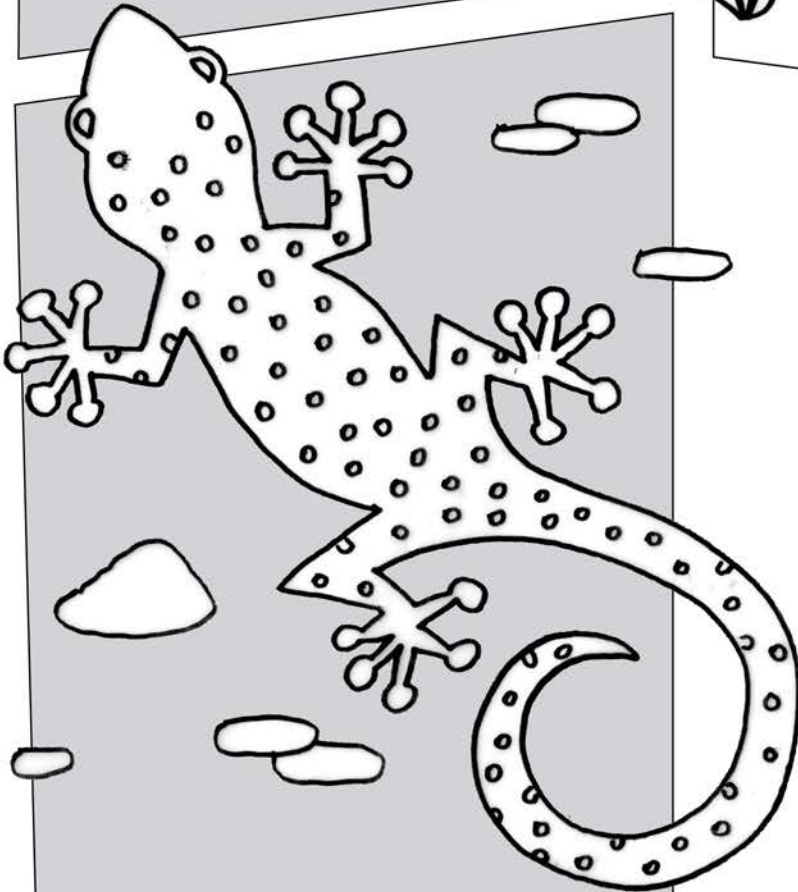
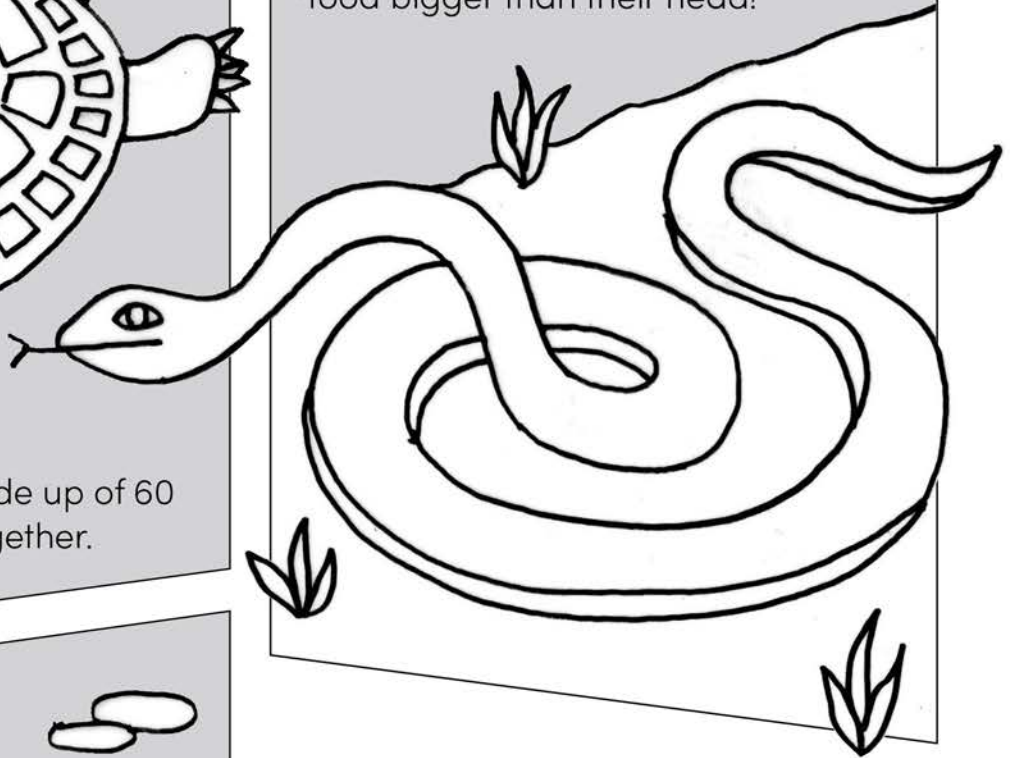


TURTLE shells are made up of 60 bones that are fused together.

SNAKES can't bite food so they swallow it whole. Because of their flexible jaws, snakes can swallow food bigger than their head!



Most **GECKO** don't have eyelids. When they need to clean their eyes, they lick them!

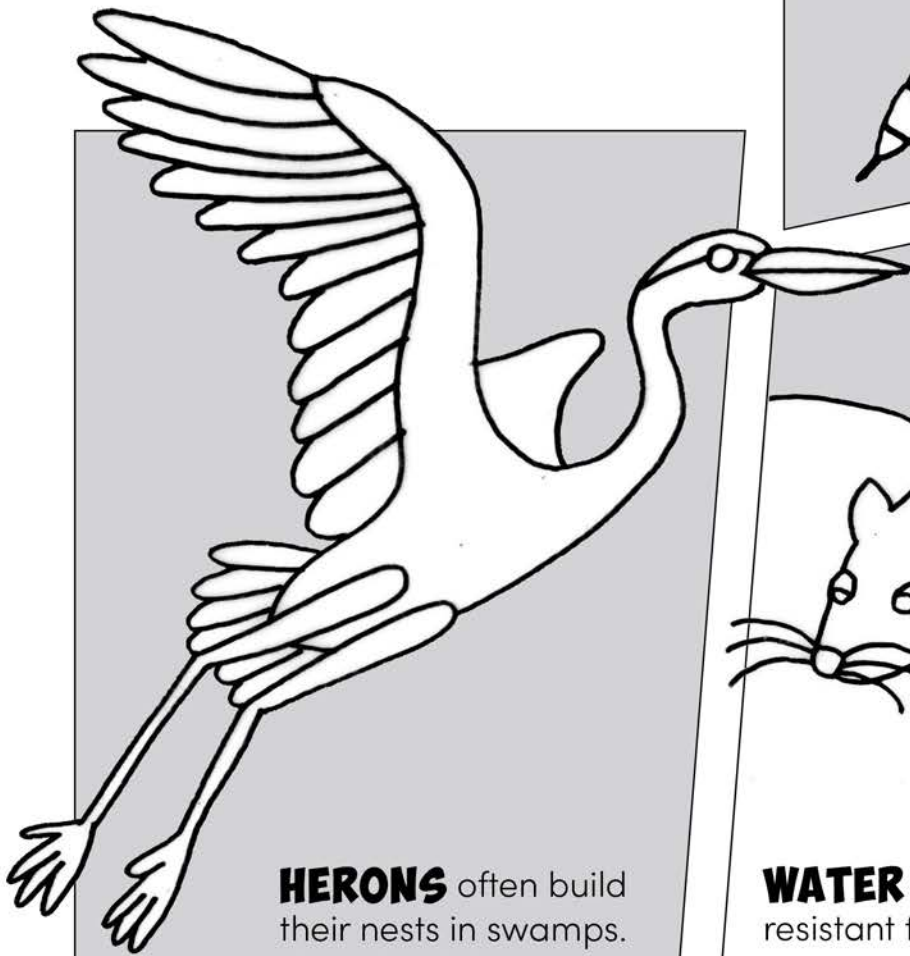
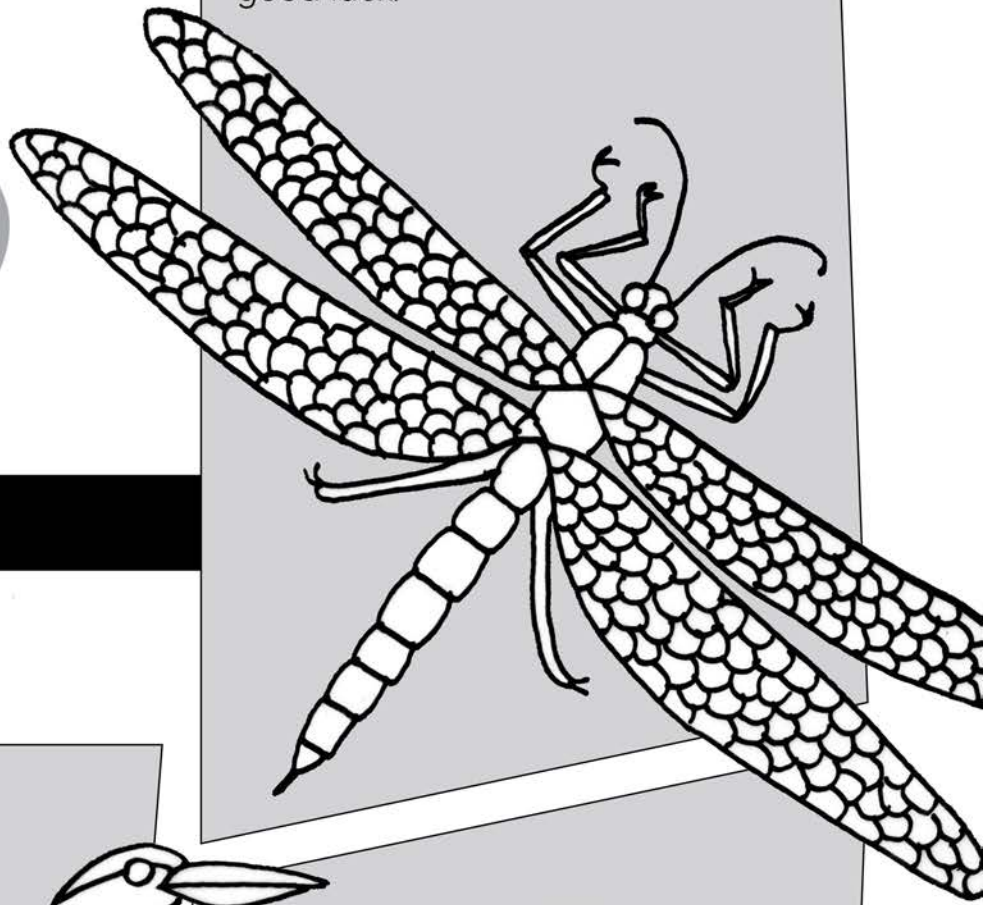
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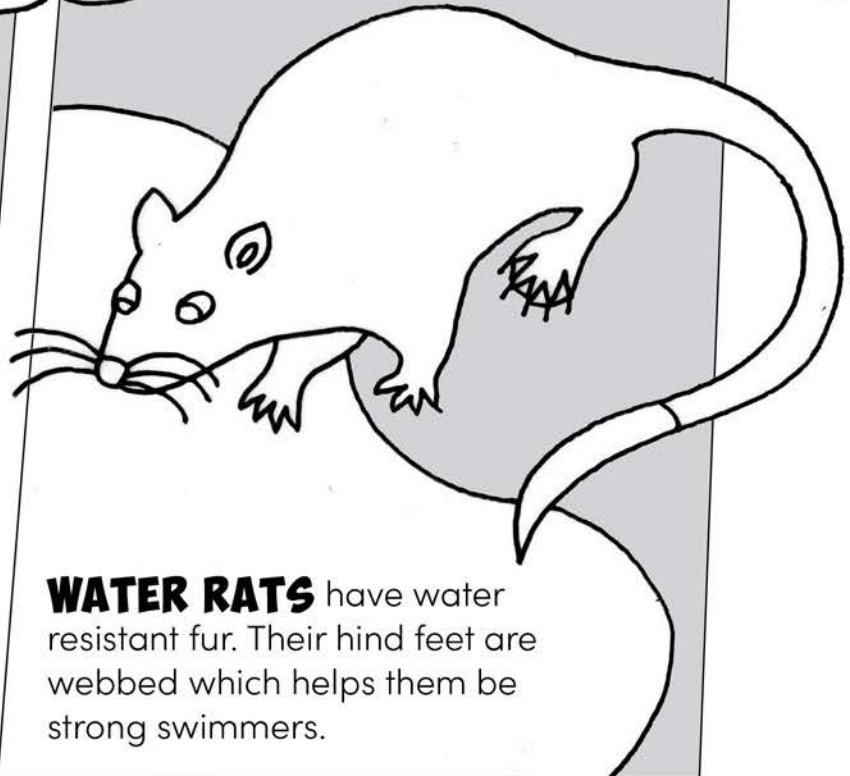
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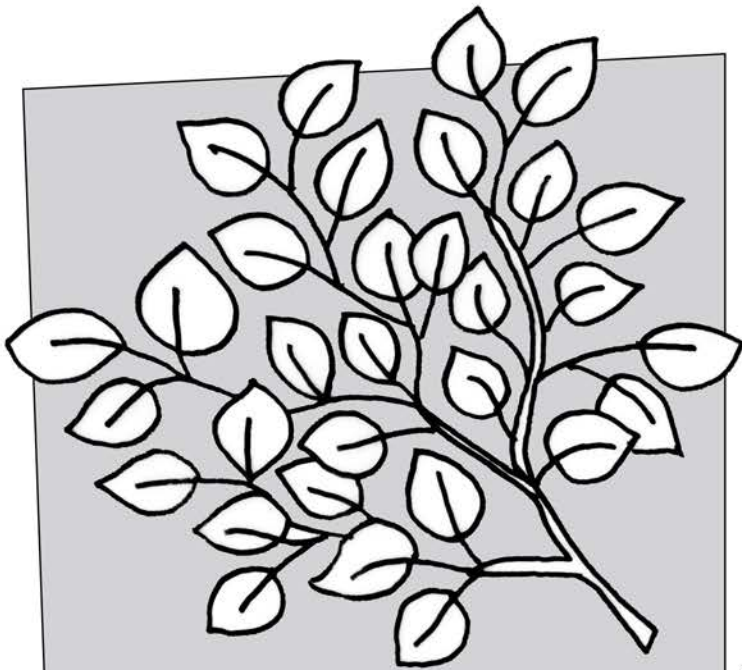
GIANT DRAGON FLIES have a wingspan of up 70 centimeters. Some cultures believe that having a dragonfly land on your head is good luck.



HERONS often build their nests in swamps. These birds have a six-foot wing-span.

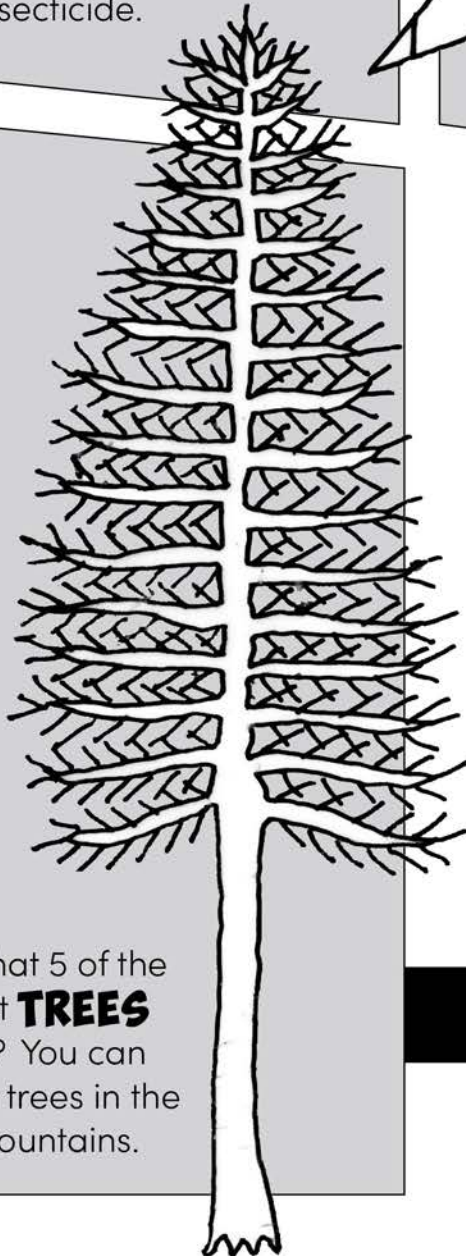
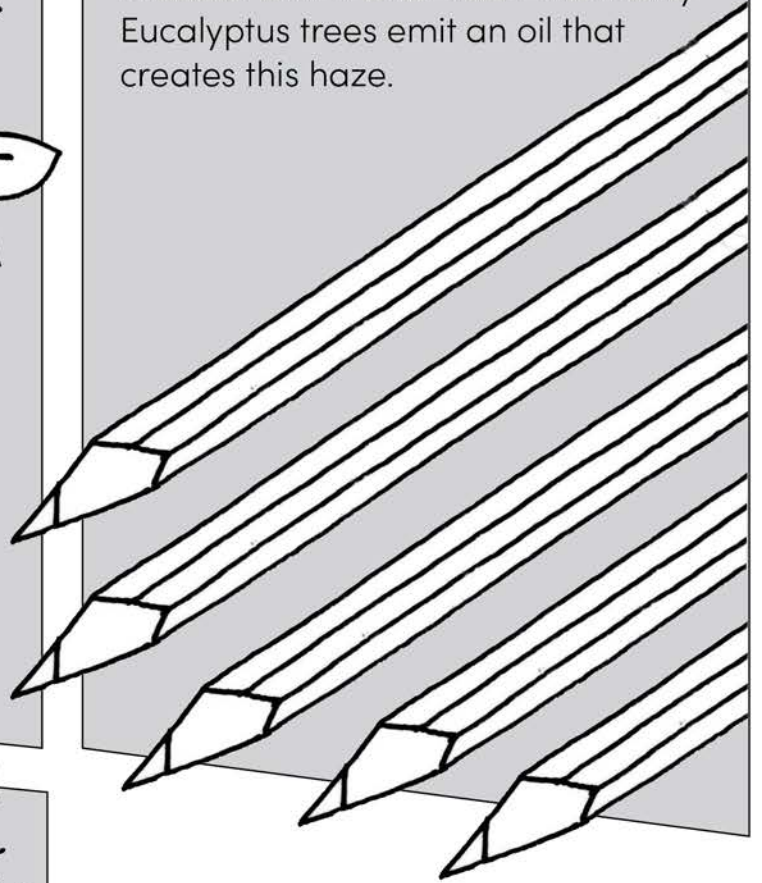


WATER RATS have water resistant fur. Their hind feet are webbed which helps them be strong swimmers.

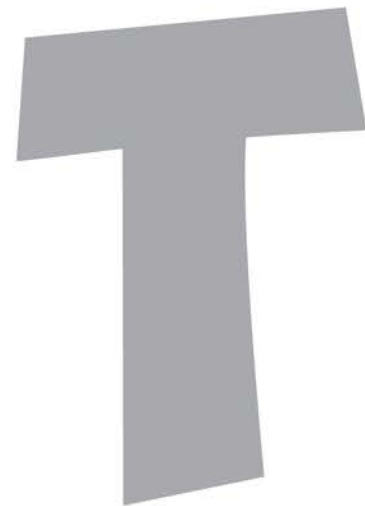


Over 75% of the trees in Australia are **EUCALYPTUS**. In addition to being used as medicine, eucalyptus oil is used as insecticide.

The Greater **BLUE** Mountains are covered with a blue haze. The many Eucalyptus trees emit an oil that creates this haze.



Did you know that 5 of the world's 10 tallest **TREES** are in Australia? You can see many giant trees in the Greater Blue Mountains.



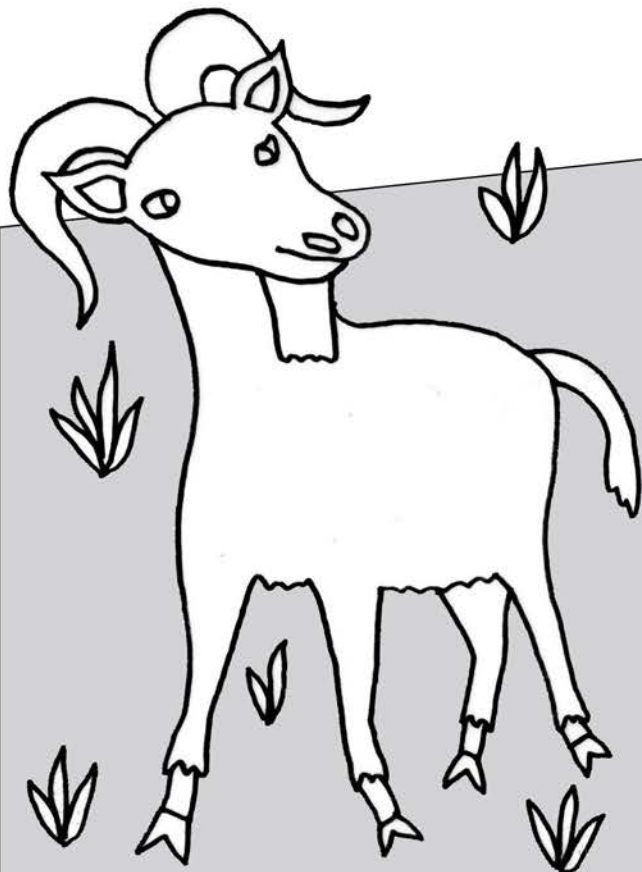
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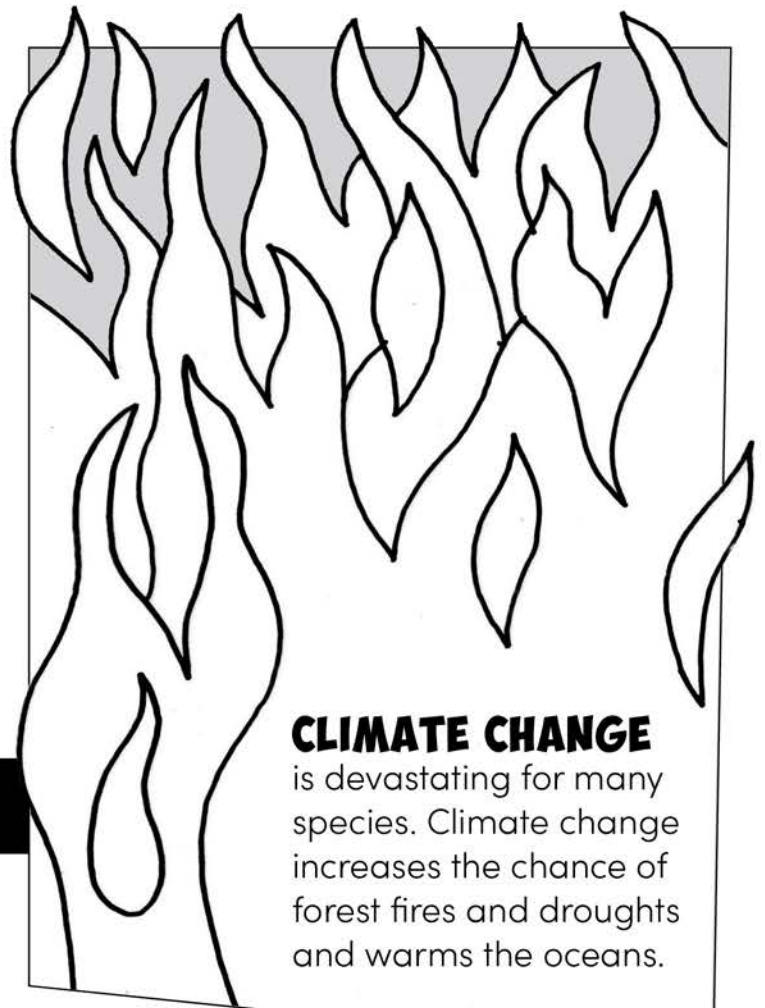
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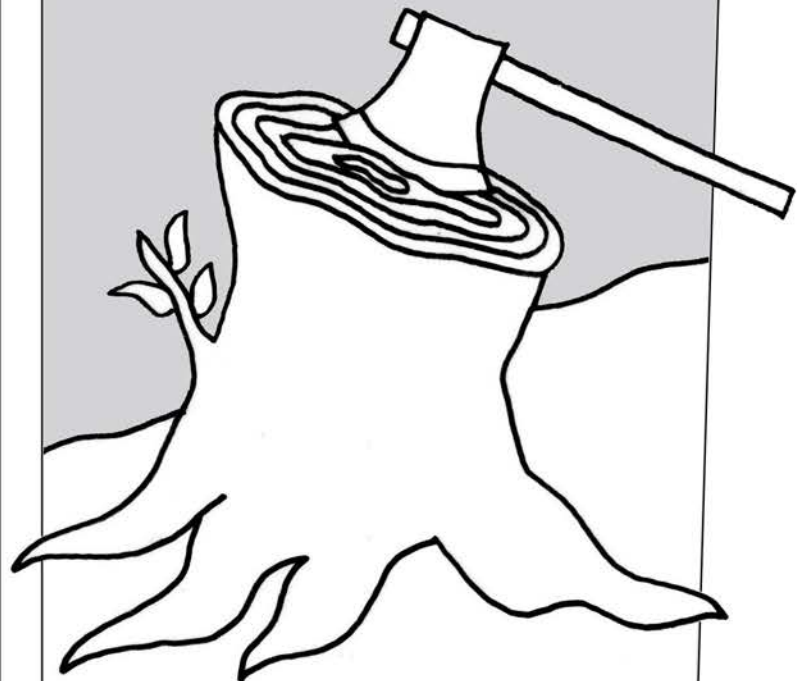
Goats are one of the first animals to be tamed by humans. But feral goats are an **INVASIVE SPECIES** which harm the environment.

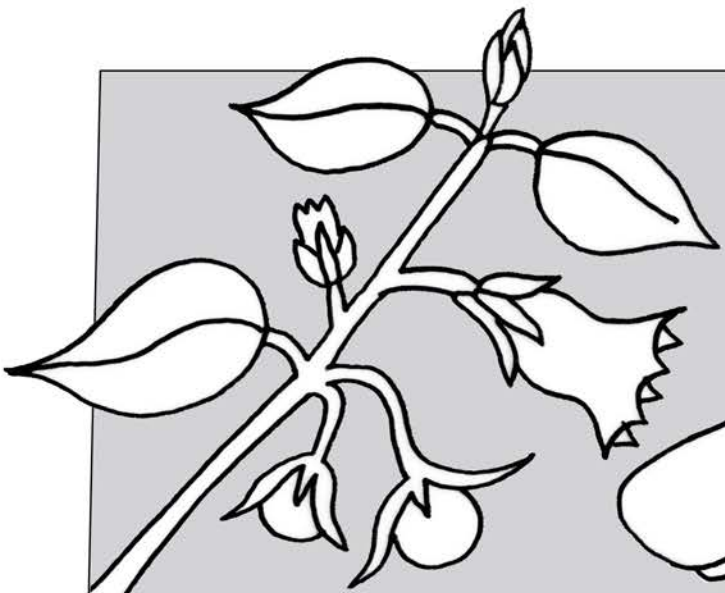


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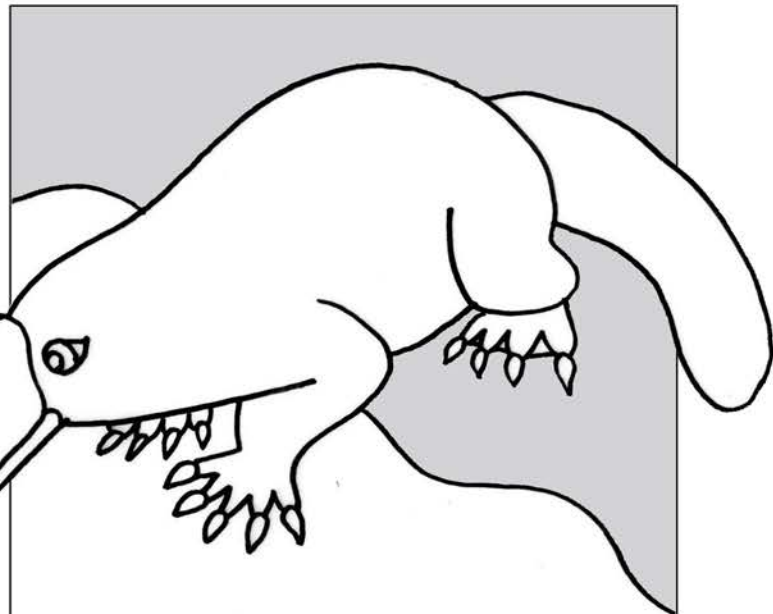
is devastating for many species. Climate change increases the chance of forest fires and droughts and warms the oceans.

LOGGING is destroying important habitat. Every minute, forests the size of 20 football fields are cut down.

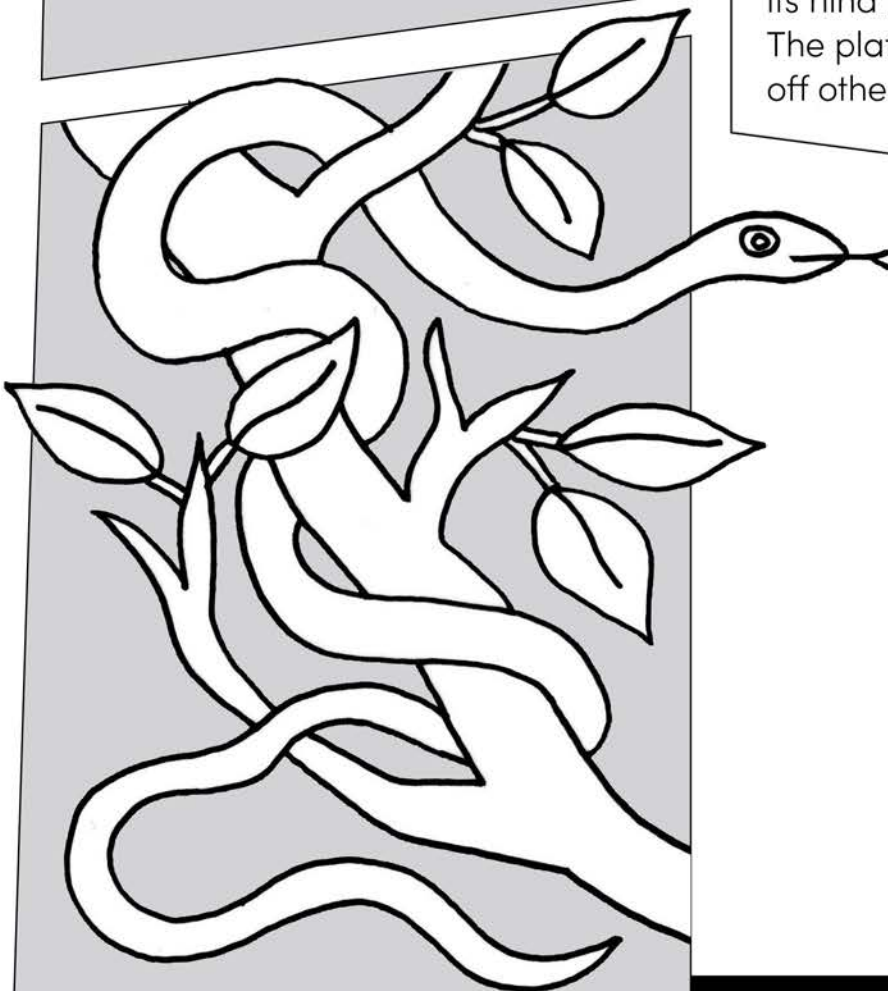




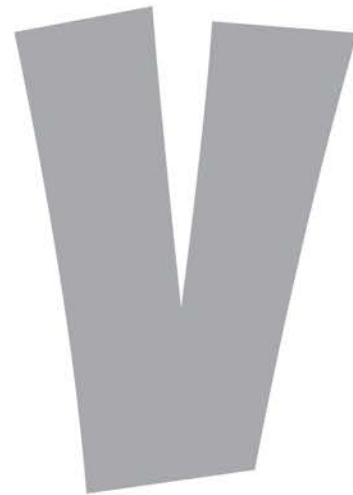
Deadly **NIGHTSHADE** is lovely but dangerous. Just a few berries can kill a child and a handful of berries can kill an adult.



The male **PLATYPUS** has spurs on its hind legs. This spur fills with venom. The platypus uses this venom to ward off other males.



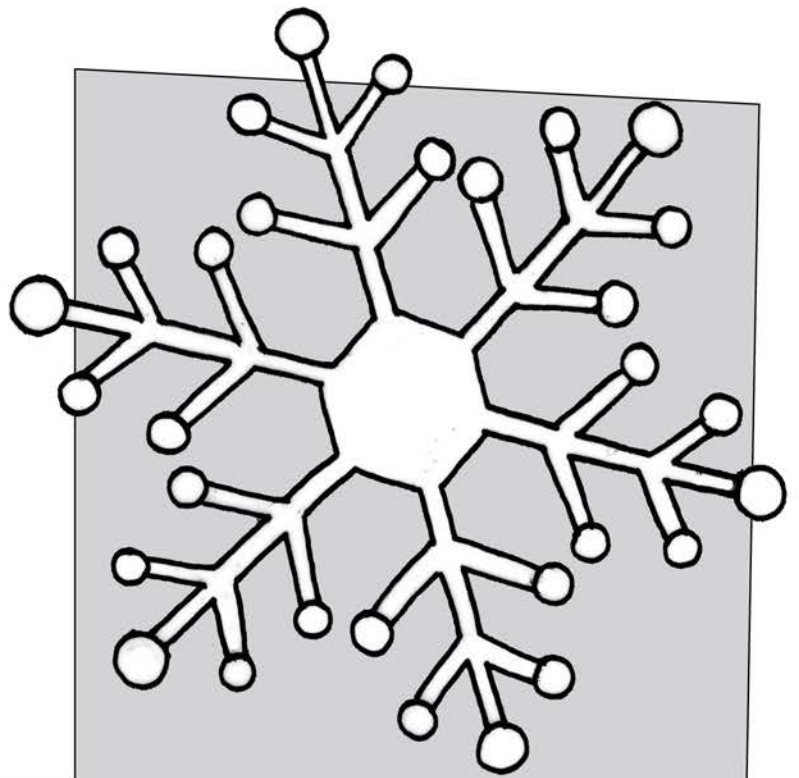
The Greater Blue Mountain Area has several poisonous **SNAKES** including the eastern brown snake and the diamond python.



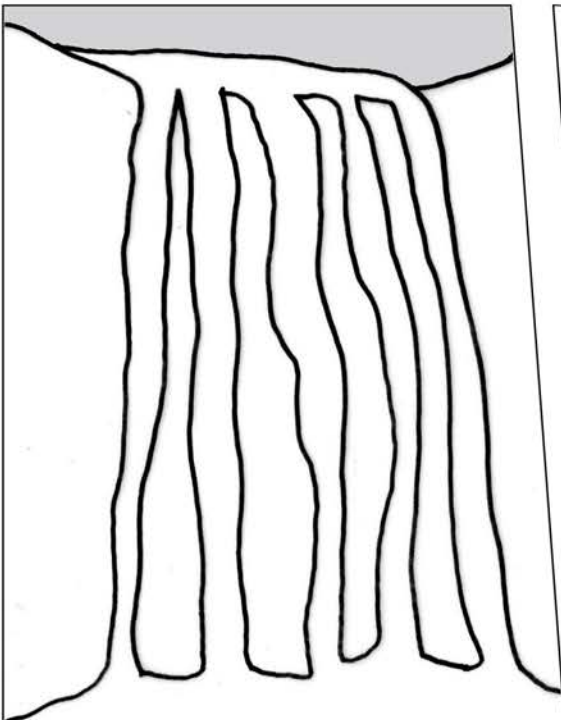
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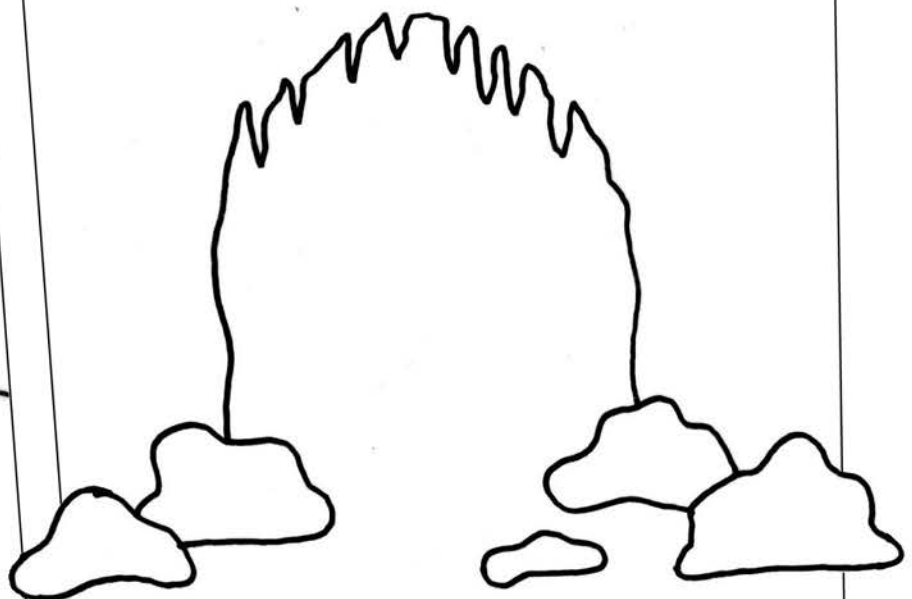


There are an average of two to three **SNOWFALLS** per year in the Greater Blue Mountains. Most of the snow is just flurries.

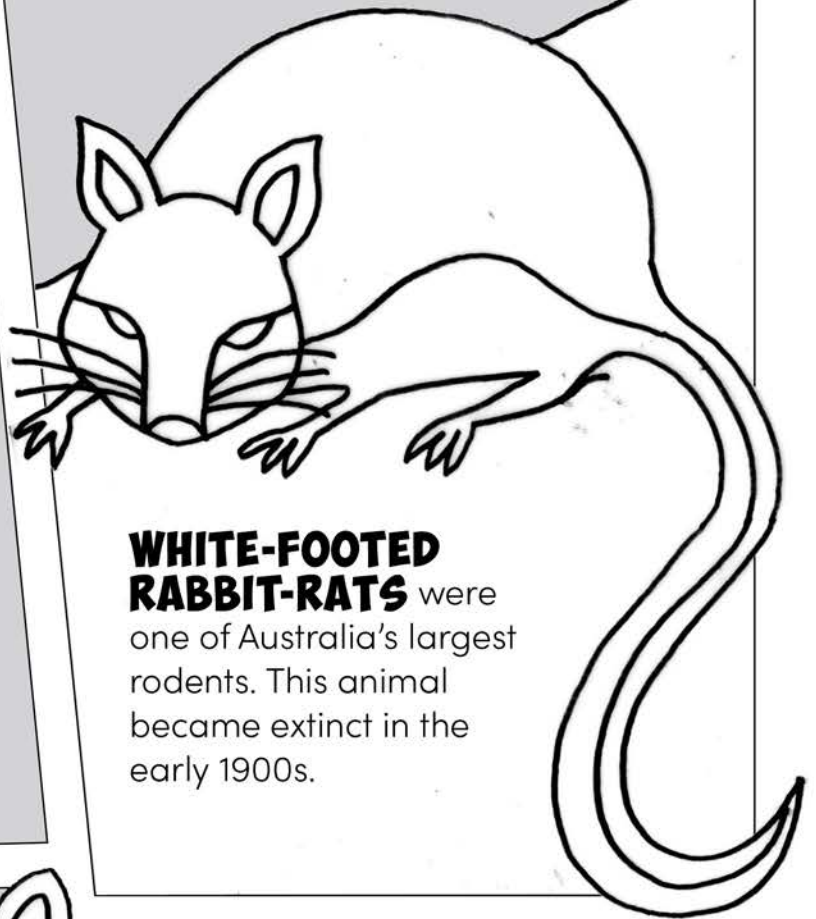
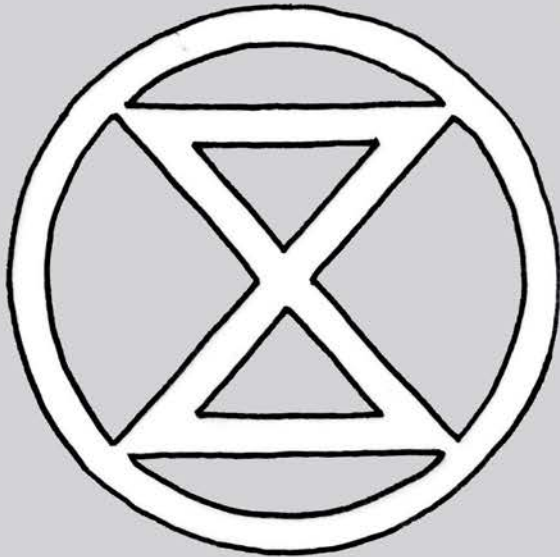


Wentworth Falls is the highest **WATERFALL** in the Greater Blue Mountain Area. These falls are 187 metres tall.

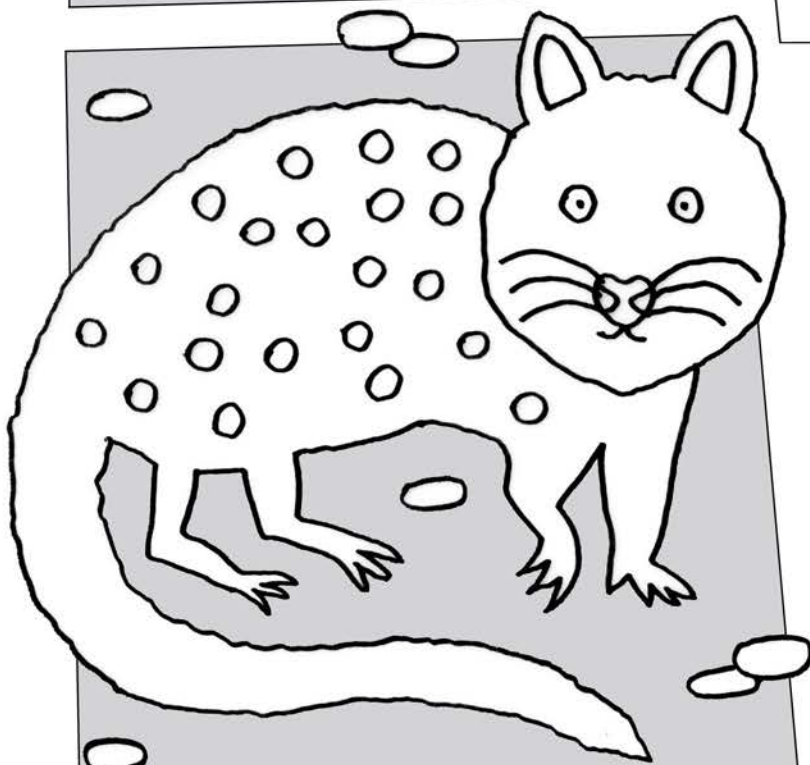
The **JENOLAN CAVES** were created over millions of years as a result of water dissolving the limestone rocks.



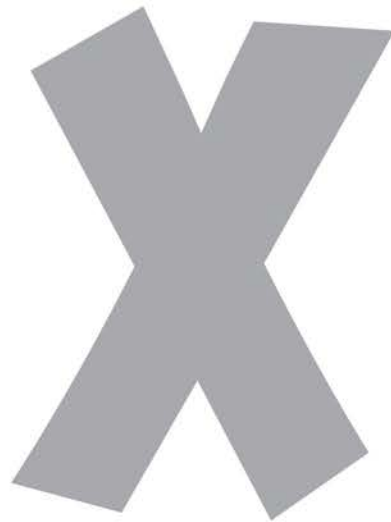
It's estimated that 27 mammal, 24 bird, and 7 frog species have become **EXTINCT** in Australia since European settlement.



WHITE-FOOTED RABBIT-RATS were one of Australia's largest rodents. This animal became extinct in the early 1900s.



The **EASTERN QUOLL** still is found in Tasmania. However, this animal has been extinct on mainland Australia since the 1960s.



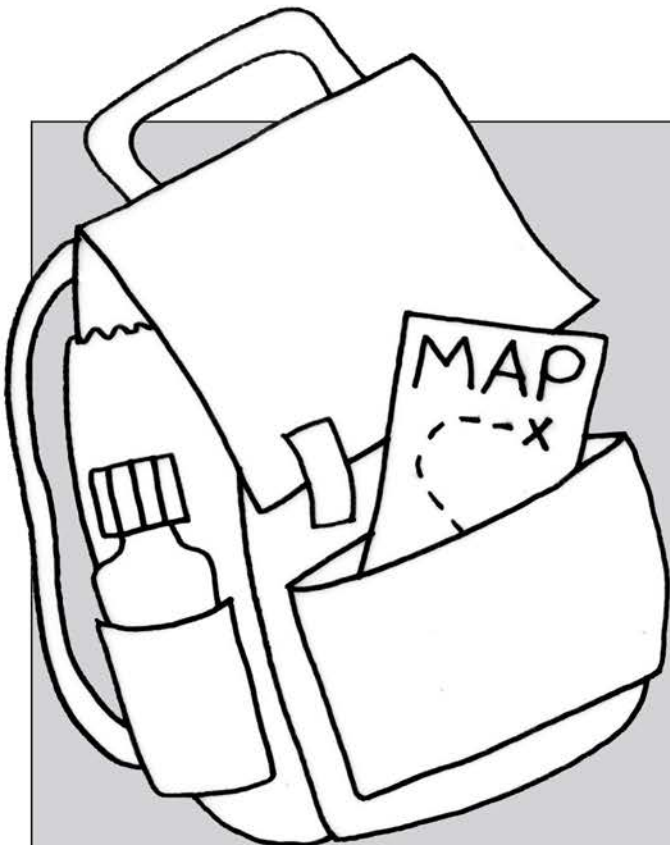
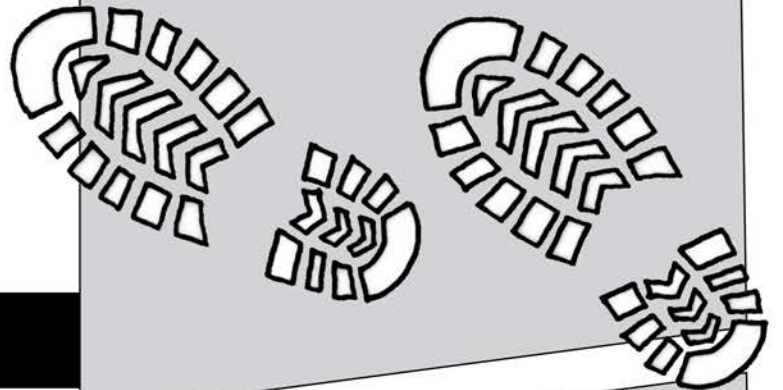
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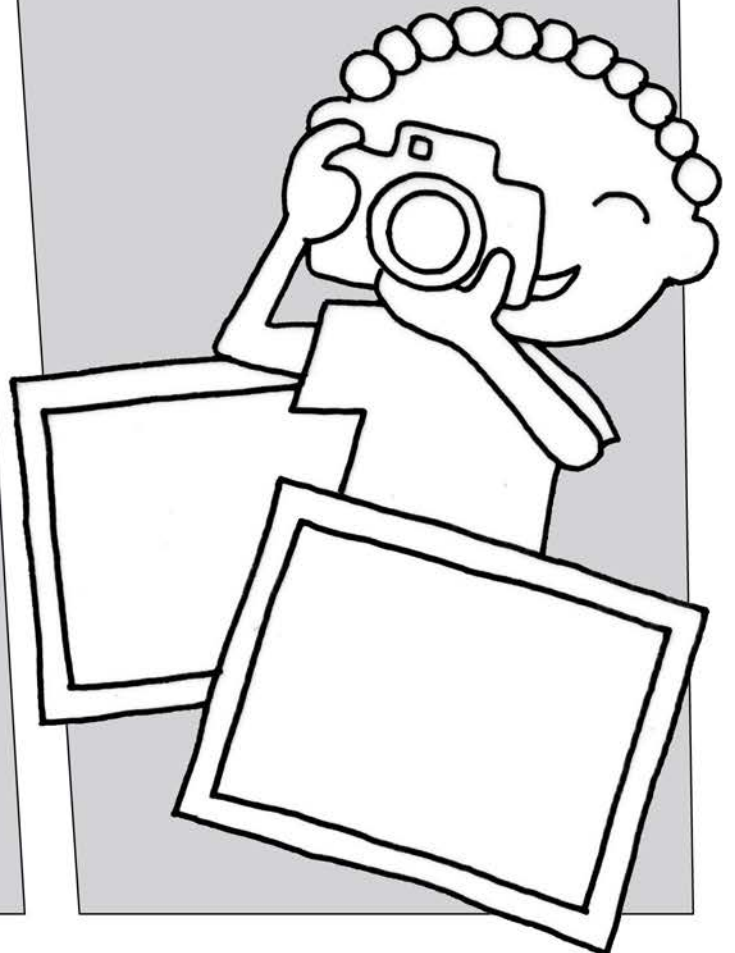


You can help protect the park by leaving nothing but **FOOTPRINTS** on durable surfaces.



When visiting the Greater Blue Mountain Area, remember **PACK IN, PACK OUT.**

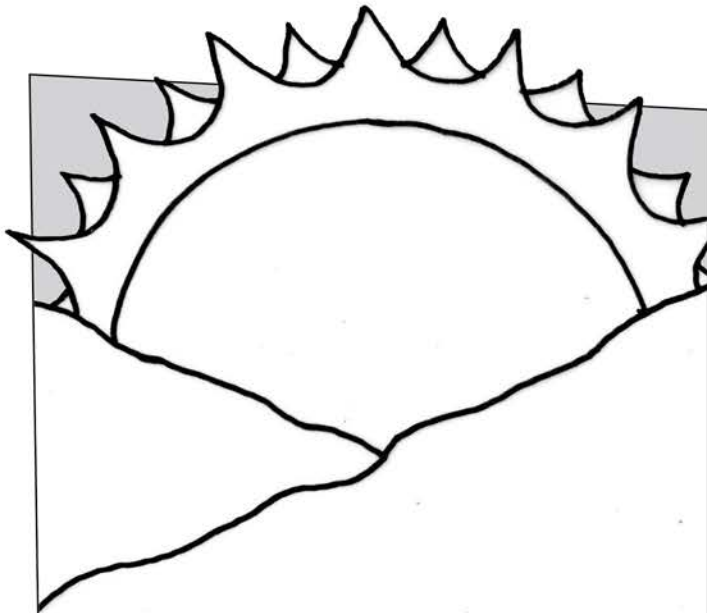
You can help protect the park by taking nothing but **PICTURES.**



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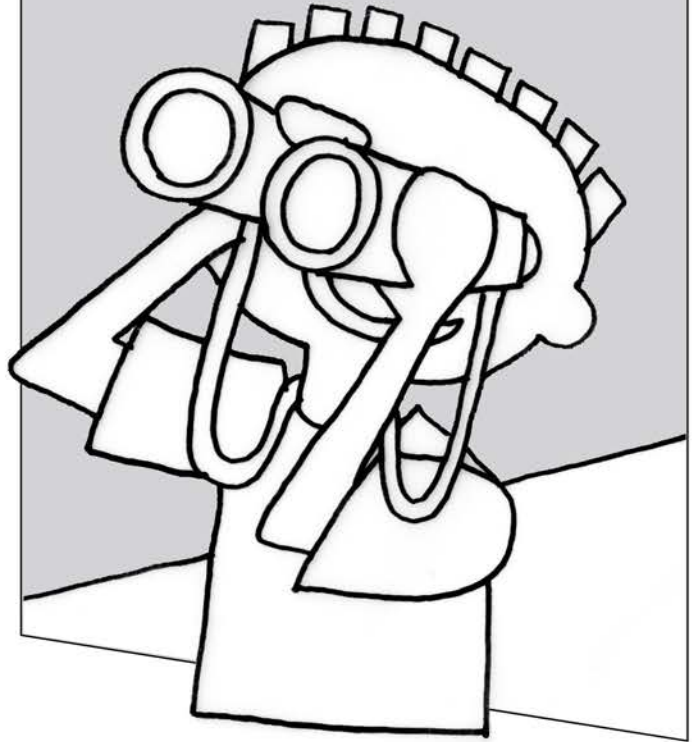


Spectacular **SUNSETS** color the sky each evening. Come see for yourself!



Spending time in **NATURE** can be a great way to relax. Come explore the Greater Blue Mountain Area. We're waiting for you!

The Greater Blue Mountain Area has many stunning **LOOKOUTS** for visitors to enjoy.



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