

Get Outside!

Young Naturalist Club



Nature Activity Page

Wild Turkey Trivia!

1. Were wild turkeys here when colonists first came?
2. What habitat do wild turkeys live in?
3. True or False? They roost in trees at night.
4. What is the fleshy growth hanging underneath a turkey's chin called?



Did you know that it is the male turkey called a tom, that does all the gobbling? The females, called hens, do not gobble.

Use Your Imagination!

You're familiar with many animals that live here in northern Michigan. Use your creativity to have some fun inventing some of your own animals by combining their front and backs. Here's how to do it:

On 3" x 5" index cards or 1/2 sheets of plain 8 1/2" x 11" paper, draw or glue pictures of many different kinds of animals. Center the animals as much as possible on the paper. Cut each one in half. Take the front of one animal and pair it with the back half of another animal. Think of a name for your invented animal - for example - a beavoon could be a combination of a beaver and raccoon. Where will your new animal live? What will it eat? For extra fun,



make up a poem about your new zany creature or write a story about it! Share your new creation with family and friends!

Scavenger Hunt

Take a walk in a nearby woods with family or friends and check off the items listed as you go.

- A fallen red leaf
- A pinecone
- A tree with soft needles
- An animal home
- A fallen yellow leaf
- A rotting log
- A seed
- An animal track
- A fungus
- A leaf with toothed edges
- An acorn





Henry Knows!

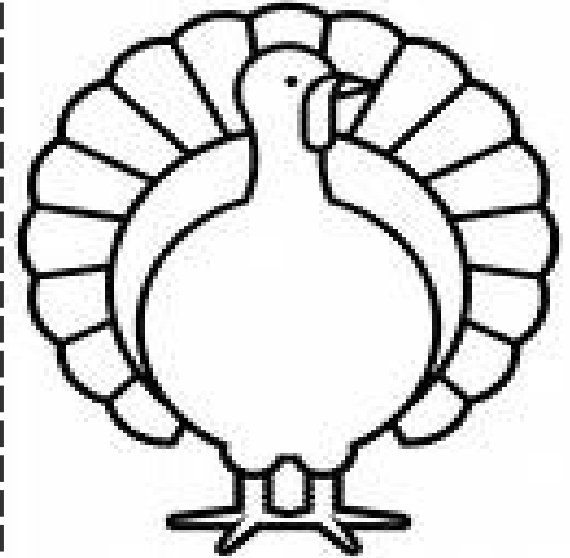
Domestic turkeys raised to be on our dinner tables are different from our wild turkeys. Domestic turkeys are raised on farms, weigh about twice that of a wild turkey, and most are too heavy to fly.

Wild turkeys are found across the United States. They can fly, but only for short distances. They eat seeds such as acorns, small insects and wild berries.

Answers to Turkey Trivia:

1. Yes
2. Forest
3. True
4. Wattle

Color Me!



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Explore a Nature Preserve!

Sleepy Hollow

Both upland forest and mixed lowland forest cover this 55 acre preserve in Charlevoix county. A spring-fed creek meanders through the southern end of the preserve, which you can see from the short bridge at the beginning of the trail. Familiar trees such as maple, beech, northern white cedar, hemlock, and quaking aspen can all be identified here. This is a great place for a leisurely stroll on a late fall weekend.

Directions: From Charlevoix, take M-66 south east about 7 miles and turn left onto Sleepy Hollow Lane, which is oposite Phelps Road. Continue about 1/8 mile and turn left into the parking area.

