



2021-2022 ACTIVITY BOOKLET





GREETINGS FROM THE DETROIT RIVERFRONT!

Welcome back to the Detroit Riverfront for Winter at Valade, our second season of outstanding winter programming! All season long, Robert C. Valade Park will be a place where children can play, couples can enjoy an outdoor date night, and seniors can see loved ones from a safe social distance. While you're here at Valade Park, borrow a sled from the Sled Shed, warm up around a fireplace, or try your hand at some of our winter games. When you see one of our volunteers, be sure to ask about hand warmers and gloves.

Check out the games, projects, coloring sheets, and excursions on the following pages and use this activity booklet to curate your own exciting winter riverfront adventures. Be sure to tag @DetroitRiverfront and use #DetroitRiverfront to share your experience.

Enjoy,

Mark Wallace
President & CEO

WINTER AT VALADE



From hot fires to hot toddies, visitors to Valade Park can experience a plethora of winter fun every weekend through February 27, 2022.

HOURS

Friday, 4-9pm | Saturday, 12-9pm | Sunday, 12-7pm

SPECIAL EVENT WEEKENDS

December 10-12

Holly Jolly Riverfront, sponsored by Huron-Clinton Metroparks

January 14-16

Fire and Ice, sponsored by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

January 28-30

Winter Around the World, sponsored by Visit Detroit

February 11-13

Motown Love

February 25-27

Mardi Gras at Valade

VALADE PARK | 2670 E. Atwater St, Detroit, MI 48207

Visit DetroitRiverfront.org/WinterAtValade
for more information



WE'RE #1!

The Detroit Riverwalk was voted best in the country by USA Today! Celebrate with us by posting a selfie in your favorite riverfront park and tagging #BestRiverwalkDetroit. We'll repost the top photos!

WINTER WALK: ANIMAL TRACKS



What curious creatures have been exploring in the snow? Enjoy a winter walk outdoors and draw the tracks you see below! Take note of the tracks, where you found them, and anything else interesting you see.

TRACKS

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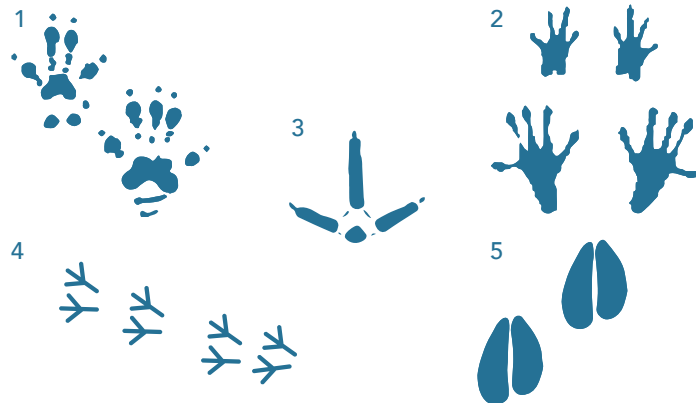
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ANIMAL TRACK FACTS

Did you know every kind of animal moves differently and creates their own unique set of track patterns? Deer "double register" when they walk, meaning they bring their back legs up to the same spot their front legs were. Rabbits hop by bringing their back legs up next to their front legs. Weasels bound by pushing off with back legs and lifting up front legs. Songbirds hop on their two feet.

MATCH THE TRACKS

Turkey Deer Chipmunk Chickadee Squirrel

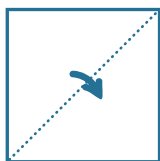


1. Turkey 2. Deer 3. Chipmunk 4. Chickadee 5. Squirrel

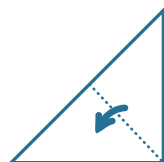
Learn more by stopping by the Metroparks booth during Winter at Valde on January 23 and February 6, 2-4pm or by attending an upcoming Metroparks program. www.Metroparks.com

MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER SNOWFLAKES

1. Start with a square piece of paper and fold in half diagonally to make a triangle.



2. Fold paper triangle in half so the pointed corners meet.



3. Fold paper triangle in thirds, overlapping the lefthand pointed corner over the triangle.



4. Overlap the righthand pointed corner over the triangle. You may need to adjust these folds to get the sides to match up, so don't crease the paper until the folds are just right.

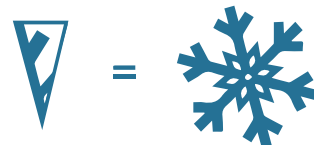
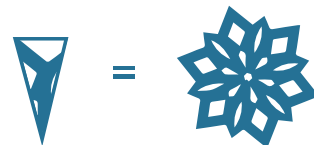
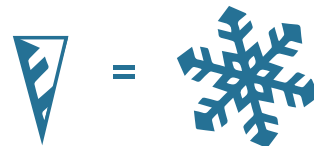
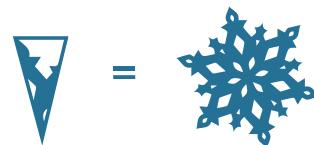


5. Trim the pointed ends.



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6. Cut your folded paper with variations of cutouts. Get creative and make your own patterns! Tip: Patterns with straight lines are easier to make than the ones with curvy lines.



7. Gently unfold your snowflake. Don't worry if it isn't exact. No two snowflakes are ever alike!

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A POEM ABOUT YOUR CITY



Read the following poem by Langston Hughes.

The City

*In the morning the city
Spreads its wings
Making a song
In stone that sings.*

*In the evening the city
Goes to bed
Hanging lights
Above its head.*

Now that you've read it, let's think about it. Ask yourself these questions:

*Can a city spread its wings? Can a city make the bricks sing?
Can a city go to sleep? Can a city actually hang lights above its head?*

The answer is no, but we can use our imagination to see the city wake up. We can imagine the bricks singing songs that sound like the city.

When we write poetry, we can give non-human things (the wind, a stone, the river, the sky) human characteristics. If you give things that are not human (like the city, like a street, like the moon, like water or a river) human qualities we call that Personification: *sound it out like this - per-son-i-fi-ca-tion*. We can imagine that the city can spread its wings if you use personification.

Examples:

*The wind sings a song through the trees.
A stone dances against the waves.
The river picks up the logs and take them in their arms.*

Now that you have this tool in your writers' toolbox, give it a try! Imagine that you are the city. What do you wear? What do you eat? What sounds do you make? Where do you go to sleep at night?

Write a poem below which answers these questions and any others you come up with. When you are done, draw a picture of the city as you've personified it in your poem!

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This lesson was developed by InsideOut Writer, Audra Kubat.

Founded in 1995, InsideOut Literary Arts provides young people in the metro Detroit area with high quality, life-enhancing literary arts experiences in the classroom and in the community. For more information insideoutdetroit.org or to send us your poem or drawing: info@insideoutdetroit.org

Join InsideOut for an interactive poetry activity during Motown Love weekend February 11-13 at Valade Park.



GABRIEL RICHARD PARK

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY NASA @ MY LIBRARY CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 1-31, 2021

Explore our universe with the James Webb Space Telescope Challenge. Learn all about the science behind NASA's newest space telescope mission, the James Webb Space Telescope. Scheduled to launch this winter, JWST is the most advanced infrared space telescope ever launched and will allow us to look deeper into time and space than ever before!

Register at detroitpubliclibrary.beanstack.org

Pre-K

"ABCs of Space" by Chris Ferrie

Grade K-2

"A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars" by Seth Fishman

"Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet"

by Curtis Manley & Jessica Lanan

"Max Goes to the Moon" by Jeffery Bennett

Grade 3-6

"Catstronauts (Graphic Novel Series)" by Drew Brockington

"Mysteries of the Universe" by Will Gater

"Find the Constellations" by H.A. Rey

Grade 7-9

"The Stars" by H.A. Rey

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY WINTER READING CHALLENGE

JANUARY 1-31, 2022

Accept the Detroit Public Library's Winter Reading Challenge for a Better World this January. Log your hours and earn rewards!

Register at detroitpubliclibrary.beanstack.org

Pre-K

"Everybody Cooks Rice" by Norah Dooley

"All Kinds of Friends" by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly

Grade K-5

"Ruth and the Green Book" by Calvin Alexander Ramsey

"Africa Is Not a Country"

by Margy Burns Knight & Mark Meinicove

Grade 6-12

"Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A to Z" by Charles Waters and Irene Latham

"47 Things You Can Do for the Environment"

by Jill Buck & Lexi Petronis

RIVERFRONT BIRD BINGO

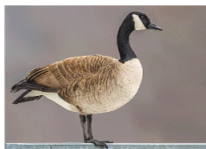
Grab a friend and have a physically distanced bird watching adventure!
From our friends at the Detroit Audubon Society



Northern Cardinal



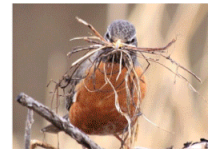
Duck Butts



Canada Goose



Ring-Billed Gull



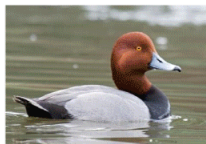
Carrying Nesting Materials



Bald Eagle



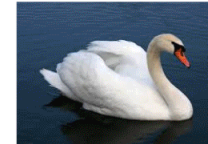
Birds Flying



Red-Headed Duck



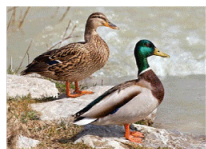
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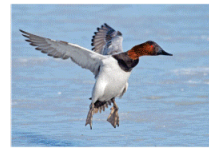
Mute Swan



Red-winged Blackbird



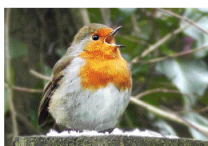
Mallard Duck



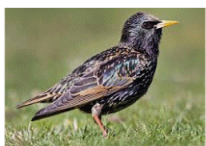
Landing in Water



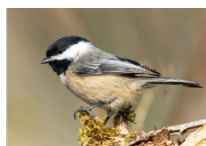
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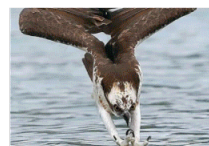
Singing



Eastern Starling



Black-capped Chickadee



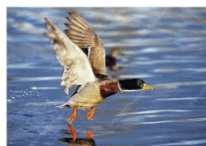
Diving in Water



Mourning Dove



Male Impressing Female



Taking off from Water



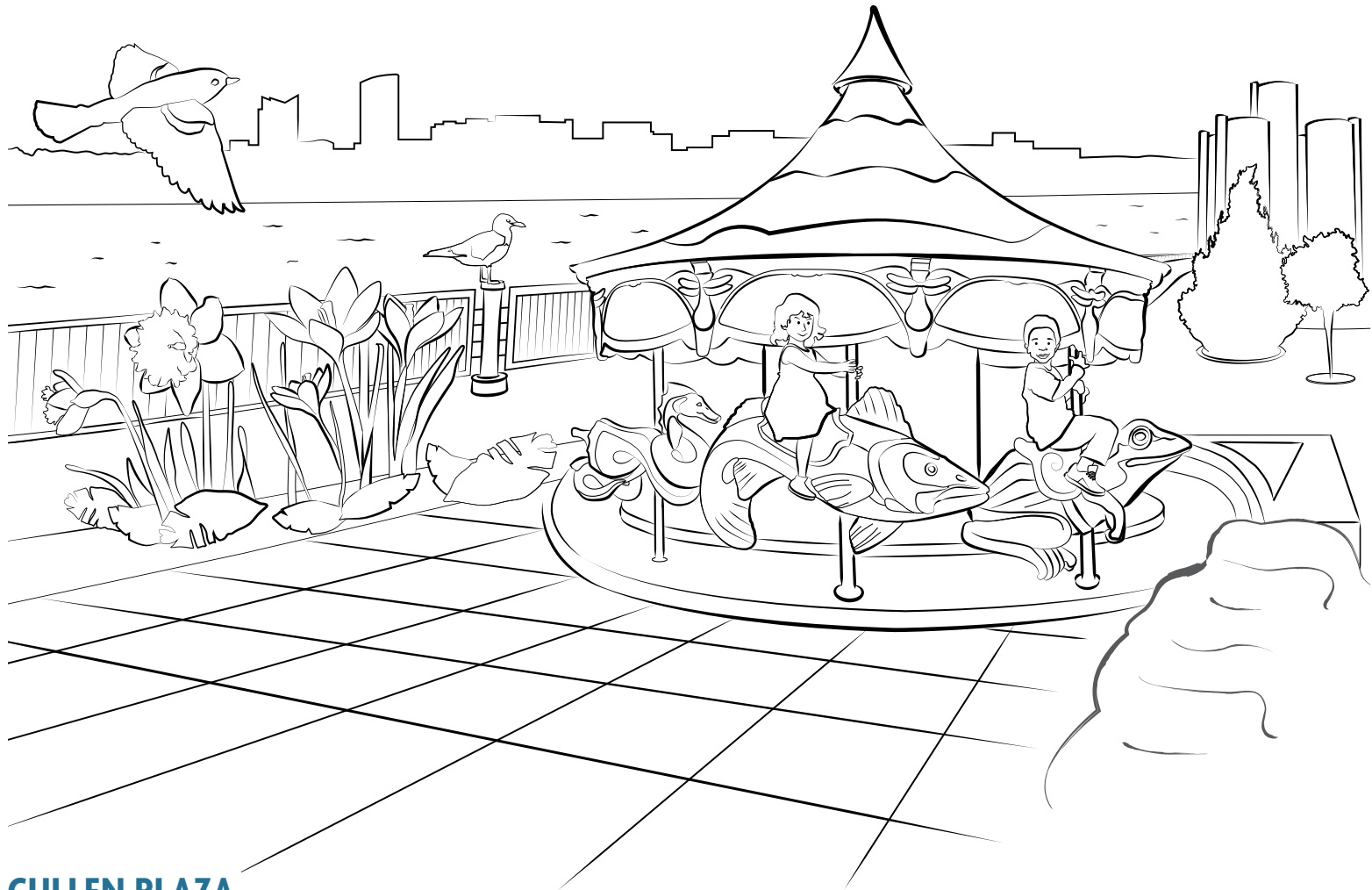
American Kestrel



Turkey Vulture



Great Blue Heron



CULLEN PLAZA

A RIVERFRONT WORD SEARCH!

See if you can find all seven riverfront parks & greenways

Cullen Plaza Riverwalk Valade Park Gabriel Richard

Mt Elliott Park Dequindre Cut Ralph Wilson Park

A K R A P T T O I L L E T M T B
D M A Z T Q X L G L G G X G K V
J J L A I U M E Y V Q B A R R T
R V P L V A C B H A F B A K M Q
S Z H P W J C E G D R P W Z S R
V W W N F B F I R I E F Z U P M
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APPLE CRISP

The perfect Michigan autumn dessert from our
DRFC Volunteer, Frank Ford



INGREDIENTS

Approx 12 apples, cored & peeled, slice
each quarter into about three slices

1 cup sugar

Approx 1/2 cup butter, softened

3/4 cup pastry flour

1 tsp cinnamon

1 tsp ground nutmeg

1 tsp ground ginger

INSTRUCTIONS

Place apple slices in a dish. You want enough apples so they cover the bottom of the dish with three or more layers of apple slices.

Mix together sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger. Add the butter and work the mixture with a pastry blender or your fingertips. Pat it into slabs about a quarter of an inch or so thick. Put the slabs over the apples so they are one continuous sheet of topping.

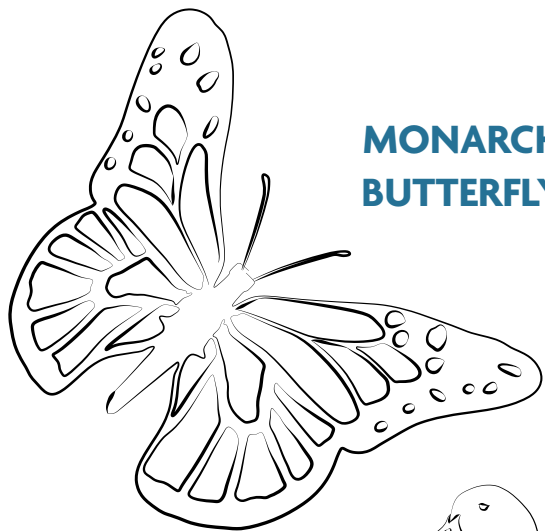
Put it in the oven at a temperature of 350-400 for 45-60 min. Bake it to the point that the topping gets pretty solid, but not as hard as peanut brittle.

You can serve it warm. After it cools, put it in the refrigerator. If the topping is too hard, you can break it with a knife.

The original recipe from my mother says it serves 6-8, but I put in more apples than her recipe calls for. On the other hand, if we're talking my size of servings, not so many!

(Acknowledgement: I got the recipe from my mother, but I have revised it. So if you don't like the way it turns out, blame me!)

COLOR THESE LOCAL SPECIES

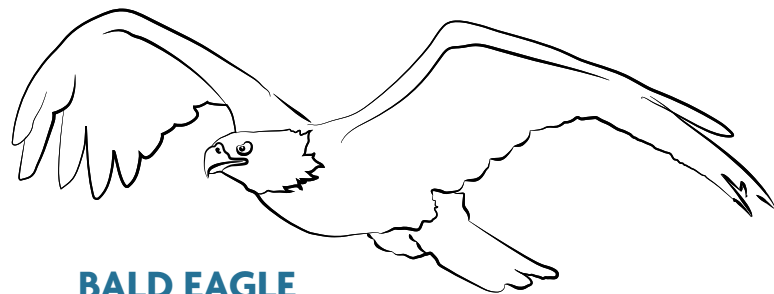
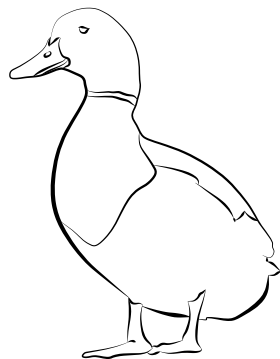


**MONARCH
BUTTERFLY**



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MALLARDS



BALD EAGLE



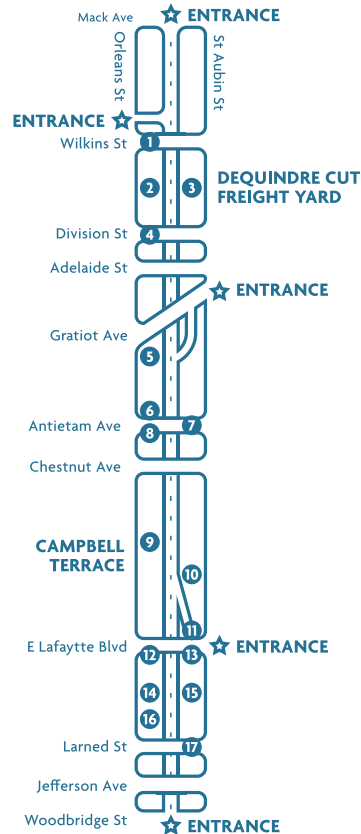
**RAINBOW
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DEQUINDRE CUT ART WALK

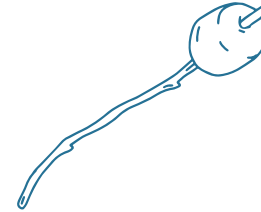
Visit our two-mile greenway and enjoy the unique art on the Dequindre Cut. Share a photo of your favorite mural and be sure to tag @DetroitRiverfront.

- 1: Sydney James, 2018
- 2: Alex Senna, 2017
- 3: Senghor Reid, 2016
- 4: Freddy Diaz, 2019
- 5: Malt, Tead, & Phers, 2009
- 6: Fel3000ft, 2012
- 7: William Lucka, 2015
- 8: Mike Han, 2013/2021
- 9: Shades, 2013
- 10: W.C. Bevan, 2017
- 11: Freddy Diaz, 2020
- 12: Kristin Adamczyk & Ouizi, 2014
- 13: Ellen Rutt, 2014
- 14: Hygienic Dress League, 2014
- 15: Hygienic Dress League, 2014
- 16: Malt, 2012
- 17: Mitchell Schorr, 2014

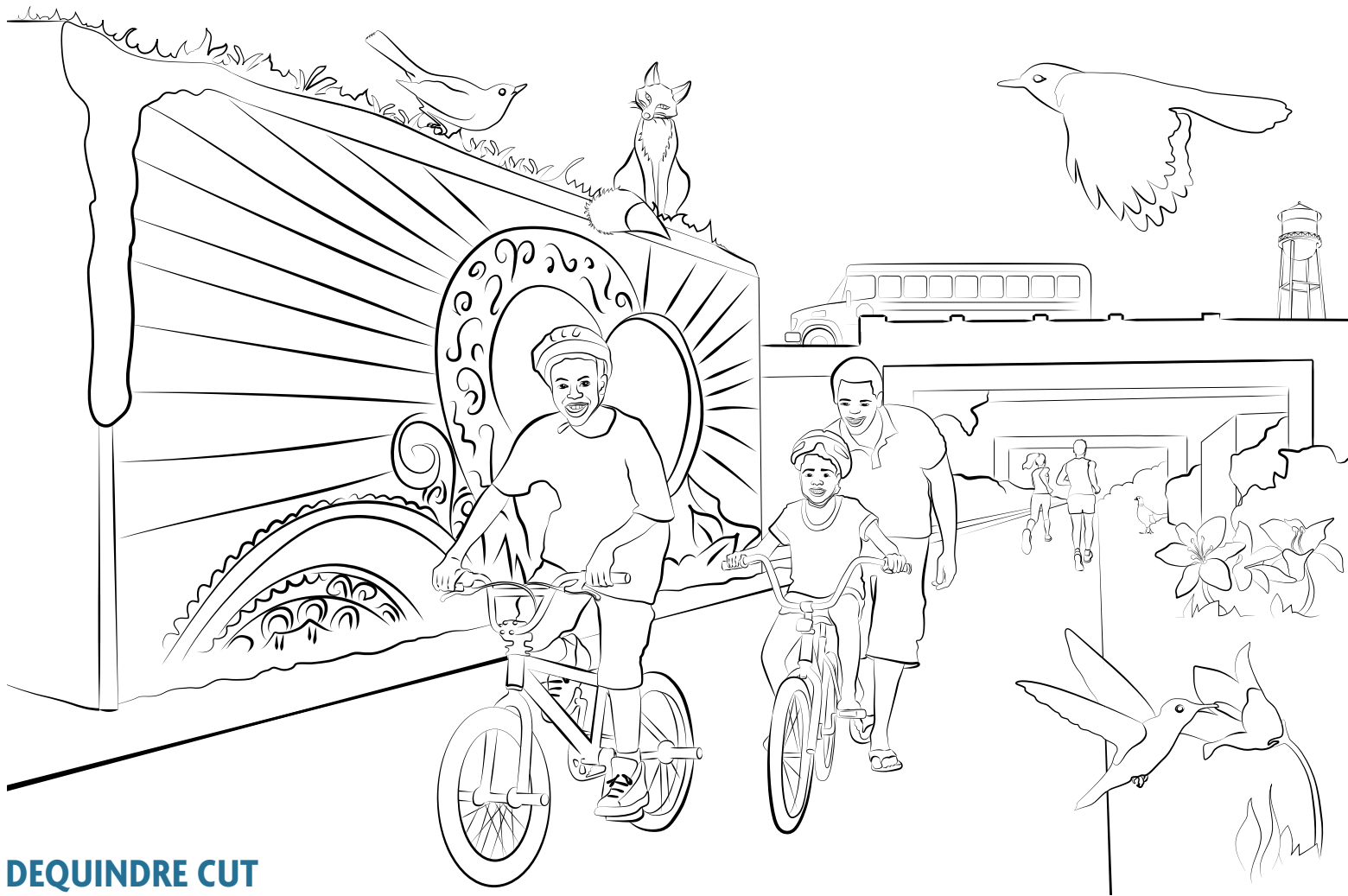


VALADE PARK I-SPY

Can you find the items below?



- ☐ A musical instrument
- ☐ An area fit for sledding
- ☐ Something bright orange
- ☐ A place to roast marshmallows
- ☐ Something with wings



DEQUINDRE CUT

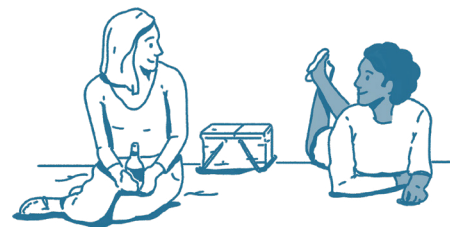
THE DETROIT RIVERFRONT PHOTO CHALLENGE

Hey riverfront friends and welcome to the Detroit Riverfront Photo Challenge! Complete the activities below and have plenty of fun. Take photos of your adventures at each park and share them in one post using the hashtag #DetroitRiverfront.



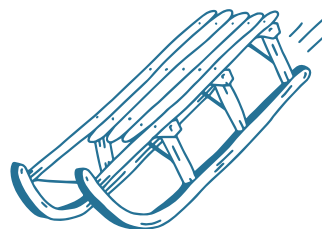
Pose near the Cullen Family Carousel and show off your most creative shot.

Explore the views from the Detroit Riverwalk at Gabriel Richard Park.



Take a beat and have a winter-themed picnic at Robert C. Valade Park.

Take a selfie in front of your favorite mural on the Dequindre Cut.



Get a shot of yourself sledding on the hill at Robert C. Valade Park.



KEEP IN TOUCH!

Visit DetroitRiverfront.org/WinterAtValade for a full list of events & programs.



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