

When you have finished all of the Fort Massac Patch requirements, have a ranger or volunteer at the Visitor Center sign off here:



# Fort Massac

State Park Patch for Girl Scouts

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Signature of Completion

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Date of completion

To receive your Fort Massac Patch you must place an order for through the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois shop. This can be done online or by visiting our shop in person.



This book belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_

It's time for you to experience

## ***Fort Massac State***

Overlooking the mighty Ohio River from the Southern tip of Illinois, this majestic location has been preserved and maintained since 1908, when it became Illinois' first state park.

Today, Fort Massac is a captivating reminder of days gone by, a fascinating excursion through the entire course of American history, and a great opportunity to explore life as it was lived when our country was young.

### How to earn your Fort Massac State Park Patch

**Grades  
K-3**

Grades K-3 must  
complete at least **3**  
activities

**Grades  
4-8**

Grades 4-8 must  
complete at least **4**  
activities

**Grades  
9-12**

Grades 9-12 must  
complete at least **6**  
activities


#### Fort Massac Patch Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's Center Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Replica Fort Activity        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio River Activity       | <input type="checkbox"/> G. R. Clark Statue Activity  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trout Pond Activity       | <input type="checkbox"/> G. Drouillard Trail Activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park Trash Activity       |   |

## ***Visitor's Center Activity***



**The Visitor's Center and Museum are full of historical artifacts and information about**

1. Ask the Park Interpreter to stamp the bottom right corner of this page with the Fort Massac Stamp .
2. Watch the 6 minute video about Fort Massac.
3. Take a selfie with one of the mannequins in the museum. 
4. Explore the Museum and complete the Fort Massac History Quiz below.

### **Fort Massac History Quiz**

When was the Middle Archaic Period?

Which country built the very first fort here in 1757?

How many men can you see in the scale model of the 1802 American fort?

How many horses are floating down the Ohio River in the large mural?

What is a Linsey-Woolsey?





# Ohio River Activity

Let's look for fossils!

Keep in mind, it is illegal to take and keep any fossils you find in the park.



The shore of the Ohio River is full of different types of rocks. Throughout these rocks are many different types of fossils like the one shown here.



Walk along the shore line and try to find a fossil! After you do, describe it below.

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If you had to guess, is it a plant, animal, fungus, or something else?

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# Trout Pond Activity



The Trout Pond is full of all sorts of plants and animals! Try to find all the items listed below!

An Animal Track	A plant growing in the water	Something man-made
A dragonfly	A minnow	An aquatic macro invertebrate (a water bug)
The Splash of a fish	A turtle	A frog

Don't forget that all plants and animals are protected in State Parks. It is illegal to remove anything from the park.





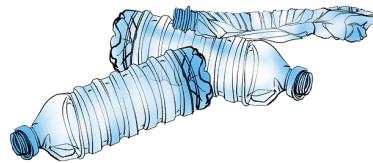


## *Park Trash Activity*

**Despite our attempts at keeping our park clean and tidy, trash keeps reappearing throughout the park! This can be very harmful to the animals living here. Maybe you could help us out? Pick one of our shelters, trails, or historical areas and see how much trash you can find. Remember to wear protective gloves!**



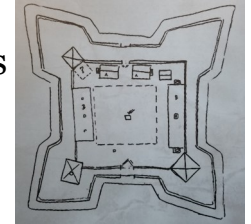
1. Where did you pick up trash?
2. Why do you think people litter?
3. How can you help prevent people from littering?



## *Replica Fort Activity*



It's time to build a new fort! But, what should it look like? Many forts built during the 1700s were star shaped. Using the space below, draw out the plans for a new fort.



# George Rogers Clark Statue Activity



When George Rogers Clark crossed the Ohio River at Fort Massac intending to capture the Illinois Territory from the British, do you think he was nervous? Or was he excited? Based off of this statue of Clark at Fort Massac, describe what he was thinking. Would you have done what he did?

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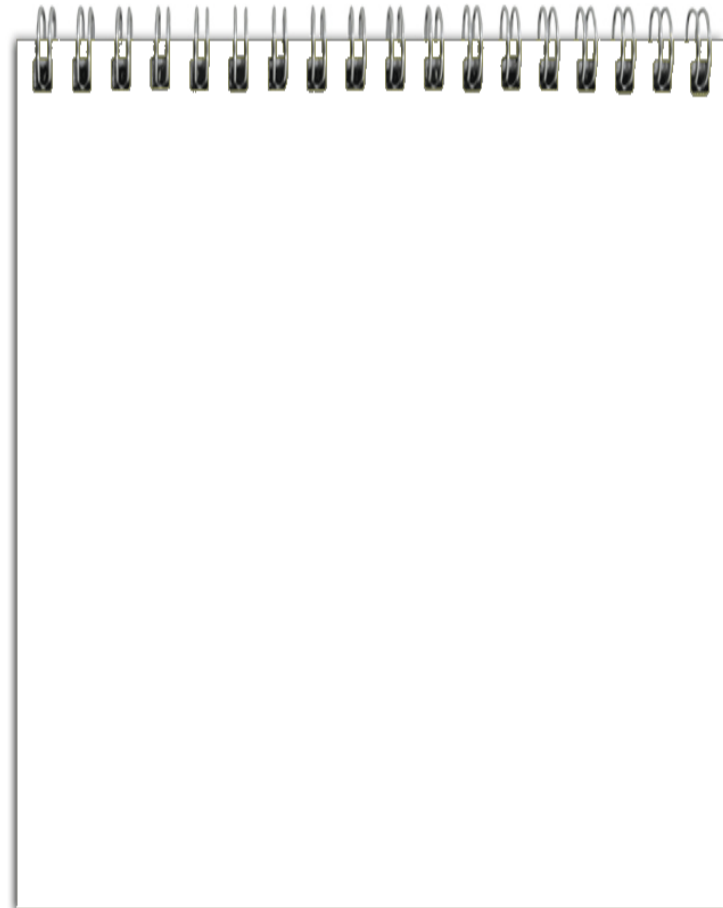
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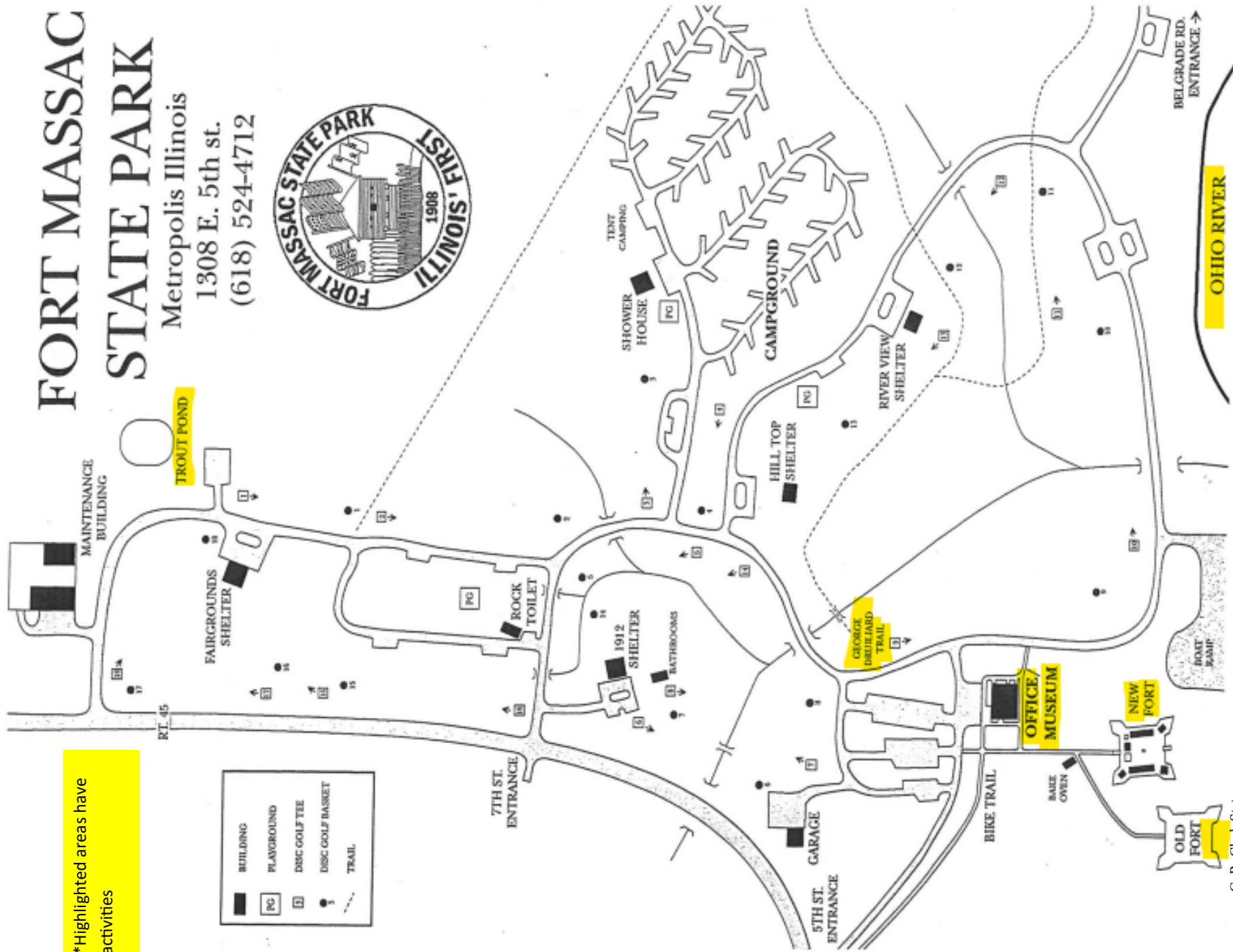


**Find the George Drouillard Trail across the road from the Visitor's Center parking lots. While hiking the trail, keep an eye out for different types of birds that live in the trees of Fort Massac. When you spot one that you really like, sketch it in the area below.**



# FORT MASSAC STATE PARK

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\* Highlighted areas have activities

