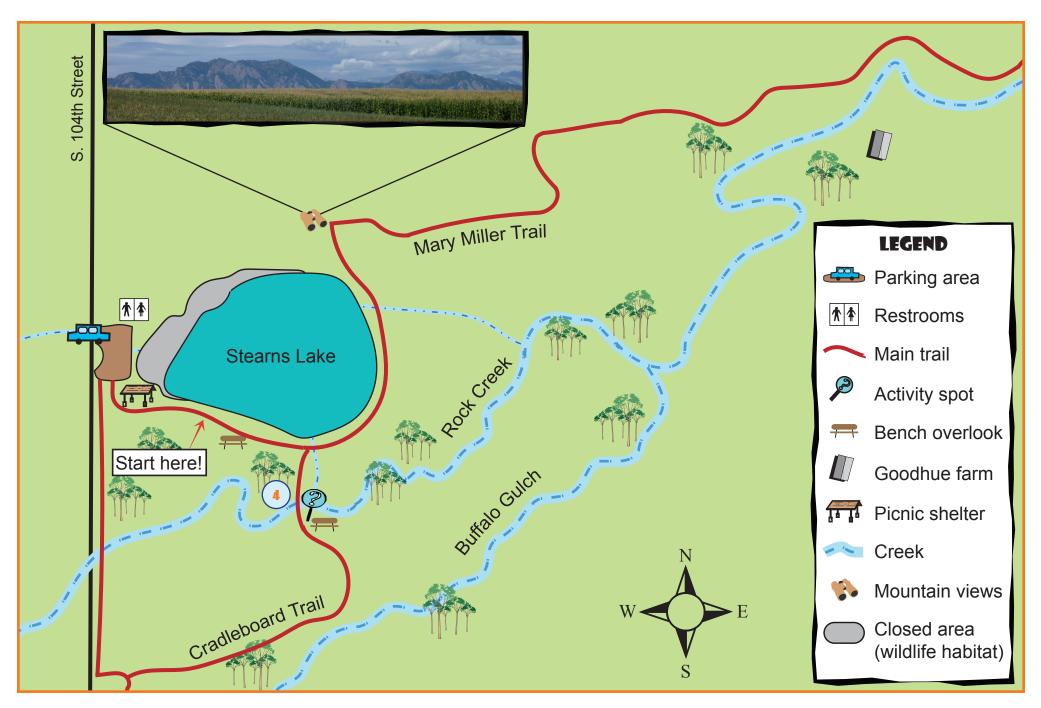
# CAROLYN HOLMBERG PRESERVE NATURE DETECTIVES MAP

Feel free to write or draw on your map!





### **Wildlife Watch**

Farms grow food for us, and also provide open space where animals make their homes. Sit silently on or near the bridge  $\uparrow$ , and watch for wildlife along the banks of Rock Creek. Draw any wildlife you see in the circles below, and also fill a few circles with things that animals may depend on, such as the creek (water to drink), or a log or bush (for small animals to hide in). Don't forget insects!

## **Red-tailed Hawk**

Imagine you are a red-tailed hawk. You live in this area and hunt for rodents, reptiles, or other birds. Think about what might be important to you. Where would you build your nest? Hidden down in the grass or up in the tallest trees? Write where you would live and one reason you think this is a good place for a red-tailed hawk, such as yourself. (Hint: Look for a hawk to see where it goes.)

As a red-tailed hawk, where would you live?\_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Feel free to get help from grown-ups on this, but remember, these activities are
- which will serve as a guide. Some map,  $\mathcal{P}$ , and some activities can be done anywhere.
- activities correspond to locations on the
- Inside you will find a map of the park,
- Take this Mystery Guide and a pen or pencil with you as you explore. To complete your Nature Detective training at this park, complete at least 3 of the 5 activities.



- 7) Heil Valley Ranch 8) Mud Lake Open Space 9) Pella Crossing 10) Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat
- 6) Carolyn Holmberg Preserve

need to finish at home, mail to:

- 5) Caribou Ranch Open Space
- 4) Betasso Preserve
- 3) Bald Mountain Scenic Area
- 2) Anne U. White Trail

**Nature Detectives Club** 

Mystery Guides can be found at: 1) Agricultural Heritage Center

# NATURE DETECTIVE CLUB

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each nest you see.

Keep a nest tally!

### \*!semont risk in their homes! \*Don't go near the nests—we don't want to



these items. Be a detective! Mark on the map where you see any of

.jsən For example, put a B on the map where you see a bird's

G. Narrow leaf F. Smooth rock E. Animal track

C. Cattail B. Bird nest

A. Rotten log

D. Prairie dog

# **Piishing**

(!evitoet, detective!) below. (Don't worry if your picture isn't perfect- this is a hard a "fishing" animal. If you spot one, try to draw it in the space nice place to sit where you can see the water and watch for dinner. What creatures are here to catch a meal? Find a Some people like to go fishing for fun, and others to catch

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for you! You can write or draw anywhere in this mystery guide. The more thoughtful and artistic, the better!

YOUR CASE: **CAROLYN HOLMBERG PRESERVE** 

This is a great place to see raptors (birds of prey) such as hawks and eagles. It is also home to snakes, deer, prairie dogs, foxes, coyotes, mice, and many others. You can also see a working farm in action. The farmer grows several foods, including a pick-your-own pumpkin patch for Halloween!

you prizes and return your mystery guides!

Drop completed mystery guides in the Nature

Detectives Club mailbox at each park. If you

Nature Detectives Club, Boulder County Parks

& Open Space, 5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont,

Complete the information below so we can send

Grown-ups, please provide the following information:

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Look for Nature Detective inserts and activities in each issue of Images.

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# ROCK CREEK FA

### A mystery awaits in this county park full of clues!

- Your mission is to become a young Nature Detective, collecting clues from the world around you, and solving mysteries of the forest, prairie, wetlands, and mountains.
- After completing a mystery guide we will send you a useful tool for your future outdoor adventures.
- All right detective, let's go!

(Intended for ages 4-11)