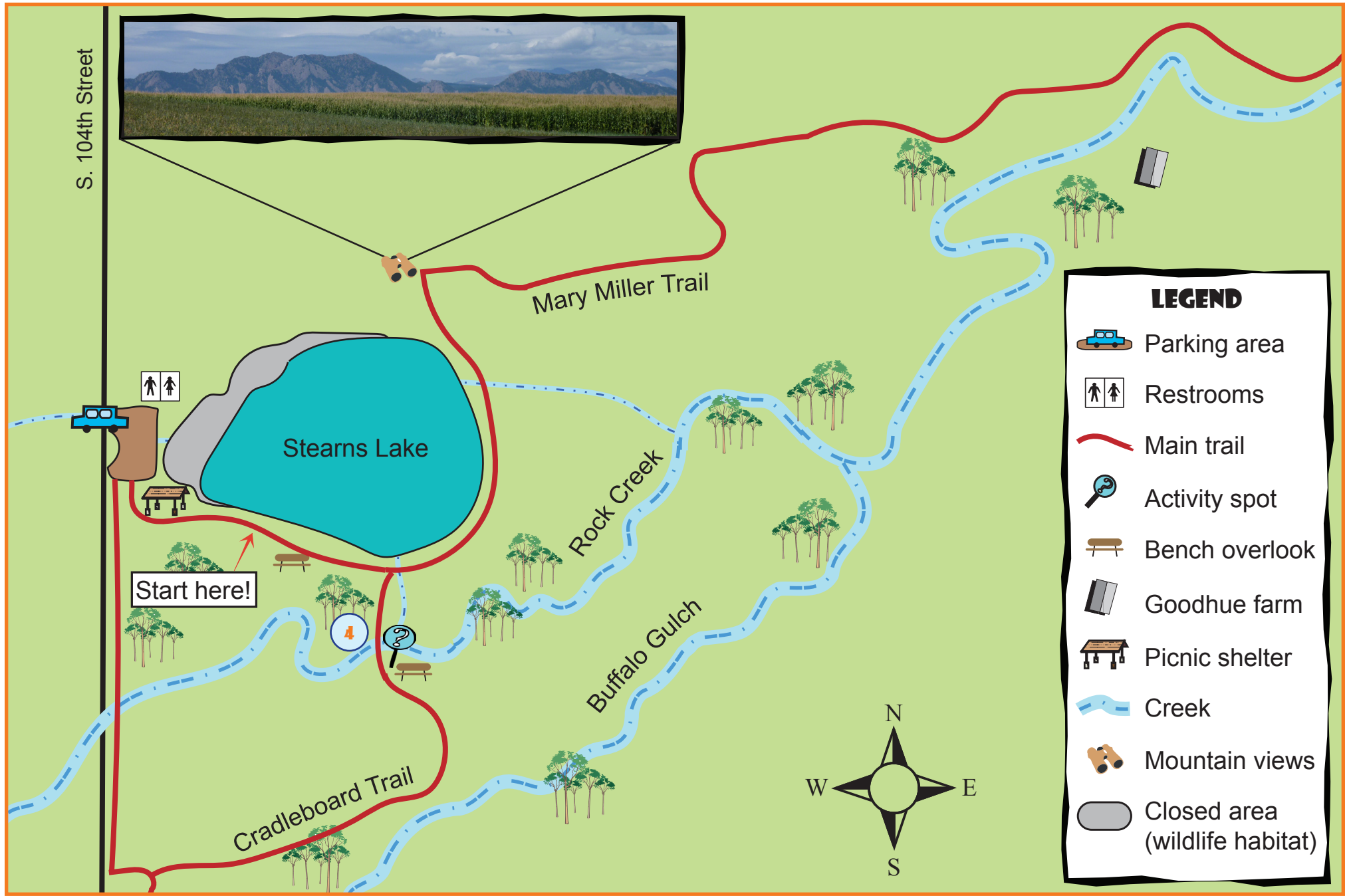


CAROLYN HOLMBERG PRESERVE NATURE DETECTIVES MAP


Feel free to write or draw on your map!



MAP ACTIVITY!

4

Wildlife Watch

Farms grow food for us, and also provide open space where animals make their homes. Sit silently on or near the bridge , 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!

5

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? _____



A. Rotten log
B. Bird nest
C. Cattail
D. Prairie dog


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

Nest Tally

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Fishing



- ♥ 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.
- ♥ Inside you will find a map of the park, which will serve as a guide. Some activities correspond to locations on the map, , and some activities can be done anywhere.
- ♥ Feel free to get help from grown-ups on this, but remember, these activities are for you! You can write or draw anywhere in this mystery guide. The more thoughtful and artistic, the better!

- 1) Agricultural Heritage Center
- 2) Anne U. White Trail
- 3) Bald Mountain Scenic Area
- 4) Betasso Preserve
- 5) Caribou Ranch Open Space
- 6) Carolyn Holmberg Preserve
- 7) Heil Valley Ranch
- 8) Mud Lake Open Space
- 9) Pella Crossing
- 10) Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat

Drop completed mystery guides in the Nature Detectives Club mailbox at each park. If you need to finish at home, mail to:
Nature Detectives Club, Boulder County Parks & Open Space, 5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont, CO 80503

Complete the information below so we can send you prizes and return your mystery guides!

Grown-ups, please provide the following information:

Detective's name:

Age: _____

Address:

City, State: _____

Zip code:

Phone: _____

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

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CAROLYN HOLMBERG PRESERVE AT ROCK CREEK FARM

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)

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!