

# Animals Prepare for Winter

## Pre-Visit Activities

The activities included in your pre-visit packet have been designed to help you and your students prepare for your upcoming program at St. Joseph County Parks. The activities included in this packet have been designed to help your students learn about how different animals prepare for winter. By completing the enclosed activities prior to their visit, they will have a better understanding of the activities they will participate in at the park. Of course, if you don't have time to do the activities prior to your park visit; they will also work as a review for what the students learned during the program.

## Winter Preparation Crossword Puzzle Answers

**Across:**

1. den
3. deer
5. migration
8. toad
9. cache

**Down:**

1. dormant
2. heron
4. hibernation
6. active
7. bat



## Animals and You in Winter

Discuss with your students the several ways that animals prepare for and survive the winter. Discuss also ways that people prepare for winter and the things they do to survive it. To survive the winter, an animal can migrate to a warmer area, remain active to search for food and “den” up on the coldest nights, they can hibernate, or they can become dormant, which means they can wake up during the winter to search for food.

On the following page students will be able to write and illustrate comparisons of how people prepare for winter and how an animal prepares for winter.

On the following page students will complete the following sentence and then illustrate what they wrote.

**“In winter I \_\_\_\_\_, but if I were a \_\_\_\_\_, I would \_\_\_\_\_.”**

Forexample: **“In winter I put on my mittens, but if I were a goose, I would migrate for the winter.”**

# Animals and You in Winter



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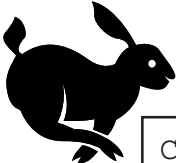
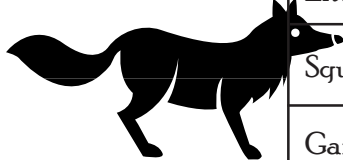
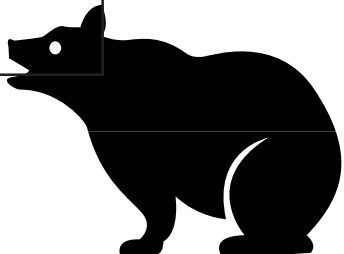
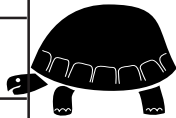
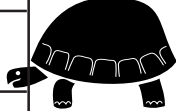




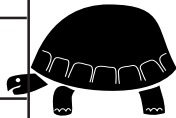

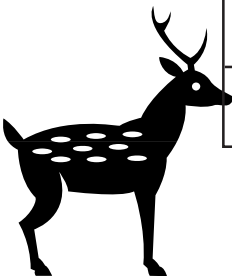





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# Match the Animal with its Winter State

Animals do many things to survive winter. Some are **active**, which means they move around throughout winter to find food and stay warm. If an animal is **dormant**, it means that they wake up and move about some, while **hibernating** animals find a cozy, sheltered place to sleep for the winter. Don't forget about those animals who **migrate**, which means they go somewhere it is warm and they have adequate food to eat during the winter months. *(One animal below migrates to its wintering site to hibernate!)* Place a check mark in one of the four boxes and see if you can guess what each animal does to survive the winter chill!

	Active	Dormant	Hibernate	Migrate
 Cottontail Rabbit				
 Fox				
 Black Bear				
 Woodchuck (Groundhog)				
 Raccoon				
 Little Brown Bat				
 Squirrel				
 Garter Snake				
 Green Frog				
 Box Turtle				
 Monarch Butterfly				
 White-tailed Deer				
 Skunk				
 Opossum				
 Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel				
 Hummingbird				
 Ladybird Beetle (Ladybug)				

# Answer Key

	Active	Dormant	Hibernate	Migrate
Cottontail Rabbit	X			
Fox	X			
Black Bear		X		
Woodchuck (Groundhog)			X	
Raccoon		X		
Little Brown Bat		X		X
Squirrel	X			
Garter Snake			X	
Green Frog			X	
Box Turtle			X	
Monarch Butterfly				X
White-tailed Deer	X			
Skunk		X		
Opossum	X			
Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel			X	
Hummingbird				X
Ladybird Beetle (Ladybug)			X	