

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Into the Wilderness *On National Wildlife Refuges* Coloring Book



The National Wildlife Refuge System administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

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You can tell a bighorn sheep by its huge, curved horns. Some bighorn sheep live in rugged mountains. You can also find them in the desert.



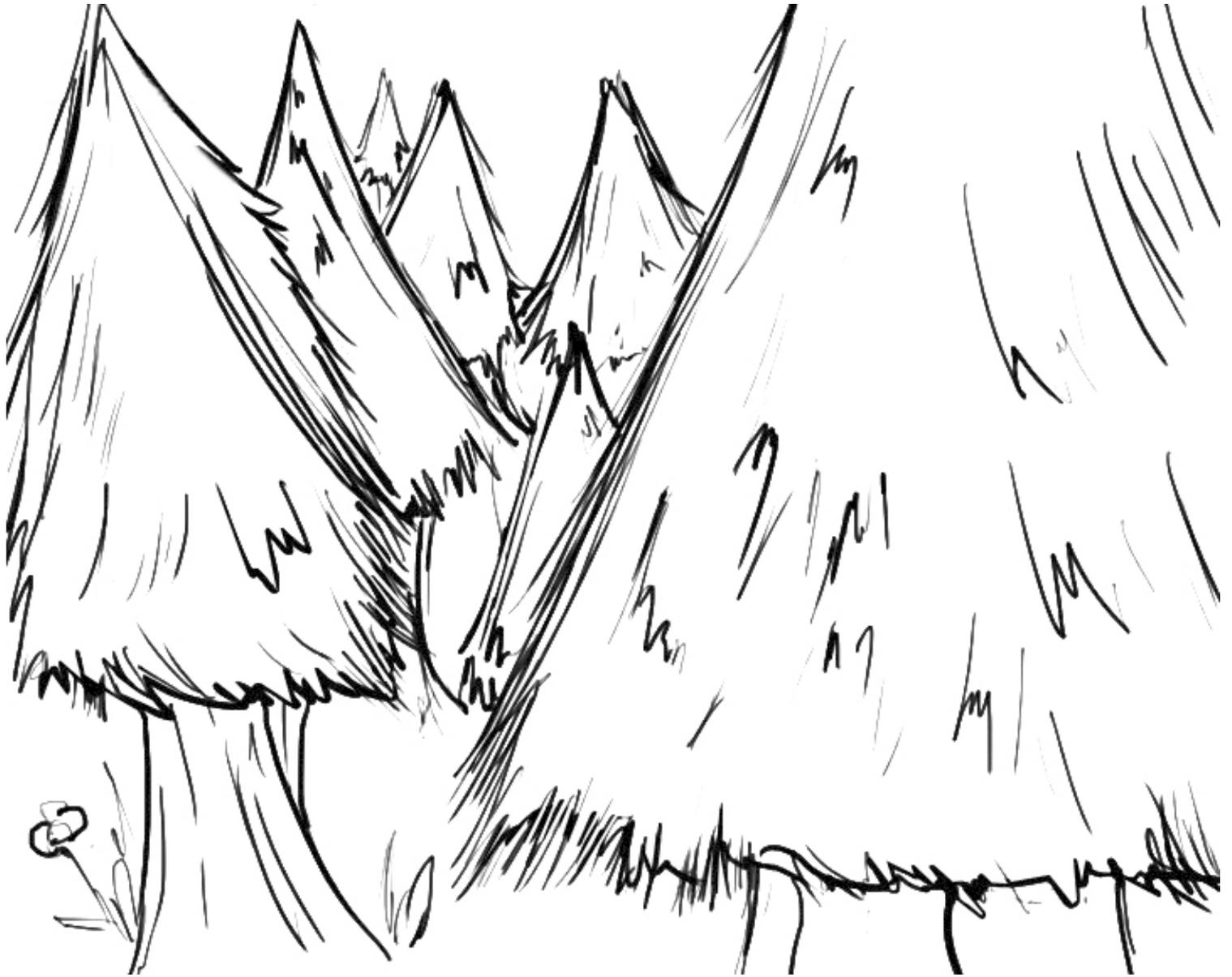
Moose are in the same animal family as deer, but they are way bigger. A moose can weigh as much as a sailboat! They eat a lot of plants.



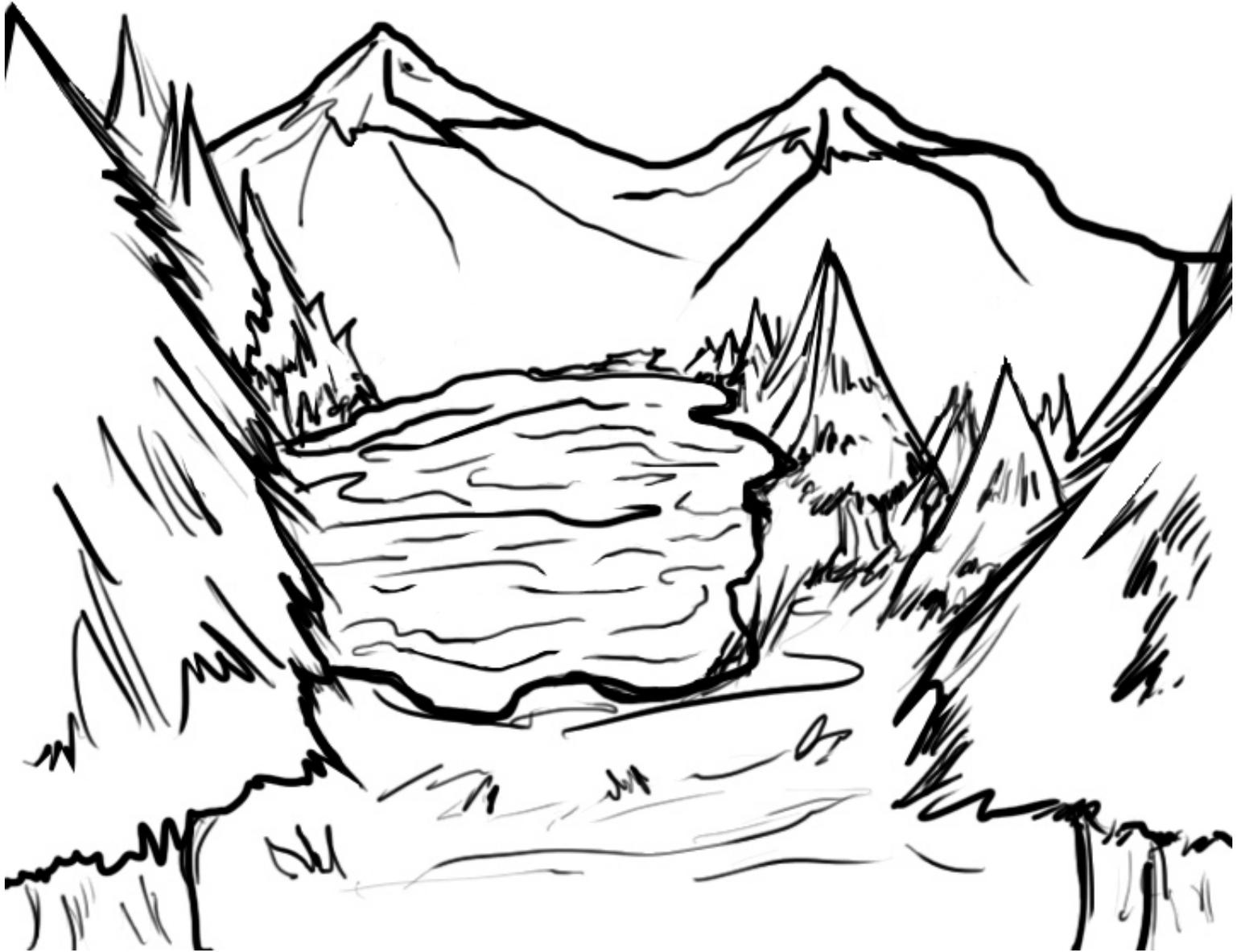
Baby alligators live with their mothers in swamps, rivers and ponds. Alligators eat fish, frogs, birds and sometimes even rabbits and deer.



How are all these animals alike? They all find homes in wilderness. So do foxes, eagles, and hundreds of other animals and plants.
Color the fox. Circle the eagle.



Wilderness areas are wild, natural places. Some wilderness has mountains and deserts. Wilderness areas may have trees, rivers, marshes or cactus. There are no buildings, shopping centers, cars or roads in wilderness. How many trees can you count in this picture of wilderness?



People in the United States love animals and plants so much that they passed a law to make sure that animals always have wilderness to find a home. The law is called the Wilderness Act. It became a law on September 3, 1964.

When is your birthday?



You can have great fun in wilderness. You can hike trails. You can use binoculars to see birds and animals. You can paddle a canoe. You can take photos. You can camp. It is a wonderful place to visit with your family.

Circle your favorite thing to do.

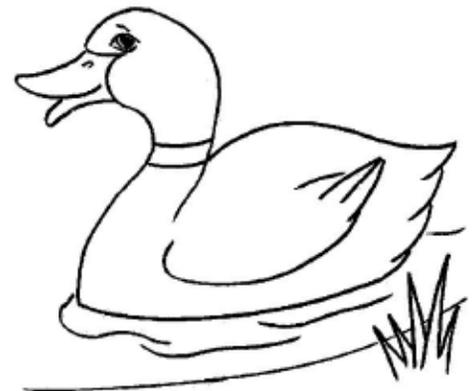
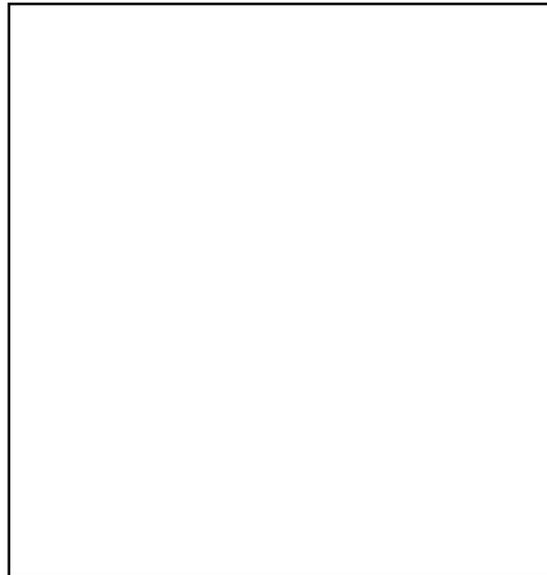
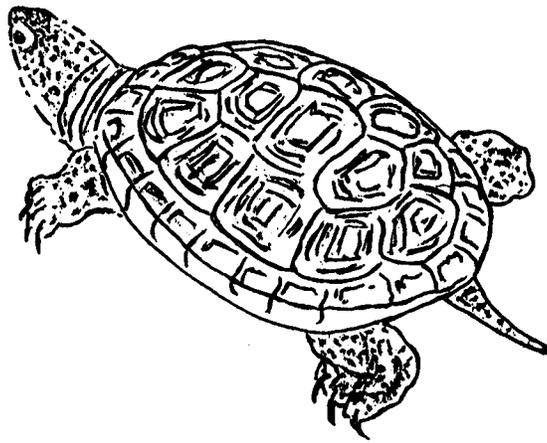
National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness



The National Wildlife Refuge System is a perfect place to see wilderness. You can visit 26 states, and see a wildlife refuge with wilderness in each one. Can you find the closest wilderness area to where you live?

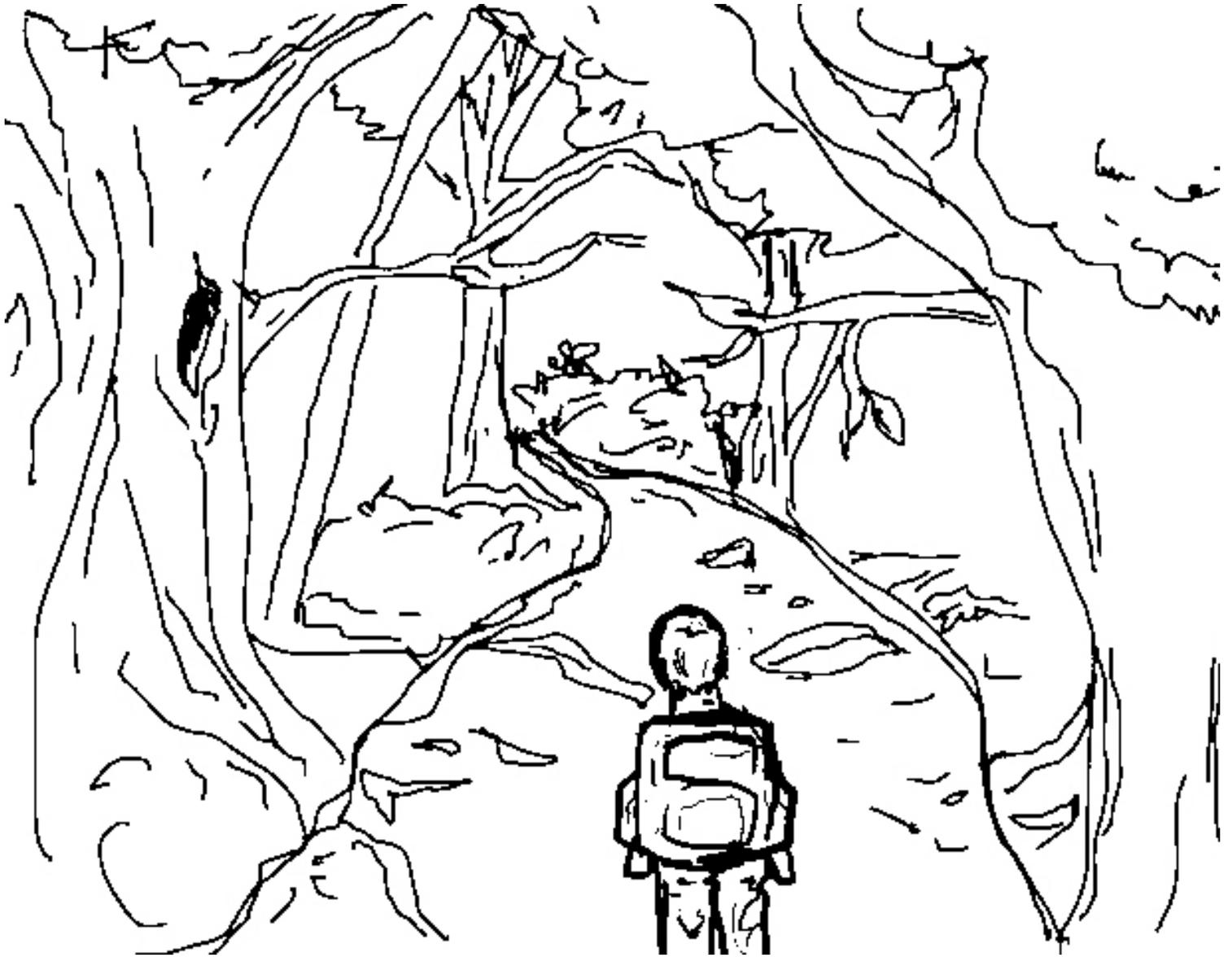


Wilderness is important to our health. The trees and plants help clean bad chemicals from the air. By saving wilderness, we have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink.



Wilderness isn't always far away. There is wilderness close to some big cities. Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is close to New York City. The refuge is home to otters, foxes, turtles, salamanders and lots of birds.

Draw your favorite animal in the box.



When you visit wilderness, you should follow some rules:

- Stay on the path.
- Take your trash home to recycle.
- Leave nature as you found it.
- Do not feed or touch the wildlife.

WORD SEARCH



Words may be horizontal or diagonal, left to right



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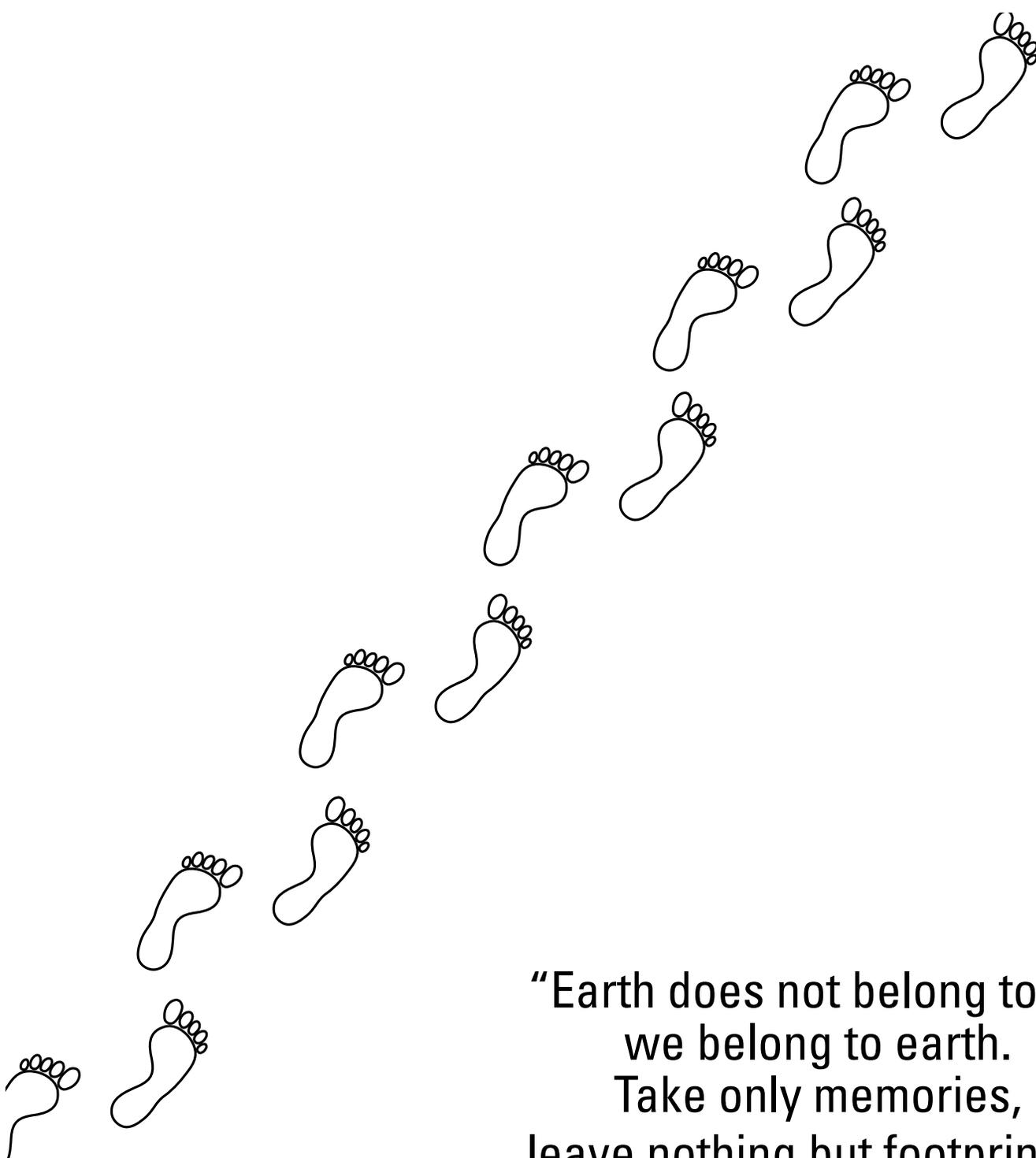
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CONTRAST
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NATURAL
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RESEARCH
SCENERY
SOLITUDE
SPIRITUAL
UNCONFINED
UNDEVELOPED

UNIQUE
UNSPOILED
UNTRAMMELED
VIEWS
WATERSHED
WILD



**“Earth does not belong to us;
we belong to earth.
Take only memories,
leave nothing but footprints.”**

- Chief Seattle, a leader of the Suquamish
and Duwamish people in the area that
is now the State of Washington



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