

Scavenger Hunt- Grades 3-7
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Room One: “The Nature of the River”

Find the Watershed map of the Tar-Pamlico Estuary. Find the City of Washington. You are here.

1. What is the name of the river where Washington is located?
2. The fresh water of the Tar River mixes with the salty water of which river? This is why we call it an estuary.

Find the Tar River Exhibit.

Find the panel called “What Lives Here.” Push the red button.

3. Write the name of a species that lives above the surface of the Tar River.

Find the frog exhibit, “Croaking Chorus.” Push the red buttons.

4. Write the name of your favorite frog.

Find the Pamlico River Exhibit.

Find the panel called “What Lives Here.” Push the red button.

5. Write the name of a species that lives on the surface of the Pamlico River.
6. Write the name of two reptiles in the Pamlico River Exhibit.

Find the Pamlico Sound Exhibit.

Find the Fish exhibit.

7. Many different fish live in the Pamlico Sound. Write the name of one of them.

Find the “Changing Conditions” Exhibit.

Find the Dripping Water Exhibit. Catch a drop of water on your finger.

8. Can you taste the difference between ocean, brackish, and freshwater?

Find the “Surviving and Thriving” Exhibit. Find the Blue Crab Exhibit.

9. Watch the crabs. What do they use to protect themselves?

Find the Black Spinning Wheels. Find the middle Frog Wheel.

10. Does the frog use his front feet or back feet more for swimming?

Room Two: People and the Pamlico

Find the old hunting boat called a “Sink Box.”

11. What did the hunter take with him to hunt ducks and geese?

Find “People in Our Past” Exhibit.

12. What three groups of people lived in Coastal North Carolina in the past?

Find the “Making a Living” Exhibit.

13. Write the name of two tools used by the early settlers.

Find the cannon ball.

14. How much does it weigh?

Find the Seafood Trap Exhibit.

Each seafood trap is a different shape to catch different seafood.

15. What shape is the eel pot, a cylinder or a cube? Circle your answer.
16. What shape is the crab pot, a cylinder or a cube? Circle your answer.

Find the old fashioned bathing suit from the 1920's.

17. Does your bathing suit look like this? What is the difference?

Find the large white fishing boat.

18. How would you describe the fishing boat? Write yes or no.

Made of wood _____ Two-seater _____

Painted green _____ A sailboat _____

Find the wooden bird decoys in the plastic case.

19. How many do you see?
20. Which one is your favorite one?

Room Three: Voices and Viewpoints

Sit down and listen to all of the speakers tell why they love the Pamlico Area. Look for people doing things you would like to do.

21. Which activities did you see that looked like fun?

Room Four: Protecting the River

Find the "What is Pollution" Exhibit.

22. Write the name of one type of pollution that you see pictured in the water columns.

Find the "Recent Hurricane Landfalls" exhibit.

23. When did Hurricane Floyd make landfall?

Find the large aquarium tank in the yellow wall.

24. Write the name of a fish that lives here.

Find the Striped Bass (Rockfish) Tilt-table called "Beating the Odds."

25. What is one of the things that can happen to a striped bass (rockfish) as he swims in the river?

Find the "Back to Nature" exhibit with two models of the City of Washington.

26. What did the city build to clean up pollution from downtown?