

RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION



The Russian River Watershed Association is a coalition of eleven cities, counties, and special districts in the Russian River Watershed that have come together to coordinate regional programs for clean water, habitat restoration and watershed enhancement. The RRWA works to promote cooperation and implementation of projects that protect watershed resources, restore fisheries and improve water quality.

www.rrwatershed.org/











The Russian River is habitat for many different species.

Can you match each species to their name?



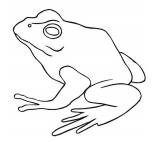
American Bull Frog

Coho Salmon

Blue Heron

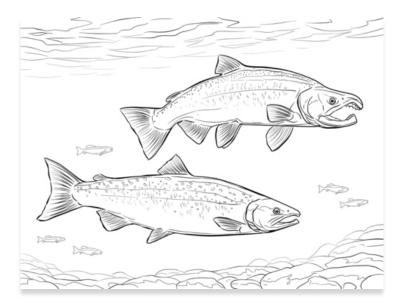


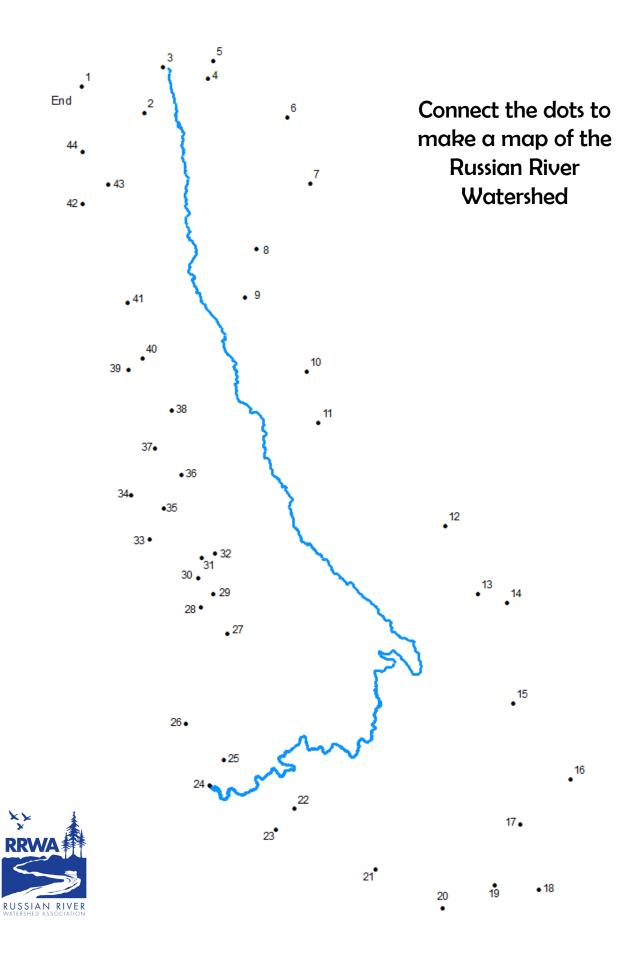




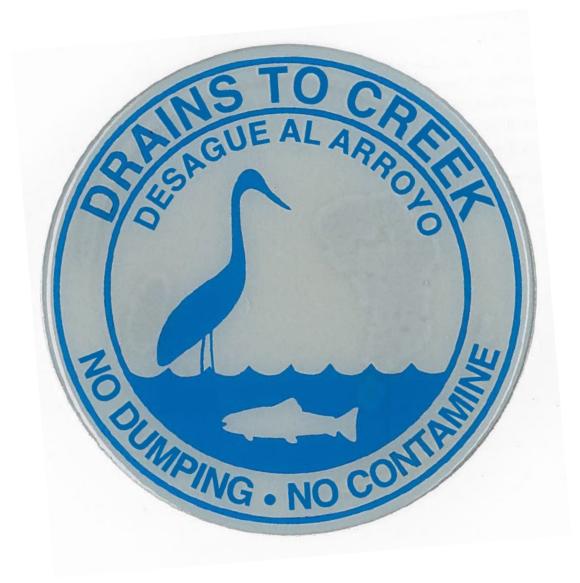
Welcome to the Russian River Watershed!

- \checkmark A watershed is all of the land that drains to a single water body.
- ✓ Watersheds cover all of the earth's land which mean you live in a watershed!
- ✓ The Russian River is 110 miles long.
- ✓ The Russian River watershed is 1,485 square miles of land.
- ✓ There are approximately 360,000 people who live in the Russian River watershed.
- ✓ The Russian River is habitat for fish including Steelhead,
 Chinook salmon, and Coho salmon.
- The Russian River watershed is habitat for the California tiger salamander, an endangered species.

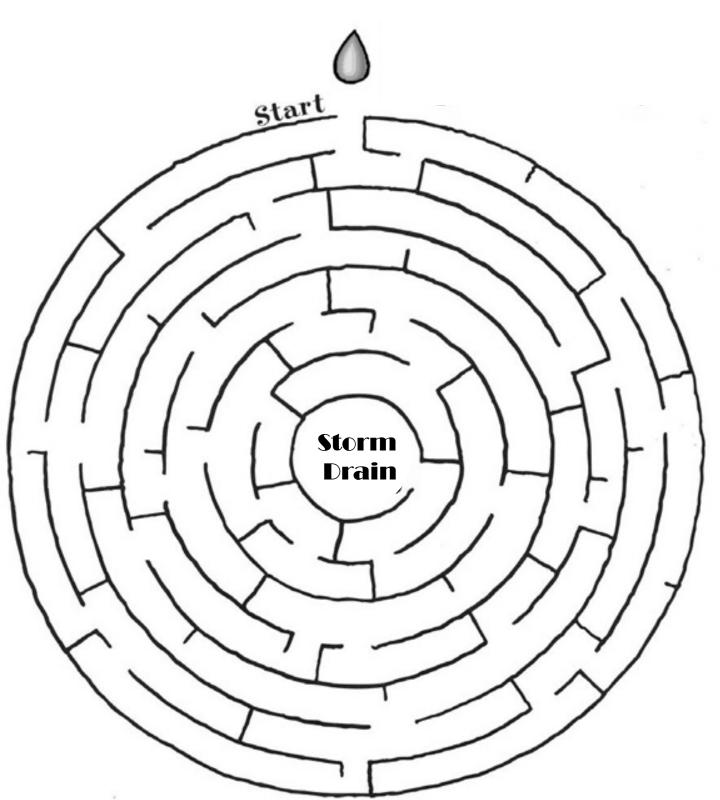




When it rains, the water enters the storm drain and goes straight to our rivers and creeks. This is called storm water runoff. It is not treated before it goes to the creek. Only rain should go down the storm drain to keep our rivers and creeks free of pollutants.



Only rain belongs in the storm drain. Never put trash, cleaning products, paints, or oil in the storm drain.



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Find and circle these words:

RIVER FISH LITTER BIRD RECYCLE WATERSHED RAIN CREEK POLLUTION HABITAT

Remember!

It is everybody's job to keep our rivers and creeks clean. Here are some simple things you can do to help:

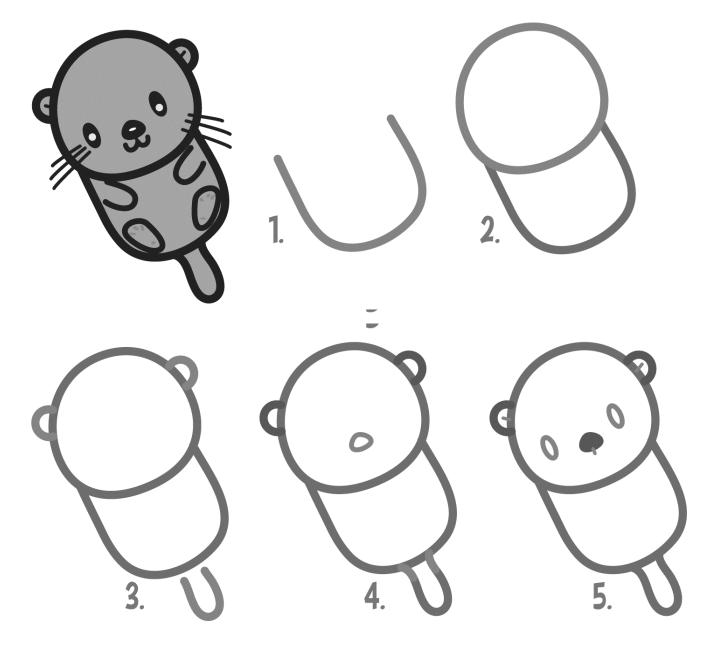
Always put trash in the garbage, not on the ground

Recycle paper, plastic, cardboard



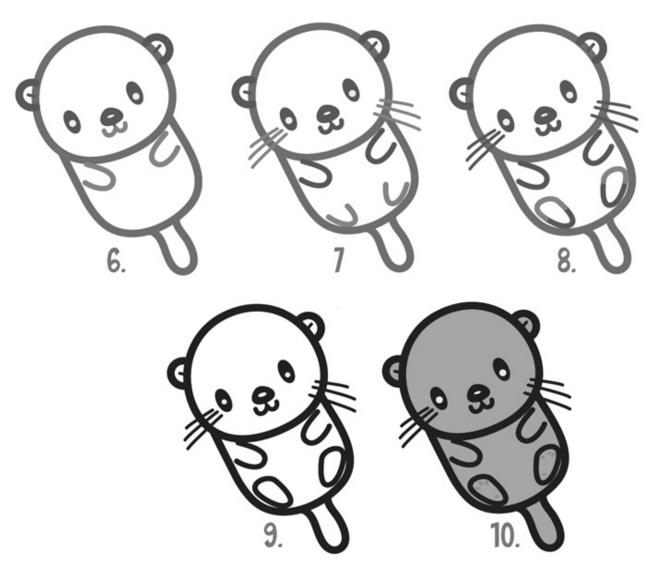
Pick up after your pet

Make a list below of things you can do to keep rivers and creeks clean:



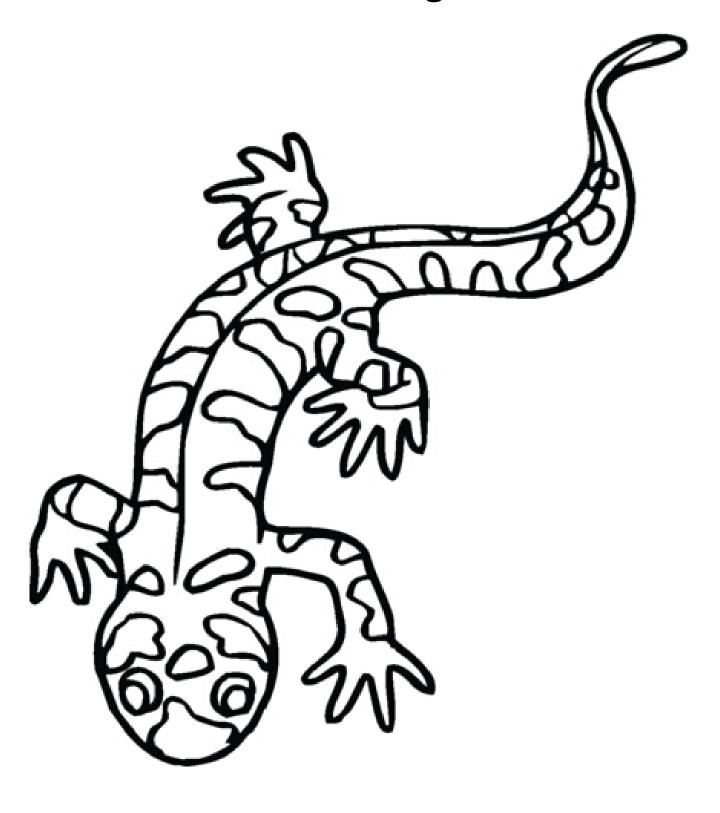
Learn to draw a River Otter

The Russian River Watershed is home to the River otter. River otters can stay underwater for up to eight minutes and can close their ears and nostrils to keep water out. They can also dive to a depth of 60 feet!



PRACTICE HERE

The Russian River Watershed is home to the California Tiger Salamander. Color the California Tiger Salamander



Where does each item belong?

















Decode the secret message about taking care of our rivers and creeks

- <u>A-15 B-11 C-1 D-12 E-26 F-6 G-10 H-3 I-19 J-25</u>
- <u>K-13 L-17 M-8 N-7 O-5 P-24 Q-16 R-2 S-21 T-18</u>
- <u>U-4</u> <u>V-20</u> <u>W-9</u> <u>X-23</u> <u>Y-14</u> <u>Z-22</u>

For more information on the Russian River visit www.rrwatershed.org



