



*A
Kids'
Guide to Fun in
Central Florida*

**AN ADVENTURE
& ACTIVITY GUIDE
JUST FOR KIDS**

Visit
Central Florida

WELCOME TO FLORIDA'S

SWEETEST SPOT

We're sure you're ready to get out and explore, but first we'd like to tell you about the place your parents have just brought you to, and why we call it Florida's Sweetest Spot.

While you're here, you'll see cool animals, pretty flowers and lots of natural beauty all around you. You'll also splash down on waterslides, ride on the back of a real camel and thrill to exciting attractions—like the new Peppa Pig Theme Park located steps from LEGOLAND® Florida Resort's front gate.

In the meantime, this book has plenty of things to keep you entertained in the car or while you're in your hotel room just trying to get some sleep before another day of adventure. So...have fun. That's what a vacation in Florida's Sweetest Spot is all about anyway!



PSSST...

THERE'S A MAD LIB IN THIS BOOK!

To play, choose a word for each part of speech or category. When you're done, fill in the blanks of the story at the end of this book.

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SELFIE SCAVENGER HUNT

Start snapping and have a grown-up help you share your finds on our Facebook page using the hashtag **#KidsLoveCentralFL**. When you're finished, head to the Visitors Information Center to collect your prize!

(We're using the term "selfie" loosely here. Above all, be safe!)

MEGALODON TOOTH

▶ Hint: That old fossil? You might have to dig around in the past.

FROZEN TREAT

ORANGE GROVE

WATER SKIERS

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

SAFARI JEEP

▼ Hint: It's a lot smaller than you think. Think Mini.

ALLIGATOR

SPECTACULAR SUNSET

BUTTERFLY

ROLLER COASTER



CAN YOU FIND AND PHOTOGRAPH ALL TEN?

Hint: Most can be found at the attractions on the map. Get creative!

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We can't wait to see your favorite vacation moments. Use the hashtag **#KidsLoveCentralFL** and share away!

HA HA JOKE!

WHAT DO ALLIGATORS AND SELFIE-TAKERS HAVE IN COMMON?



A: THEY PUT ON A TOOTHY GRIN AND NEVER STOP SNAPPING!



WELCOME TO
POLK COUNTY

READY TO ROLL?

We've made things easy by hand-picking our favorite kid-friendly attractions.

The hard part?
Deciding what to do first.



For more info about these and other attractions, visit the Central Florida Visitor Information Center or go to VisitCentralFlorida.com

1 LEGOLAND® FLORIDA RESORT

Watch all of your favorite LEGO® sets come to life at this bricktacular theme park! If you're here in the summer, make sure you head to the water park, too—just watch out for the Joker Soaker!

2 BOK TOWER GARDENS

For your parents, Bok means beautiful gardens. For you, it means a River Run to splash in, wildlife to discover and rock ledges to explore. And at Hammock Hollow Children's Garden, you'll find an entire world to climb, play and learn in. Pick up a Garden Adventure Guide to make sure you see and do it all.

3 SAFARI WILDERNESS RANCH

Want to be able to tell your friends you've ridden a camel, fed a lemur (yes, the Madagascar kind), and gone on safari with zebras, antelopes and water buffalo? Go here.

4 WESTGATE RIVER RANCH RESORT & RODEO

Calling all outdoor adventurers! Hit the trails on horseback, snag a swamp buggy or race through the Kissimmee River on an airboat to explore the Florida wilderness around this dude ranch. Feeling extra brave? There's bungee jumping, too.

5 COMMON GROUND PARK

Looking for an awesome (and huge) playground? This is it! You'll find play areas for children of all ages and abilities—plus secret tunnels, lots of places to climb and a big hill to roll down. Have a picnic under the shaded pavilions and make it an afternoon! It won't take long to see why this is one of Lakeland's most popular parks.

6 CIRCLE B BAR RESERVE

If you want to get up close and personal with alligators (safely, of course!), otters, marsh hares, gopher tortoises, bald eagles and more, make sure you visit this special nature preserve. After your adventure, stop by the Nature Discovery Center to learn more about the creatures that crossed your path.

7 FLORIDA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

If you're tired of grown-ups telling you not to touch things, then this is the place for you. You can grab, toss, bounce, poke and probe everything you see in this interactive museum. There's something new to play with around every corner and you might even learn a thing or two.

8 MULBERRY PHOSPHATE MUSEUM

This museum isn't just about phosphate—it's about fossils, too! From prehistoric rhinos to dire wolves, the fossilized remains of the ancient creatures that once roamed Polk County are all here for you to see. You can even search for your own shark teeth in our gravel pit!

9 FAMILY FUN CENTER

If it's raining, duck inside for laser tag and arcade games. If the sun is shining, playing a round of putt-putt is a must. Whatever the weather, FFC is a great place to hang out and have fun.

10 DETROIT TIGERS/LAKELAND FLYING TIGERS

Hey slugger! We love baseball around here. Visit during Spring Training to see the major league teams go head to head at Joker Marchant Stadium. Our Minor League team, the Flying Tigers, is pretty awesome too!

11 VISIT CENTRAL FLORIDA WELCOME CENTER

Home to the USA Waterski and Wake Sports Foundation Hall of Fame. Wondering where to start? This is the place to go for discounted attraction tickets and awesome sports memorabilia from Florida's best athletes.

12 PEPPA PIG THEME PARK

The world of Peppa Pig and her friends comes to colorful life at this amusement park designed specifically for all the little piggies. Just steps from LEGOLAND® Florida Resort, little ones will squeal with delight as they enjoy fun rides, interactive attractions, and the "muddy puddles" water play areas.

13 BONNET SPRINGS PARK

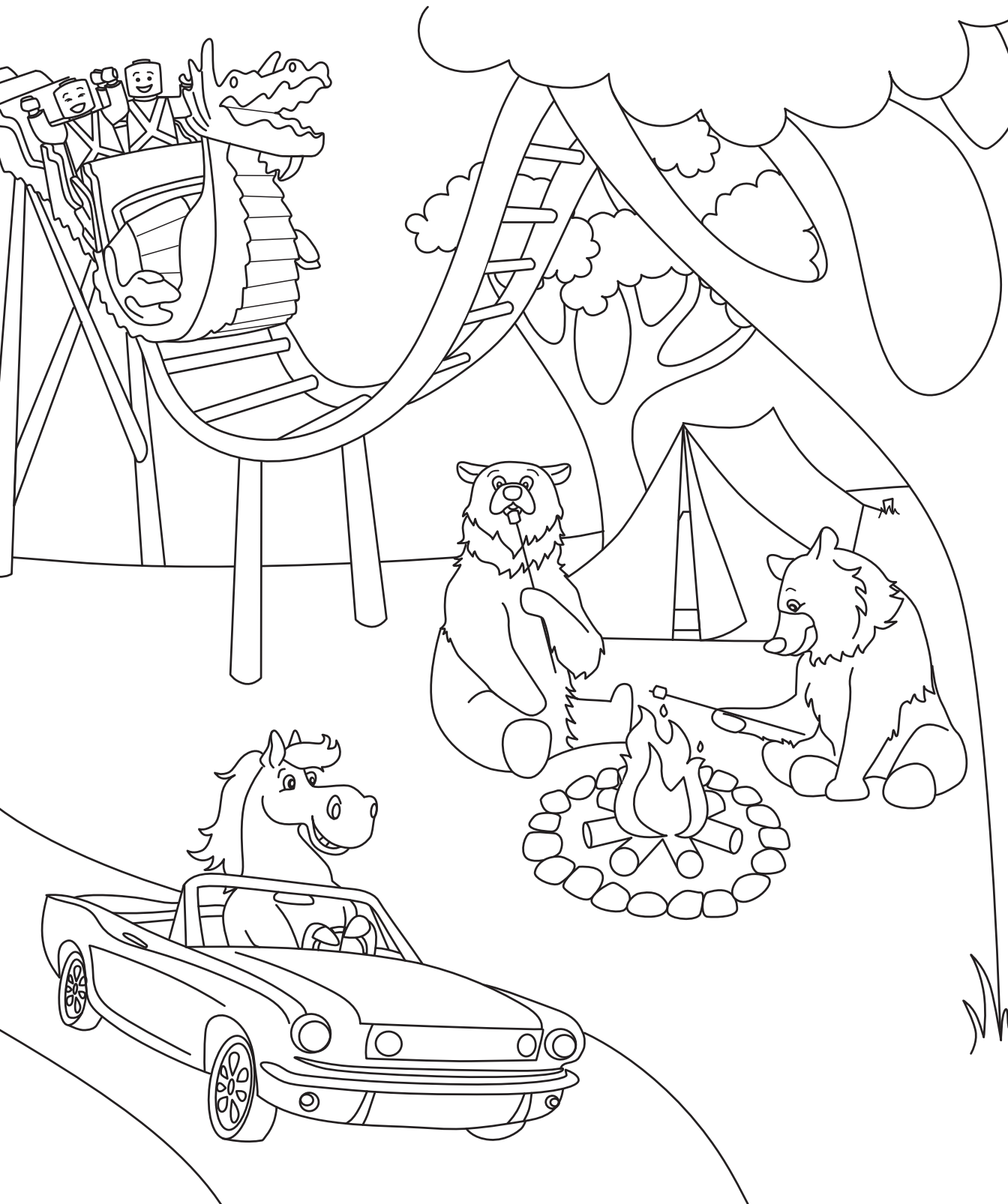
This is way more than just a park. There are paths to ride your bicycle or scooter on, cool playgrounds to explore, colorful merry-go-rounds called Los Trompos, a treehouse, a canopy walk and you can even learn about plants and animals at the nature center.

14 ELITE CABLE PARK

If you've ever dreamed of wakeboarding, waterskiing, kneeboarding or wakeskating, this is the perfect spot to take the plunge. Whether you're a first timer looking to take lessons or a high-flying, wake-riding master perfecting a new trick, there's enough water here for everyone.

COLOR THE FUN





POLK'S

AWESOME ANIMALS



We have some wonderful wildlife around here! Check out these DID YOU KNOW? facts to get to know these incredible creatures a little bit better.

ALLIGATOR (above)

Alligators have between 74 and 80 teeth at any given time, but can go through up to 3,000 in a lifetime! The temperature of an alligator's nest determines whether the eggs will turn out to be male or female.

ANOLE



These little lizards are everywhere! If you see a green one, you're pretty lucky. Although they're native to Florida, they're far less common than the non-native brown anole. If you startle an anole, don't be surprised if it's suddenly missing a tail! The detached tail can even

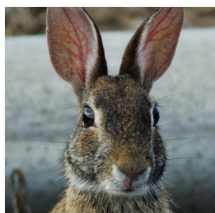
wiggle around on its own for several minutes to distract hungry predators. (Don't worry, another tail will grow in its place.)



BALD EAGLE

To identify a bald eagle, look for a large brown bird with a white head and tail. Wingspans can be longer than seven feet! Eagles have outstanding eyesight. A bald eagle can spot a fish underwater from hundreds of feet in the air.

MARSH RABBIT



Marsh rabbits are excellent swimmers! It's not uncommon to see one hiding in the water to escape from predators. Unlike their cottontail cousins, marsh rabbits have short legs adapted to walking instead of hopping, which helps them avoid getting stuck in the swampy ground.

GREAT BLUE HERON



Even though great blue herons can stand more than four feet tall, they only weigh about five pounds! Why? They have hollow bones. Male and female herons are both great parents! They take turns incubating the eggs for four weeks and caring for the chicks after they hatch.

CICADAS



Wondering what that loud buzzing is coming from the trees? Those are male cicadas trying to find a mate. Florida has 19 different cicada species, each with its own song. Cicadas can live between 13-17 years, which is a pretty long time for an insect! Most of their lives, however, are spent attached to tree roots underground; in fact, they only live above ground for a few weeks.

PUZZLES & GAMES

Ha Ha Joke!

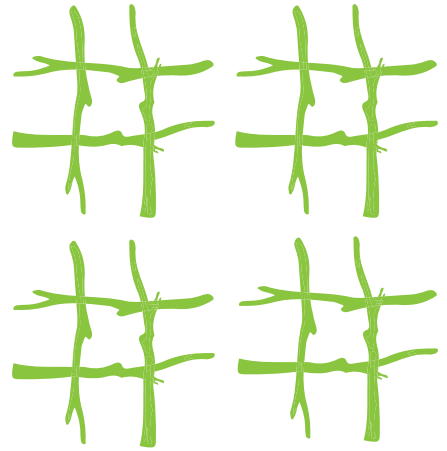
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A: THEY PEEL

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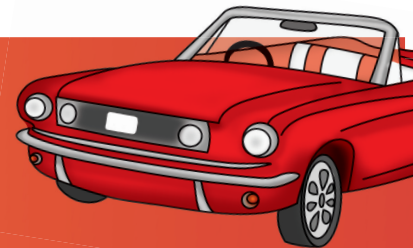
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CAR GAMES

STUCK IN A CAR? Instead of asking "Are we there yet?" every five minutes, try out these games.



ABC GAME

Look for billboards, signs or license plates that begin with each letter of the alphabet (in order). Once a word has been named, nobody else can use it! The first person to go through the entire alphabet wins.

CATEGORIES

Choose a category (reptiles, candy bars, things with wheels, etc.). Players go around naming items in that category. When you can't think of any more, you're out!

BUT/SO

If you like making up stories, you'll love this game. Each person says one line of a story, but there's a catch: Each line has to start with "But" or "So"! Keep going until the story ends or nobody can think of another line.

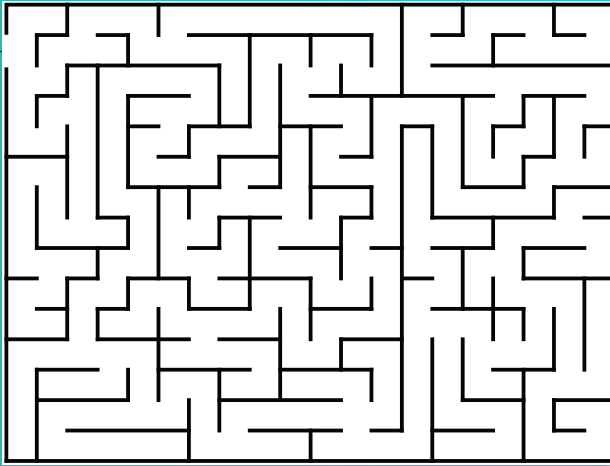
TWENTY QUESTIONS

This is a classic! One person thinks of something, and the rest of the car has 20 "yes/no" questions to guess what it is.

THE A-MAZE-ING WATER SKIER



Help this water skier get back to his boat!



HA HA JOKE!
HOW DO YOU TALK TO A FISH?

A: DROP IT A LINE



DID YOU HAVE AN AMAZING TIME? TELL YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Color this postcard and share some of your favorite memories with the folks back home.

TEAR ALONG PERFORATION. ADD YOUR STAMP AND MAIL TO YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS!



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU'VE EXPERIENCED

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Now that you've gathered dozens of new memories, and probably hundreds of cool snapshots, be sure to share them with your friends back home. Depending on how long your trip home is, if you drop the postcard below in the mail before you leave, it might even beat you home.

And don't forget to follow us on your favorite social media to see all the new things happening in Central Florida while you're gone. That way, you know what to do when you come back!



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