

Silver River Museum's Virtual Tours
Silver River – Two Ecosystems
5th Grade Student Journal



Visit https://youtu.be/3LC_KhleCTg to take the virtual field trip of two Silver River Ecosystems. While watching, fill out the student journal below. You may need to pause the video while you record your responses.

Key Terms

Ecosystem-is a community of living things that interact with each other and with their environment.

Characteristics-include the parts of plants and animals, their behaviors, and their life cycle variations.

1. What are some of the plants and animals you would expect to find at Silver Springs State Park?

2. Describe the river ecosystem.

3. For each organism found in the river, name one characteristics and how that characteristic helps it survive.

Organism	Characteristics	How it helps it survive
Alligator		
Cormorant		
Anhinga		
Bald Cypress Tree		

4. Which animal on the river migrates and why?

5. Why is the swamp beneficial?

6. Describe the sandhill ecosystem.

7. For each sandhill organism listed below, name one of its characteristics and how that characteristic helps it survive.

Organism	Characteristic	How it helps it survive
Whitetail Deer		
Turkey		
Gopher tortoise		
Long leaf pine tree		

8. Describe one way that humans have had an effect on either the river ecosystem or the sandhill ecosystem.

9. Describe at least one characteristics for each organism below and how it helps them survive.

Organism	Characteristic	How it helps it survive
Prickly Pear Cactus		
Eastern Spotted Skunk		

10. Describe how humans have had an effect on the red cockaded woodpecker

11. Read the article found here: <https://tinyurl.com/rcyck5h> . After reading the article, explain how are humans helping the Red Cockaded Woodpecker recover?

12. Describe how do your actions have an effect on your local ecosystem?