

Habitat Hunt

What is a Habitat?

A habitat is a place, or an environment, where something lives. In other words, a habitat is a plant or animal's home. The deep ocean, a tiny stream, and a snowy mountain top are all examples of habitats.

What do you notice?

Using your senses, make as many observations as you can. What questions arise from your observations?

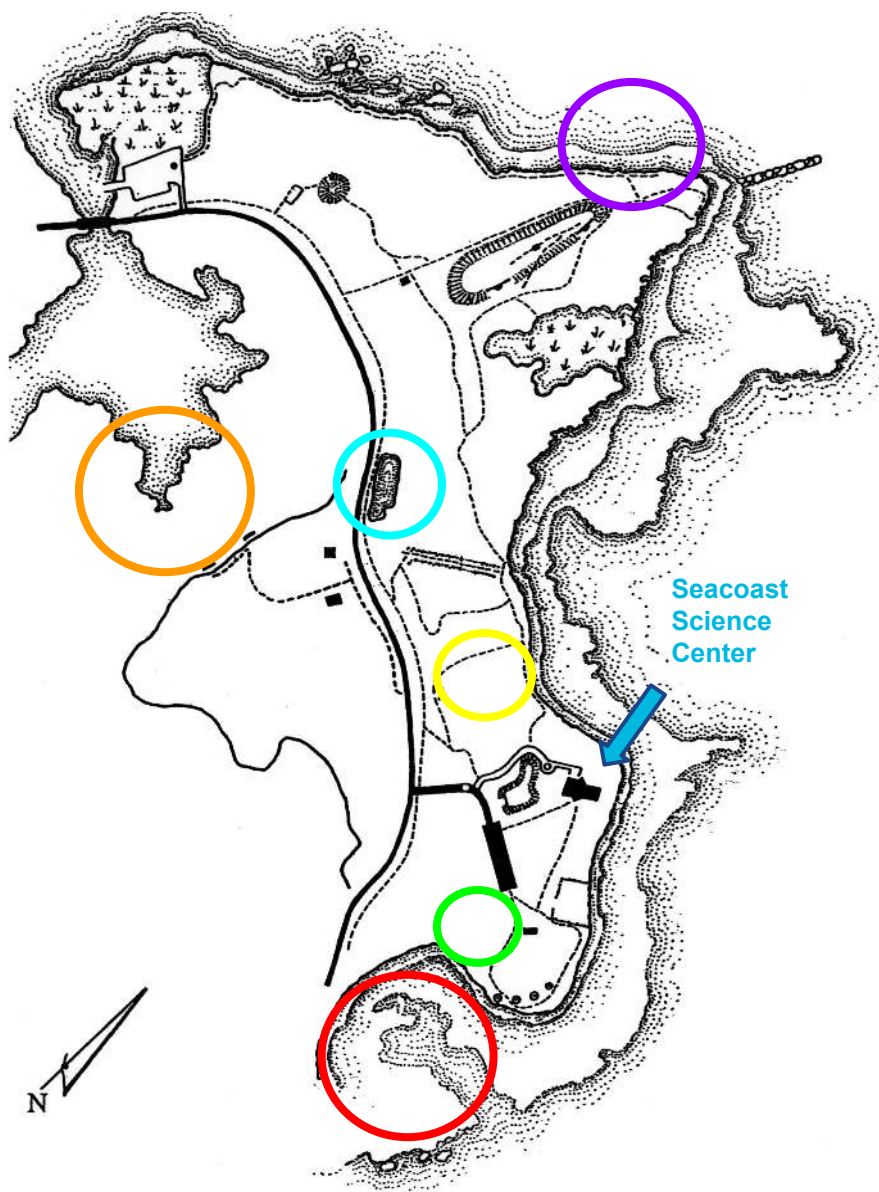
*"The greatest discoveries in the world
Begin with the question: "I wonder why..."
~Albert Einstein*

How many habitats can you find in Odiorne Point State Park?

Take a walk around the park and see if you can match the marked locations to the habitats on the back of this sheet.

Questions for Exploration

- Close your eyes. Take a deep breath. What do you smell? Hear? Open your eyes and sketch what you see.
- What does this habitat remind you of?
- What do you think makes this habitat a nice place to live in? What do you think makes it a challenging place to live in?
- If you lived in this habitat, what plant or animal would you be? Where would you make your home? What would you eat?
- If you were a plant, what adaptations might help make it easier to live here? Why are these adaptations important for survival?



Which habitat was the most difficult to find?
Which habitat was your favorite one to explore?



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Habitat Hunt: How many can you find?



What evidence, or clues, did you use to identify the different habitats?