



CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE MISSION

OFFICIAL EXPLORER SERIES



ADVENTURE MISSION

★ #001 ★

MARIPOSA COUNTY

Where California's Gold Rush Comes Alive



EXPLORE



GOLD PANNING



HISTORIC TOWNS



WATERFALLS



MUSEUMS



HIKING & CAMPING



WILDLIFE & MORE!

**FREE
SAMPLE
ADVENTURE
GUIDE**



Collect Every County.
Build Your
California Adventure
Library.



Part of the
**CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE
PASSPORT**



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WELCOME EXPLORER!

★ YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS HERE ★

- ★ Welcome to Mariposa County, where California's legendary Gold Rush comes alive!
- ★ More than 175 years ago, miners traveled to this region searching for gold and new opportunities. Today, families can still explore the same rivers, historic towns, museums, and outdoor places that make Mariposa one of California's most unforgettable adventure destinations.
- ★ In this Adventure Mission Journal, you'll complete fun missions, discover Gold Rush history, explore nature, visit exciting places, and create memories together.
- ★ You may find gold, spot wildlife, visit a museum, hike to a waterfall, or discover a hidden piece of California history.
- ★ And along the way, you'll work toward becoming an official **Bronze Explorer**!

★ EXPLORER TIP ★



Take photos, write notes, and draw what you discover. Every adventure becomes part of your story.



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EXPLORER OATH

Become an Official California Adventure Explorer

I PROMISE TO...

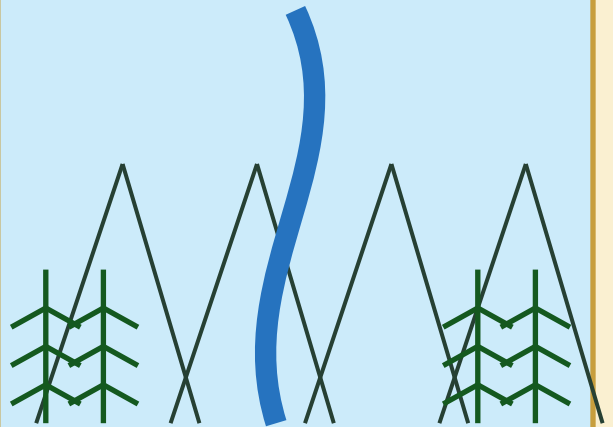
- * RESPECT NATURE
- * RESPECT HISTORY
- * LEAVE NO TRACE
- * RESPECT WILDLIFE
- * BE KIND TO OTHERS
- * STAY CURIOUS
- * EXPLORE RESPONSIBLY
- * KEEP LEARNING

Explorer Name: _____

Explorer Number: _____

Date: _____

Explorer Reminder: Adventure is more fun when you explore safely, stay curious, and respect the world around you.



I AM OFFICIALLY A
CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE EXPLORER!



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★ MEET ★ ★ MARIPOSA ★ ★ COUNTY ★

Gold Rush History • Outdoor Adventure • Family Memories

GATEWAY TO
YOSEMITE

Mariposa County is one of California's most iconic adventure destinations. Known for its Gold Rush history and beautiful Sierra scenery, it offers rivers, museums, waterfalls, campgrounds, wildlife, and family-friendly places to explore. It is also a gateway to Yosemite, where history, nature, and adventure come together.



★ FUN FACTS ABOUT MARIPOSA COUNTY ★

- ★ "Mariposa" means "butterfly" in Spanish
- ★ It played an important role in the California Gold Rush
- ★ The Merced River flows through some of its most popular adventure areas
- ★ It is one of the gateways to Yosemite National Park



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THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

A Golden Time That Changed California Forever

In 1848, gold was discovered in California. News spread fast! By 1849, thousands of hopeful miners rushed west in search of fortune. They became known as the 49ers.

Mariposa County became one of the most important Gold Rush regions. Rich deposits of gold were found in its rivers and creeks, bringing miners, traders, and dreamers to the area.

Today, families can still explore Mariposa County's Gold Rush history through its rivers, museums, and historic towns that keep the spirit of adventure alive.



49ERS

★ GOLD RUSH TIMELINE ★

- ★ 1848 Gold discovered in California
- ★ 1849 Thousands of miners arrive
- ★ 1850s Mining towns grow in Mariposa County
- ★ Today Families still explore the Gold Rush story.



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EXPLORER GEAR CHECKLIST



★ PACK LIKE A REAL ADVENTURE EXPLORER ★

- ☐  GOLD PAN
- ☐  WATER
- ☐  LUNCH
- ☐  HAT
- ☐  SUNSCREEN
- ☐  CAMERA
- ☐  BOOTS
- ☐  ADVENTURE PASSPORT
- ☐  PENCIL
- ☐  BINOCULARS



★ PARENT TIPS ★

- ★ Hydrate often
- ★ Wear sturdy shoes
- ★ Use sun protection
- ★ Pack out trash
- ★ Respect wildlife



★ EXPLORER TIP ★

A prepared explorer
has more fun!



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ADVENTURE MISSION CHECKLIST



COMPLETE THE MISSIONS • EARN YOUR BRONZE EXPLORER BADGE

- ☐  1. STRIKE GOLD!
- ☐  2. NATURE DETECTIVE
- ☐  3. GOLD RUSH HISTORY
- ☐  4. RIVER EXPLORER
- ☐  5. MUSEUM EXPLORER
- ☐  6. GHOST TOWN EXPLORER
- ☐  7. WATERFALL QUEST
- ☐  8. CAMPING ADVENTURE
- ☐  9. FAMILY PHOTO CHALLENGE
- ☐  10. BRONZE EXPLORER CHALLENGE



★ EXPLORER GOAL ★

Complete as many missions as you can. Every mission brings you closer to becoming a Bronze Explorer!

★ PARENT TIP ★

- ★ Keep it fun and flexible!
- ★ Let your explorer lead the way.
- ★ Ask questions and spark curiosity.
- ★ Take lots of photos together.
- ★ Celebrate every adventure!



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EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG

ADVENTURES
MAKE THE BEST
MEMORIES!

Every adventure you take
brings you closer to becoming
a true California Explorer!
Log your missions and collect
those awesome stickers!



TODAY'S MISSION

Date: _____



DRAW OR WRITE ABOUT
YOUR ADVENTURE!



WE EXPLORED...

- ☐ Museum
- ☐ Waterfall
- ☐ Hiking Trail
- ☐ Panned for Gold
- ☐ Went Camping
- ☐ Saw Wildlife
- ☐ Took Lots of Photos
- ☐ Learned Something New
- ☐ Other Adventure



PEOPLE I ADVENTURED WITH

STICKER EARNED

PLACE YOUR
STICKER HERE!

MISSION NOTES



EXPLORE MORE

WORRY LESS

KEEP EXPLORING. KEEP LEARNING. KEEP DIGGING!





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DID YOU KNOW?



Gold was first discovered in California in 1848 at Sutter's Mill, starting the Gold Rush!



Bridalveil Fall drops 620 feet and can be seen right from the road!



Black bears are common in Mariposa County. Keep a safe distance!



Yosemite National Park covers part of Mariposa County and is home to amazing wildlife!



Thousands of gold seekers came here with big hopes and a dream!

★ WORD SEARCH ★

W A T E R F A L L Y P C
G O L D R U S H I M A A
Y O S E M I T E N R M M
R I V E R P A N N I N G
H I K I N G T R A I L P
M U S E U M B E A R E I
C A M P I N G D E E R N
A D V E N T U R E G O E
N A T U R E L O V E L R
T R E A S U R E S T O N E

WORDS TO FIND:

WATERFALL	GOLD RUSH	YOSEMITE
RIVER	PANNING	HIKING TRAIL
MUSEUM	CAMPING	ADVENTURE
NATURE	WILDLIFE	TREASURE



★ QUICK QUIZ! ★

1 What started in 1848 that brought many people to California?

- A. The Space Race
- B. The Gold Rush
- C. World War I



2 Which is a famous waterfall in Mariposa County?

- A. Niagara Fall
- B. Bridalveil Fall
- C. Victoria Falls



3 What should you always do in the outdoors?

- A. Leave trash behind
- B. Respect wildlife
- C. Both A and B



DRAW WHAT YOU SAW!



BADGE GOAL

Complete 5 activities in Mariposa County to earn your **BRONZE EXPLORER BADGE!**



Keep exploring and collecting stickers on your journey!

MY FAVORITE PLACE

What was your favorite place in Mariposa County?



GOLD PANNING TIPS

1 **SCOOP** some gravel from the river.



2 **PUT** it in your pan and add water.



3 **SWIRL** the pan gently in a circular motion.



4 **TILT** the pan forward and let the water wash the dirt away.



5 **LOOK** for heavy black sand and maybe... **GOLD!**



★ BE CURIOUS. BE KIND. BE BRAVE. EXPLORE MORE! ★



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★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★



TODAY I DISCOVERED...

The coolest thing I saw:



Something new I learned:

My favorite part of the day:

I felt:



EXCITED



HAPPY



CURIOUS



TIRED



BRAVE

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

How many can you find?



Pine Cone

☐


Smooth Rock

☐


Feather

☐


Wildflower

☐


Animal Tracks

☐


Cool Leaf

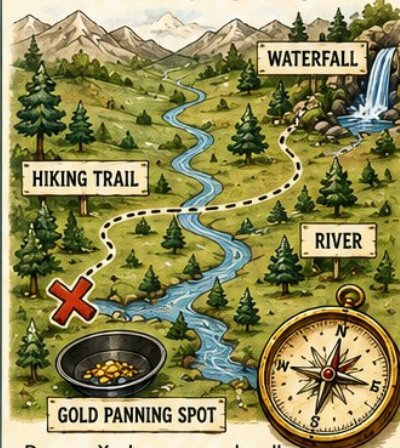
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Piece of Quartz



TRAIL TRACKER

Where did you go today?



Draw an X where you explored!



DRAW YOUR ADVENTURE!

Draw a picture of something awesome you saw or did today!



TALK ABOUT IT!

Write about an adventure you had with someone special today.



★ GOLD FACTS! ★

- ★ California has produced more than 6 million ounces of gold since the Gold Rush!
- ★ Gold is heavy – that's why it sinks in the pan.
- ★ Mariposa was named after the Spanish word for "butterfly"!



HELP THE PROSPECTOR!

Find your way through the maze to get to the gold!



WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MISSION?

What adventure do you want to try next?



Explore a Cave



Metal Detecting



Visit a New Town



Learn About Rocks



Go on a Longer Hike

Other: _____



★ THE BEST TREASURES ARE THE MEMORIES WE MAKE! ★



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★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★

MISSION REFLECTION

Take a moment to think about today's adventure!

1. What was the coolest thing you saw or did?
- _____

2. What did you learn?
- _____

3. What was the most challenging part?
- _____

4. What would you like to do on your next adventure?
- _____



SAVE OUR NATURE!

We explore so future generations can too! Check the boxes when you practice Leave No Trace.

- ☐ I stayed on the trails.



- ☐ I packed out my trash.



- ☐ I respected plants and wildlife.



- ☐ I left nature as I found it.



- ☐ I was kind to other explorers.



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING
KEEP MARIPOSA BEAUTIFUL!**



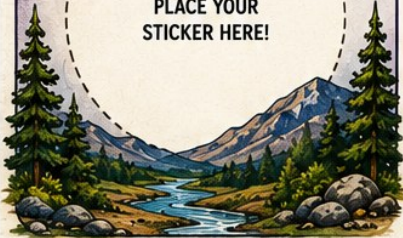
★ PHOTO CORNER ★

Paste a photo or draw a picture of your adventure!



★ STICKER EARNED! ★

PLACE YOUR
STICKER HERE!



★ FUN FACTS ABOUT MARIPOSA COUNTY ★

- ★ Mariposa is named after the beautiful "Mariposa" butterfly!



- ★ Yosemite National Park is partly in Mariposa County.



- ★ Gold was discovered here in 1848, starting the California Gold Rush!



- ★ Mariposa County is home to amazing waterfalls, caves, and historic mining towns!



★ EXPLORER'S NOTE ★

Write or draw anything you don't want to forget!



★ MY EXPLORER GOALS ★

I want to...

- ★ Explore more trails
- ★ Find real gold
- ★ Visit a new place
- ★ Learn a new skill
- ★ Go on more adventures!

My own goal:



★ YOU DID IT! ★

You completed Mission #001 in Mariposa County!

You are one step closer to becoming a

GREAT CALIFORNIA EXPLORER!



Keep exploring.
Keep learning.
Keep dreaming.
The adventure never ends!



ADVENTURE IS WAITING... GO FIND IT!





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★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★

NATURE I SPOTTED

Check the boxes for the things you saw on your adventure!

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|
| ☐ | Deer | ☐ | Wildflowers |
| ☐ | Birds | ☐ | Pine Trees |
| ☐ | Lizard | ☐ | Insects |
| ☐ | Butterfly | ☐ | Cool Rocks |
| ☐ | Snake | ☐ | Animal Tracks |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | | |

★ COOL ROCK FIND! ★

Draw a picture of a rock or gem you found!



GOLD PANNING RESULTS

Did you find any gold?

- ☐ YES! ☐ NO

If yes, draw it here!



How many flakes did you find?

- ☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-20 ☐ 21+

MY ADVENTURE STORY

Write a few sentences about the best part of your day!



★ TRAIL CHALLENGE ★

How many miles did you hike today?

- ☐ Less than 1 mile
☐ 1 - 3 miles
☐ 3 - 5 miles
☐ 5+ miles

My favorite trail was:



CAVE EXPLORER

Did you explore a cave or mine?

- ☐ YES! ☐ NO

What did you see?



CAMPSITE CHECKLIST

Did you...

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| ☐ | Set up camp | ☐ | Stargaze |
| ☐ | Build a fire | ☐ | Take photos |
| ☐ | Make s'mores | | |



★ FUN FACT! ★

Mariposa County was formed in 1850 and is home to one of California's richest Gold Rush histories!



EXPLORER PLEDGE

I promise to be a responsible explorer!

I will...

- ✓ Respect nature
- ✓ Leave no trace
- ✓ Be kind to wildlife
- ✓ Help keep our public lands beautiful

Explorer Signature: _____



PEOPLE I ADVENTURED WITH



STICKER EARNED

PLACE YOUR
STICKER HERE!



NEXT MISSION PREVIEW

Where will you explore next?

I can't wait to...



★ EXPLORE MORE. LEARN MORE. DIG MORE GOLD! ★



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★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★



ADVENTURE
AWAITS...
GO FIND IT!

WILDLIFE WATCH

How many different animals
can you see or hear today?
List them below!



SCAVENGER HUNT BONUS

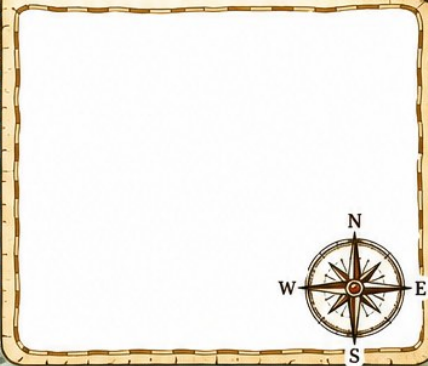
Can you find these bonus items?
Check them off if you do!

-  ☐ Old Mining Gear
-  ☐ Arrowhead
-  ☐ Interesting Bug
-  ☐ Feather
-  ☐ Mushroom
-  ☐ Something Shiny
-  ☐ Cool Cloud Shape
-  ☐ Animal Calling



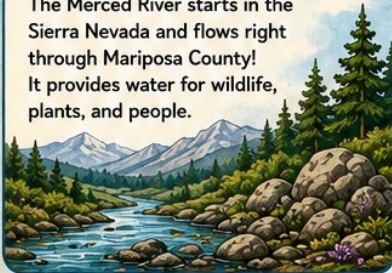
MAP IT OUT

Draw your route or
favorite place you explored
today on the map below!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Merced River starts in the
Sierra Nevada and flows right
through Mariposa County!
It provides water for wildlife,
plants, and people.



GOLD PANNING TIP

Slow and steady wins the gold!
Let the water do the work and
be patient. The gold will
reveal itself!



TODAY'S WEATHER

What was the weather like?



Temperature: _____

How did the weather
affect your adventure? _____

LEAVE NO TRACE

Help keep Mariposa County beautiful!
Circle the choices you did today.

-  I packed out my trash.
-  I stayed on the trails.
-  I left things as I found them.
-  I respected plants and animals.
-  I told others about Leave No Trace.

RATE YOUR ADVENTURE

Color in the stars to show how
awesome your adventure was today!



BEST PART OF MY DAY

Draw a picture of the
best part of your adventure!



STICKER EARNED

PLACE YOUR
STICKER HERE!



ADVENTURER'S PROMISE

I promise to be a curious,
respectful, and brave explorer!

I will...

- Explore new places
- Learn new things
- Respect nature
- Be kind to others
- Keep digging for adventure!

Adventurer Signature: _____



GOLDEN THOUGHT

"Adventure is out there!
All you have to do
is go find it."



NEXT TIME, I WANT TO...

I want to try:



EXPLORE TODAY. REMEMBER FOREVER. ❤️ SEE YOU ON THE NEXT MISSION!



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★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★

WILD & WONDERFUL

Draw or write about one amazing thing in nature you saw today!



PACK SMART

Check the items you brought on your adventure!

- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Sun Hat
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Map / Compass
- ☐ Camera / Phone
- ☐ Notebook / Pencil
- ☐ Gold Pan
- ☐ Sense of Adventure!



COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Who did you meet or talk to today?
What did you learn from them?



HISTORY HUNTERS

Mariposa is full of rich history!
What historic site or story did you discover today?



TREASURE TRACKER

What treasures did you find today?
(Rocks, gems, gold flakes, memories!)



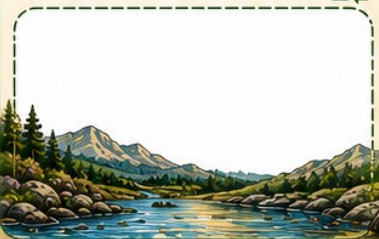
WHICH TRAIL WAS YOUR FAVORITE?

Write the name (or draw it on the map) and tell us why you loved it!



ECO-EXPLORER

How can we take care of Mariposa County's beautiful places?
Write or draw your ideas!



ADVENTURER BADGE PROGRESS

Complete all 5 activities to earn your next sticker!

- ★ Explore a Trail
- ★ Find a Treasure
- ★ Learn Something New
- ★ Take a Photo / Draw
- ★ Help Nature (Leave No Trace)



STICKER EARNED!

PLACE YOUR
STICKER HERE!



THANKFUL FOR...

What are you most thankful for on your adventure today?



GOLDEN REMINDER:

The best treasures aren't always gold... they're the memories we make along the way!



DID YOU KNOW?

Mariposa County is home to Yosemite National Park, incredible waterfalls, old mining towns, and awesome people like you!

KEEP EXPLORING!

Every adventure today prepares you for tomorrow's discoveries.



★ BE CURIOUS. BE KIND. BE BRAVE. LEAVE NO TRACE. ★

ADVENTURE ON!



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THE OUTDOORS
IS CALLING...
ADVENTURE
IS WAITING!

WATER QUEST

Find water in different ways on your adventure. Where did you find water?

- ☐ River / Stream
- ☐ Waterfall
- ☐ Lake / Pond
- ☐ Spring
- ☐ Other: _____



ROCK COLLECTOR

What rocks or minerals did you find?
Draw or list your favorites!



★ ANIMAL TRACKER ★

Draw or write about any animal tracks
or signs you found.



TODAY'S DISCOVERY

The most exciting thing I discovered today was:

Why was it exciting?



★ TREASURE CHEST ★

If you could put one thing in your
own treasure chest from today's
adventure, what would it be?



Why is it special?

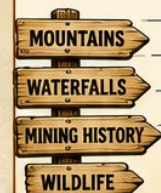
★ TEAM SPIRIT ★

Who adventured with you today?
Draw a picture of your crew!



FUN FACT FRIDAY!

Write a fun fact you learned about
Mariposa County today!



★ EXPLORER WORD SEARCH ★

A D V E N T U R E G P
R I V E R M I N E R O
T R E A S U R E K S S
G O L D P A N N I N G
M O U N T A I N S C P
E X P L O R E R H K E
F O R E S T R O C K T
W A T E R F A L L Q O

- ADVENTURE
- RIVER
- TREASURE
- GOLD
- PANNING
- MOUNTAINS
- FOREST
- WATERFALL
- EXPLORER
- MINER
- ROCK
- NATURE

MY ADVENTURE RATING

How would you rate your adventure today?



I felt...



AWESOME! GOOD OKAY TOUGH WILD!

CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

Next time, I will challenge myself to:



EXPLORER TIP

Be prepared, stay safe,
respect nature, and leave
no trace so others can
enjoy these places too!



LEAVE NO TRACE



PACK IT IN
PACK IT OUT



STAY ON
THE TRAILS



RESPECT
WILDLIFE



LEAVE WHAT
YOU FIND



BE KIND TO
OTHERS

MISSION COMPLETE!

Great job, Explorer!
You're building memories
that will last a lifetime!



★ EVERY ADVENTURE MAKES YOU A BETTER EXPLORER! ★



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EXPLORE TODAY,
DISCOVER TOMORROW
TREASURE FOREVER!



GEOLOGY GURU

What types of rocks or geological features did you see?
Draw or describe them.



+ PLANT FINDER

Draw a plant or tree you saw.
Do you know its name?



WILDLIFE WATCHER

What animals or insects did you see?
Draw or list them below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



LEAVE NO TRACE

How did you practice Leave No Trace during your adventure today?

- ☒ Pack out all trash
- ☒ Stay on trails
- ☒ Respect wildlife
- ☒ Leave what I found
- ☒ Be considerate of others
- ☒ Other: _____



HIDDEN TREASURE

If you could find a hidden treasure chest today,
what would you hope to find inside?



ADVENTURE BUDDY

Who adventured with you today?
Draw a picture or write about them.



ADVENTURE PLANNER

Where do you want to explore next?
Write or draw your next adventure idea!



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

What was the best part of your day?
Draw it big!



RATE YOUR DAY!

How would you rate your adventure today?
Color in a star!



Why did you give it this rating?



EXPLORER'S PROMISE

I promise to explore safely,
respect nature and others,
and keep the spirit of adventure
alive in Mariposa County!

Signed: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

Mariposa County is named after
the Spanish word for "butterfly."
Look for butterflies on
your next adventure!



GREAT WORK,
EXPLORER!
COLLECT YOUR
STICKER!



PLACE YOUR
STICKER HERE!

★ EXPLORE MORE. LEARN MORE. DIG MORE GOLD! ★



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EXPLORE DEEPER.
DREAM BIGGER.
DISCOVER MORE!

★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these can you find on your adventure?

-  ☐ Pine Cone
-  ☐ Feather
-  ☐ Interesting Rock
-  ☐ Wildflower
-  ☐ Animal Tracks
-  ☐ Cool Stick
-  ☐ Water
-  ☐ Bug
-  ☐ Something Round
-  ☐ Something Shiny



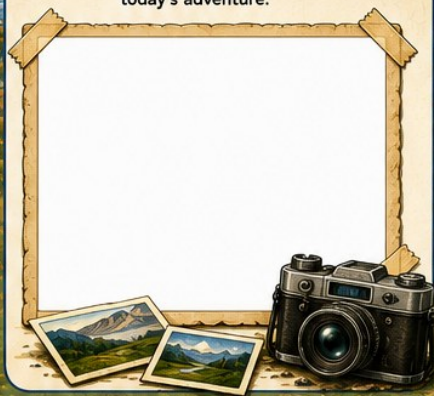
DRAW IT!

Draw your favorite thing you discovered today!



PHOTO MEMORY

Paste or draw a picture from today's adventure.



DID YOU LEARN?

What's something new you learned today about nature, history, or gold mining?



GEAR CHECK

Was your gear helpful today?
What worked great? What would you bring next time?



LEAVE IT BETTER

What did you do today to help keep Mariposa County beautiful?

-  ☐ Stayed on trails
-  ☐ Picked up trash
-  ☐ Respected wildlife
-  ☐ Left what I found
- ☐ Other: _____



COUNTY FUN FACTS

Write or draw an interesting fact you learned about Mariposa County today!



EXPLORER'S MOOD

How did you feel on your adventure today?
Circle one or draw your own!



EXCITED



HAPPY



CALM





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THE BEST
ADVENTURES
LEAVE MEMORIES
AND FOOTPRINTS!

★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★

WATERFALL EXPLORER

Which waterfall did you visit?

How tall was it (estimate)? _____

What was your favorite part?



ROCK ARTIST

Decorate this rock with a design
you found or made up!



NATURE SOUNDS

What three sounds did you hear
on your adventure?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Which sound was your favorite?



PROSPECTOR'S PLEDGE

I pledge to be a responsible explorer
and protect our public lands.

I will...

- Follow the rules
- Respect nature
- Leave no trace
- Be kind to others
- Keep exploring!

Sign your pledge:



COUNTY CREATURES

Draw a creature that lives
in Mariposa County!



EXPLORER'S STORY

Write a short story about
your adventure today!



TRAIL CHALLENGE

How many miles did you hike today?

What was the hardest part?

What was the best part?



GOLDEN MOMENT

Was today your lucky day?

Did you find any gold?

- ☐ YES!
- ☐ Not this time
- ☐ Maybe next time!

If yes, describe where and
how much (if you want!):



MAP YOUR DAY

Draw the places you explored
on a mini map!



EXPLORER SKILLS

Check the skills you used today!

- ☐ Map reading
- ☐ Panning / Mining
- ☐ Rock collecting
- ☐ Wildlife spotting
- ☐ Hiking
- ☐ Other: _____



THANK YOU, NATURE!

What is one thing in nature
you are thankful for?



MISSION COMPLETE!

You did it! Give yourself a big pat
on the back. You're an awesome
Mariposa County Explorer!



★ ADVENTURE IS OUT THERE... GO FIND IT! ★



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★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★

GOOD MEMORIES
LAST FOREVER.
KEEP MAKING
THEM!

TREASURE I FOUND!

Draw or describe something
interesting you found.



MY FAVORITE TRAIL

Draw the trail or place
you liked best.



FUN WITH FRIENDS

Who joined you on your adventure?
Draw a picture of your crew!



WEATHER WATCH

What was the weather like
on your adventure?



Temperature: _____

TODAY I FELT...

Circle how you felt during your adventure.



Why did you feel this way?

GEAR I USED

Check the gear you used
on your adventure.



ADVENTURE REFLECTION

What was the best part of
your adventure today?

What would you do differently
next time?

MY NEXT ADVENTURE PLAN

Where will you go next?
What do you want to try?

EXPEDITION BADGE

You're doing great!
Add your mission sticker here.



NEVER STOP
EXPLORING!

The mountains are calling,
the gold is waiting,
and adventure is out there.

Keep Digging!™

SEE YOU ON THE
NEXT ADVENTURE!



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LEARN MORE.
EXPLORE MORE.
BE MORE.
YOU, EXPLORER!

MINI GEOLOGIST

Draw the most interesting rock you found today and describe it.



Color: _____
Texture: _____
Where you found it: _____

WATER WAY FINDER

Draw or write about a creek, river, or waterfall you visited.



Name: _____
What did you see or hear? _____

HISTORY HUNTER

Did you visit a historic site, museum, or old mining area?
Write or draw what you learned.



What was it called? _____
One cool fact I learned: _____

CAMPOUT CREATOR

Draw your campsite or your perfect campsite!



NATURE COLLECTION

List 5 things from nature you saw or collected (leave no trace!).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



PHOTO CHALLENGE

Paste or draw your favorite photo from today's adventure.



KIND EXPLORER

How did you show kindness on your adventure today?

- ☐ Helped a friend or family member
- ☐ Helped pick up trash
- ☐ Shared something
- ☐ Encouraged someone
- ☐ Other: _____

Tell about it: _____



MAP IT OUT

Draw a simple map of where you went.
Mark your favorite spot!



GOLD PANNER'S LOG

Did you pan for gold?
What did you find?

- ☐ Gold!
- ☐ Black sand
- ☐ Rocks
- ☐ Nothing this time
- ☐ Other: _____

Where: _____
What did it look like? _____



WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

Write or draw one new thing you learned today.



WORDS TO INSPIRE

Write your favorite adventure quote or a motto you made up!

Quote: _____
My Motto: _____



MISSION COMPLETE!

You did it! You explored, learned, and made great memories today.
Give yourself a big high five!



EVERY ADVENTURE MAKES YOU STRONGER, SMARTER & BRAVER!

✂ Keep exploring, keep learning, keep digging! ✂



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YOU, EXPLORER!

1 MY ADVENTURE ROUTE

Draw the route of your adventure today!



2 FAVORITE STOP

My favorite place I visited today was:

Why was it special?



3 LANDMARKS I SAW

Check the things you saw on your adventure!

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐  River | ☐  Campsite |
| ☐  Waterfall | ☐  Wildlife |
| ☐  Museum | ☐  Historic Building |
| ☐  Ghost Town | ☐ Other: _____ |

4 BEST PHOTO SPOT

Draw a picture of the best view or photo you took today!



6 STICKER EARNED

Place your sticker here!



5 WHAT I WANT TO REMEMBER

Write or draw the moments you don't want to forget.



Every path you take,
leads to a story worth remembering.

★ KEEP EXPLORING! ★



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BRICEBURG
RECREATION
AREA
MISSION

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT



The Merced River flows through Briceburg—clean, clear, and perfect for summer fun.



A favorite family destination with swimming holes and scenic picnic spots.

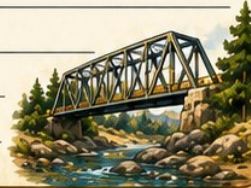


Public gold panning area—bring a pan and try your luck!



Walk in the footsteps of Gold Rush miners and explore rich local history.

WHAT I SAW AT BRICEBURG



RIVER DISCOVERY

Draw something you saw in the river—rocks, fish, or a river scene!



GOLD FOUND



What did you find today?

☐

FLOUR GOLD
Tiny flecks like shiny sand!

☐

FINE FLAKES
Tiny gold flakes shining bright!

☐

SMALL PICKERS
Small pieces of gold you can see!

GOOD FOR



Briceburg is perfect for:



Families



Beginners



Weekend Trips



Photography



Picnics

WATER SAFETY REMINDER

Have fun and stay safe!



Wear a life jacket when swimming or wading.



Water can be cold and currents can be strong.



Always swim with an adult and know your limits.

STICKER EARNED!

You explored Briceburg Recreation Area!



★ EXPLORE THE MERCED. FIND ADVENTURE. MAKE MEMORIES. ★



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GOLD RUSH HISTORY CHALLENGE

LEARN MORE.
EXPLORE MORE.
BE MORE.
YOU, EXPLORER!

1 TIMELINE

Read the timeline below. The story of gold in Mariposa County helped shape California!



1848
Gold
Discovered



1849
Miners
Arrive



1850s
Mining Towns
Grow



Today
Families Still
Explore

3 WHAT I LEARNED

Write three things you learned about the Gold Rush in Mariposa County.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



4 DRAW A GOLD RUSH MINER

Draw a miner and label one thing they might be using.



2 MATCH THE OBJECTS

Draw a line from each object to what it was used for during the Gold Rush.

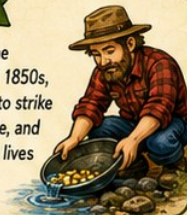


- Traveled to new places or moved supplies
- Used to dig and break rock
- Panned in rivers to find gold
- Provided light at night
- Place for food, drinks, and entertainment
- Preserves our history and artifacts

5 DID YOU KNOW?



Mariposa County was at the heart of the California Gold Rush. From 1848 to the 1850s, thousands of miners came here hoping to strike it rich. Towns like Mariposa, Coulterville, and Triangle grew fast—and gold changed lives forever!



6 QUESTION CORNER

Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. What made so many people come to Mariposa County in 1848? _____
2. Name one town in Mariposa County that grew during the Gold Rush. _____
3. How do people explore and learn about the Gold Rush today? _____



EVERY ADVENTURE MAKES YOU STRONGER, SMARTER & BRAVER!

Keep exploring, keep learning, keep digging!



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★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★



★ NATURE & WILDLIFE BINGO ★

Look for these natural treasures in Mariposa County!
Mark each one you see. Get 5 in a row—across, down, or diagonal—to shout **BINGO!**

 DEER	 BIRD	 BUTTERFLY	 PINE CONE	 RIVER	
 WATERFALL	 FEATHER	 SMOOTH ROCK	 QUARTZ	 WILDFLOWER	
 LIZARD	 ACORN	 EXPLORER FREE SPACE	 ANIMAL TRACK	 CLOUD	
 TREE	 CAMPSITE	 FISH	 DRAGONFLY	 LEAF	
 SQUIRREL	 MOUNTAIN	 BLACK SAND	 GOLD PAN	 BEAR TRACK	 CAMERA

MY FAVORITE WILDLIFE SIGHTING



Draw or describe the coolest animal
or bird you saw on your adventure!

NATURE NOTES

What did you notice today?
Write or draw your observations.

★ STICKER EARNED! ★

After you complete your activities,
add your sticker here!

NATURE IS OUR GREATEST TEACHER—KEEP EXPLORING!

✕ *Respect wildlife. Leave no trace. Take only memories.* ✕



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★ EXPLORER ACTIVITY LOG ★

1 WHICH WATERFALL DID YOU VISIT?

Write the name of the waterfall(s) you explored.

2 SKETCH THE WATERFALL

Draw the waterfall you visited.

3 HOW TALL DO YOU THINK IT WAS?

Take a guess! Write your best estimate of how tall the waterfall is.

_____ feet

That's as tall as about:



4 WHAT SOUNDS DID YOU HEAR?

Listen closely! What did you hear?
(Example: rushing water, birds, wind)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5 FAVORITE PART

What was your favorite part of your waterfall adventure? Why?



6 TRAIL NOTES

Write about the trail you took to get there.
How was it?



7 PHOTO MEMORY

Draw or glue a picture from your waterfall adventure.



8 LEAVE NO TRACE

Good explorers care for nature.
Did you?

- ☐ Stay on the trail
- ☐ Pack out all trash
- ☐ Leave nature as you found it
- ☐ Respect wildlife
- ☐ Be kind to the outdoors!



9 STICKER EARNED!

You explored a waterfall!
Add your sticker here.



WATER IS LIFE. PROTECT IT. RESPECT IT. ENJOY IT!





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★ BRONZE EXPLORER CHALLENGE ★

Complete all 5 challenges below to earn your

BRONZE EXPLORER BADGE!

Check each box when you complete the challenge.

☐

1 TAKE A FAMILY PHOTO BY THE MERCED RIVER

Capture a photo of your family by the beautiful Merced River.

☐

2 PAN FOR GOLD

Try your luck! Pan for gold at a local gold panning site.

☐

3 VISIT A MUSEUM

Explore Mariposa County's history by visiting a museum.

☐

4 HIKE A TRAIL AT LEAST 1 MILE LONG

Choose a trail and hike at least 1 mile. Enjoy the great outdoors!

☐

5 VISIT A WATERFALL

Find and visit a waterfall in Mariposa County.



HOW TO EARN YOUR BADGE!



When you complete all 5 challenges, send an email to:

explore@cagolddiggers.com

Include:

- Your Name
- Date Completed
- Photos of each challenge

We'll send you your official **BRONZE EXPLORER** sticker!

★ YOUR BADGE GOAL ★



Complete all 5 challenges to earn your Bronze Explorer Badge!



DATE COMPLETED: _____



PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIALS: _____



NOTES: _____



BE CURIOUS. BE KIND. BE BRAVE. EXPLORE MORE!





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★ OFFICIAL BRONZE EXPLORER CERTIFICATE ★

This certifies that

Explorer Name

has completed

Adventure Mission #001: Mariposa County

and is recognized as an

Official Bronze Explorer.

Date: _____

Signature: _____



★ NEXT MISSIONS COMING SOON! ★



TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Explore new places,
make new discoveries!



EL DORADO COUNTY

More adventures,
more memories!

★ THANK YOU FOR EXPLORING, LEARNING, AND DIGGING DEEP! ★

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