Mallard Creek Recreation Center Scavenger Hunt Clarks Creek Greenway
Start your hunt at 9729 Mallard Creek Rd. The entrance to the greenway is right beside Mallard Creek Elementary School.

This hunt will go a little over half a mile down the greenway, making the full trip just over a mile long.

Begin at the Clarks Creek Greenway sign and set out on your adventure!

To complete this scavenger hunt you will need to take a selfie or group picture with each of the landmarks on the hunt. The following pages have pictures of the landmarks along with some information about each spot.

Once you have completed your scavenger hunt submit your pictures by posting on either Instagram or Facebook and using the hashtag below.

#MallardCreekHabitatHunt
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Take the path to the Right
Look over the edge of the bridge in the water. What animals do you think call this creek their home? Salamanders, crayfish, fish and even insects! The kinds of insects that live in a creek can be a clue to the cleanliness of the water. Sketch a picture of the creek and don’t forget the rocks. Crayfish love to hang out under them.
Take the path on the left
Everything is aflutter at the Butterfly Highway Pollinator Garden. What do you see flying around? Bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds? Look at the butterfly houses. They can give butterflies shelter from bad weather and predators. A key element for a good habitat is a source of food and that is what pollinator gardens provide. Sketch a picture of the butterflies you see in the pollinator garden.
This area is a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Did you know you can create one in your own back yard? All you need is a source of food, cover (such as bushes), water, and a place for animals to raise their young. You must use sustainable practices (such as not using pesticides that would harm wildlife). For more information on how to create your own Certified Wildlife Habitat, visit NWF.org. Look around and sketch at least one picture of all the items needed to make this area a Certified Wildlife Habitat.
Stand by the creek and notice that some areas are moving faster while others are moving more slowly and forming pockets of water. Do you see any fish? You are more likely to see fish in the more slowly moving areas. Fish eat insects and worms that are in the water. Look down: Do you see the moss that has grown? Moss is a good indicator of soil and water quality. It is also important in preventing soil erosion. If you saw any fish, sketch them. If not, sketch the moss growing beside the path.
Have a seat on the bench. Look up and look around. What do you see? Trees provide habitats for birds, squirrels and other animals. Birds can make nests on limbs in the trees or in holes in the trees. Now listen: Do you hear any birds? If you see any birds, sketch them in a tree. If not, pick a tree and sketch it.