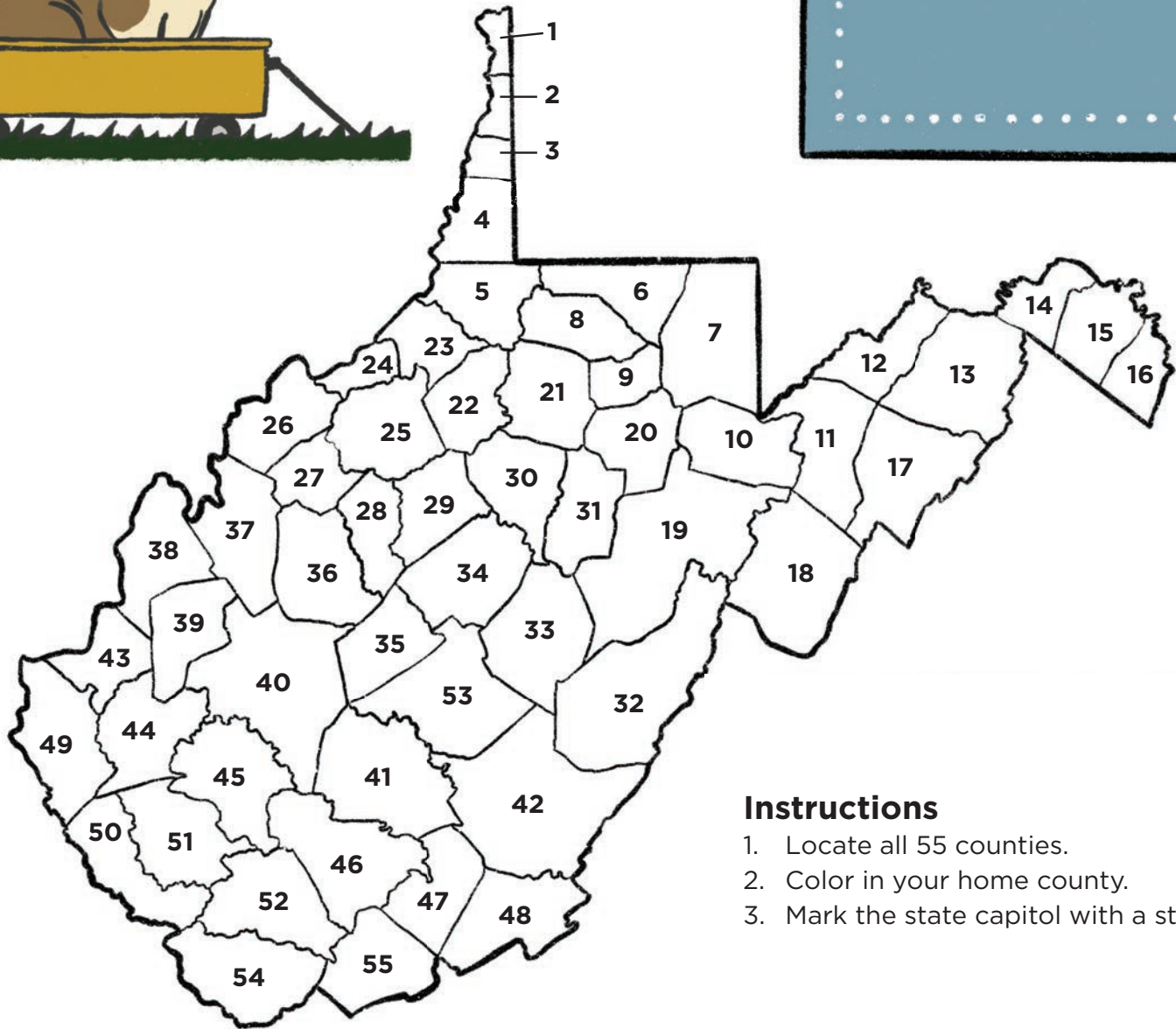




Did you know?
Mark Twain's
grandparents settled
in Mason County
in 1803.

COUNTIES OF WEST VIRGINIA



Instructions

1. Locate all 55 counties.
2. Color in your home county.
3. Mark the state capitol with a star.

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE FACTS

Did you know?

Wheeling was the first state capital of West Virginia.

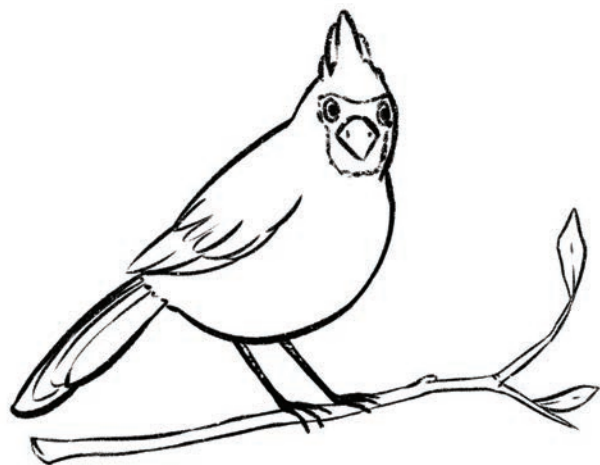
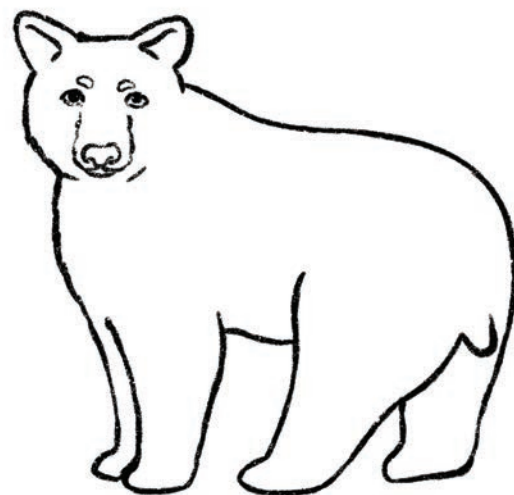
Instructions

Read the descriptions and color in the state symbol.



State Animal: Black Bear

The Black Bear, or *Ursus americanus*, is actually deeply tinted with brown. The Black Bear roams freely throughout 36 states and Canada, while its West Virginia habitat is primarily in the eastern mountain region of the state. They were selected as the state animal in 1954-55 and adopted as the official state animal by the Legislature on March 23, 1973.

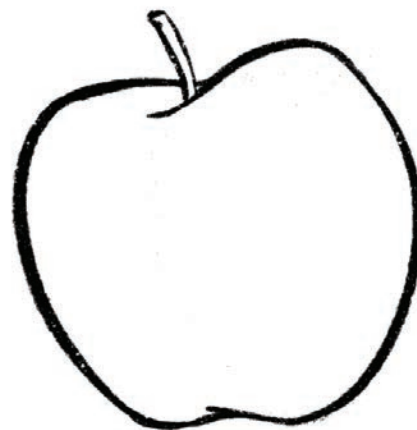


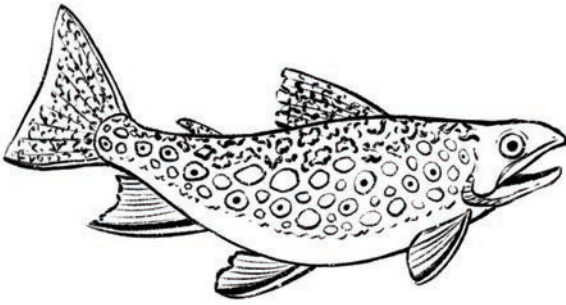
State Bird: Cardinal

The Cardinal, or *Cardinalis cardinalis*, became West Virginia's official bird in 1949 by the Legislature authorizing a vote by pupils of public schools and civic organizations. The male Cardinal is a rich scarlet color with a mask and shading of black, while the young and females are a less brilliant color. The Cardinal is found from New York to the Gulf of Mexico and as far west as Oklahoma.

State Fruit: Golden Delicious Apple

The Golden Delicious Apple was designated as the official state fruit by the Legislature on February 20, 1995. Anderson Mullins discovered this yellow apple variety in Clay County in 1905. The plain apple had been previously designated as the official state fruit on March 7, 1972.





State Fish: Brook Trout

The Brook Trout, or *Salvelinus fontinalis*, is a West Virginia native fish and is perhaps the most sought after fish by anglers, as it puts up an excellent fight for its size. The Brook Trout is olive with lighter sides and a reddish underbelly (in males) and is easily identified by the light-colored edges of the lower fins. It was adopted as the state fish on March 23, 1973, following a poll of sportsmen.

State Flower: Rhododendron

The *Rhododendron maximum*, or “big laurel,” is the state flower of West Virginia. It was adopted by the Legislature on January 23, 1903 following a recommendation by the Governor and a vote by the pupils of public schools. It may be recognized by its large, dark, evergreen leaves and delicate pale pink or white bloom, with either red or yellow flecks.



State Butterfly: Monarch

The Monarch Butterfly, or *Danaus plexippus*, was designated as West Virginia’s official state butterfly on March 1, 1995, by the Legislature. The orange and black insect dines on milkweed as a caterpillar, sips nectar from flowers as a butterfly, and, at summer’s end, migrates south to Mexico.

State Tree: Sugar Maple

The Sugar Maple, *Acer saccharum*, became West Virginia’s official tree by a resolution of the 1949 Legislature. Its wood is excellent for furniture, and it produces maple syrup. It has a five-lobed leaf and a small wing-shaped seed pod and, in the fall, the leaves turn brilliant colors.



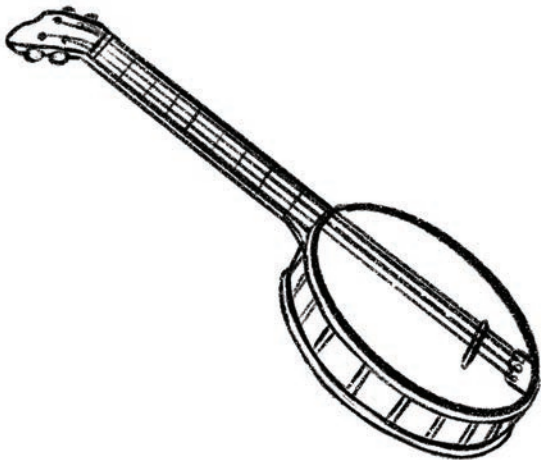
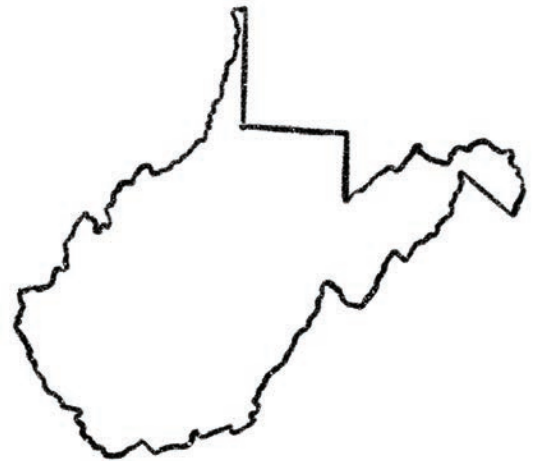


State Insect: Honeybee

The Honeybee, or *Apis mellifera*, became West Virginia's official state insect on March 7, 2002, by the Legislature. In addition to its flavorful honey, the Honeybee pollinates many of the state's most important crops including fruits, vegetables, and grasses. The Honeybee has six legs, four wings, and its coloring ranges from dark yellow to gold with three dark bands on its abdomen.

State Nickname: "The Mountain State"

The nickname comes from the fact that West Virginia is the only state that is completely covered by the Appalachian Mountain range.



State Songs:

"Country Roads" by John Denver

"The West Virginia Hills" by Ellen King and H.E. Engle

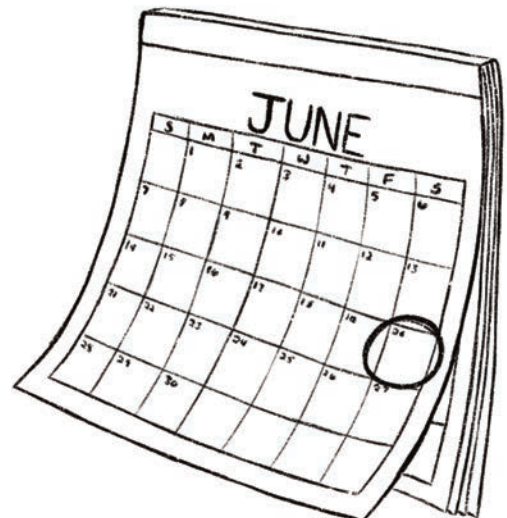
"This is my West Virginia" by Iris Bell

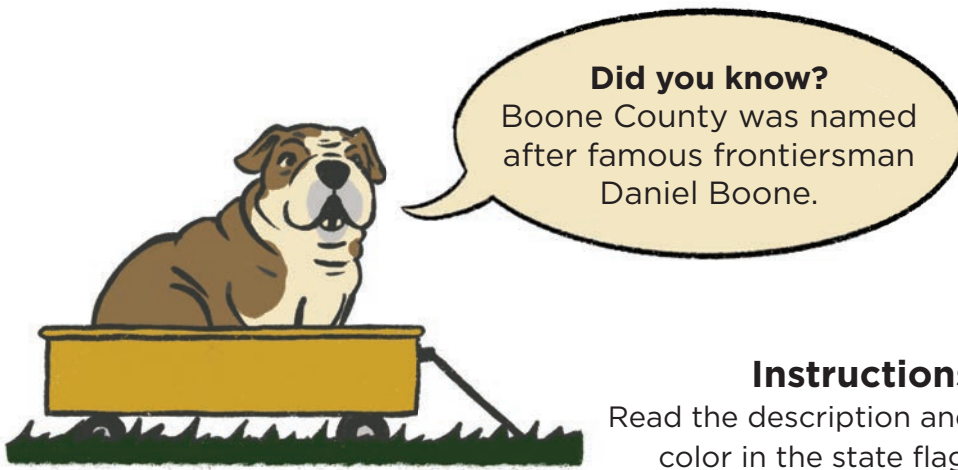
"West Virginia, My Home Sweet Home"
by Julian G. Hearne, Jr.

State Day: June 20

West Virginia was proclaimed a state in 1863.

"West Virginia Day" became a legal holiday in 1927.

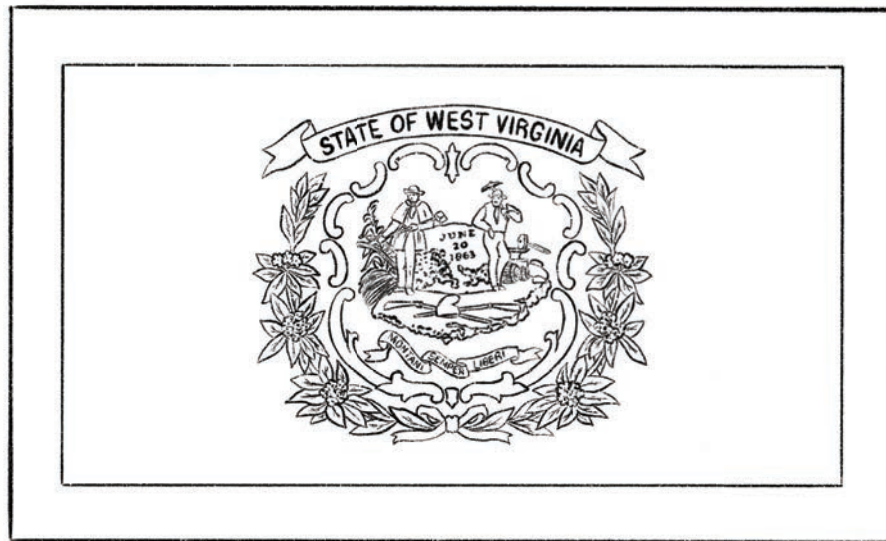




WEST VIRGINIA STATE FLAG

Instructions

Read the description and color in the state flag.



State Flag: West Virginia

By Senate Joint Resolution Number 18, approved by the Legislature March 7, 1929, West Virginia adopted the present state flag. The resolution in part is as follows: "That the Legislature of West Virginia hereby adopts a State Flag of the following design and proportions, to-wit:

The proportions of the flag of the State of West Virginia shall be the same as those of the United States ensign; the **field** shall be pure white, upon the center of which shall be emblazoned in proper colors, the **coat-of arms** of the State of West Virginia upon which appears the date of the admission of the State into the Union, also with the **motto**, 'Montani Semper Liberi' (Mountaineers Are Always Free). Above the coat-of-arms of the State of West Virginia there shall be a **ribbon** lettered, 'State of West Virginia,' and arranged appropriately around the lower part of the coat-of-arms of the State of West Virginia a wreath **Rhododendron maximum** in proper colors. The field of pure white shall be bordered by a **strip of blue on four sides**. The flag of the State of West Virginia when used for parade purposes shall be trimmed with gold colored fringe on three sides and when used on ceremonial occasions with the United States ensign, shall be trimmed and mounted in similar fashion to the United States flag as regards fringe, cord, tassels, and mounting."

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SEAL

Did you know?

The State Seal has a reverse side called The Governor's Seal.



State Seal: West Virginia

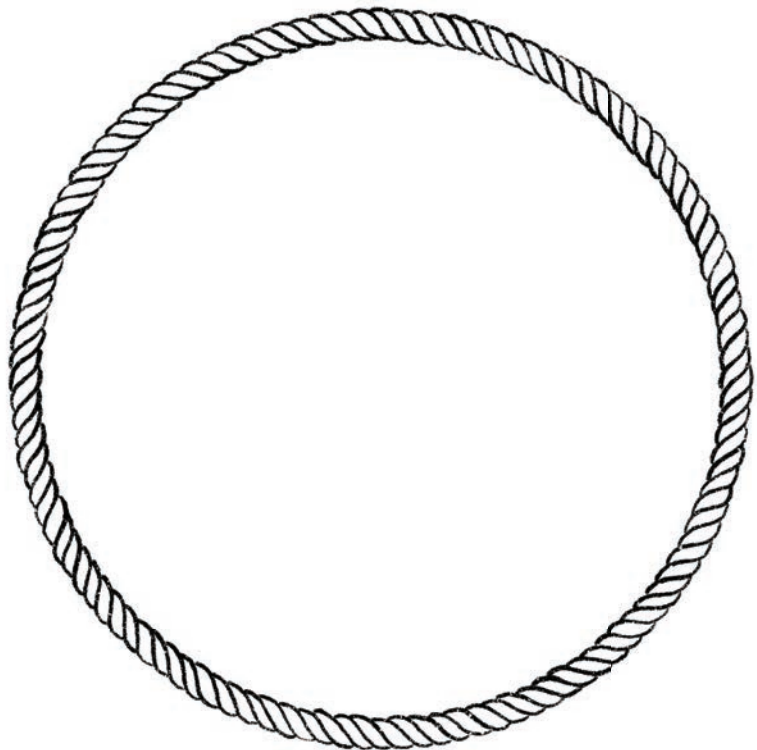
Joseph H. Diss Debar, an artist from Doddridge County, was chosen by a committee of the Legislature to prepare drawings for an official seal for the State of West Virginia. The artist submitted his drawings with an explanation of each detail and from these was adopted, by the Legislature, a seal which has remained without change, the Official Seal of West Virginia.



CREATE YOUR OWN

Instructions

Use symbols from your life to create a seal that represents you! Consider including some of the official state symbols to represent West Virginia.





WEST VIRGINIA STATE SONGS

"TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS"

**Written by Bill Danoff, Taffy Nivert,
and John Denver**

Almost heaven, West Virginia

Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River

Life is old there, older than the trees

Younger than the mountains, growing
like a breeze

Country roads, take me home

To the place I belong

West Virginia, mountain mama

Take me home, country roads

All my memories gather 'round her

Miner's lady, stranger to blue water

Dark and dusty, painted on the sky

Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop
in my eye

"THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS"

Written by Ellen King and H.E. Engle

Oh, the West Virginia hills!

How majestic and how grand,

With their summits bathed in glory,

Like our Prince Immanuel's Land!

Is it any wonder then,

That my heart with rapture thrills,

As I stand once more with loved ones

On those West Virginia hills!

Oh, the hills, beautiful hills,

How I love those West Virginia hills!

If o'er sea o'er land I roam,

Still I'll think of happy home,

And my friends among the
West Virginia hills.

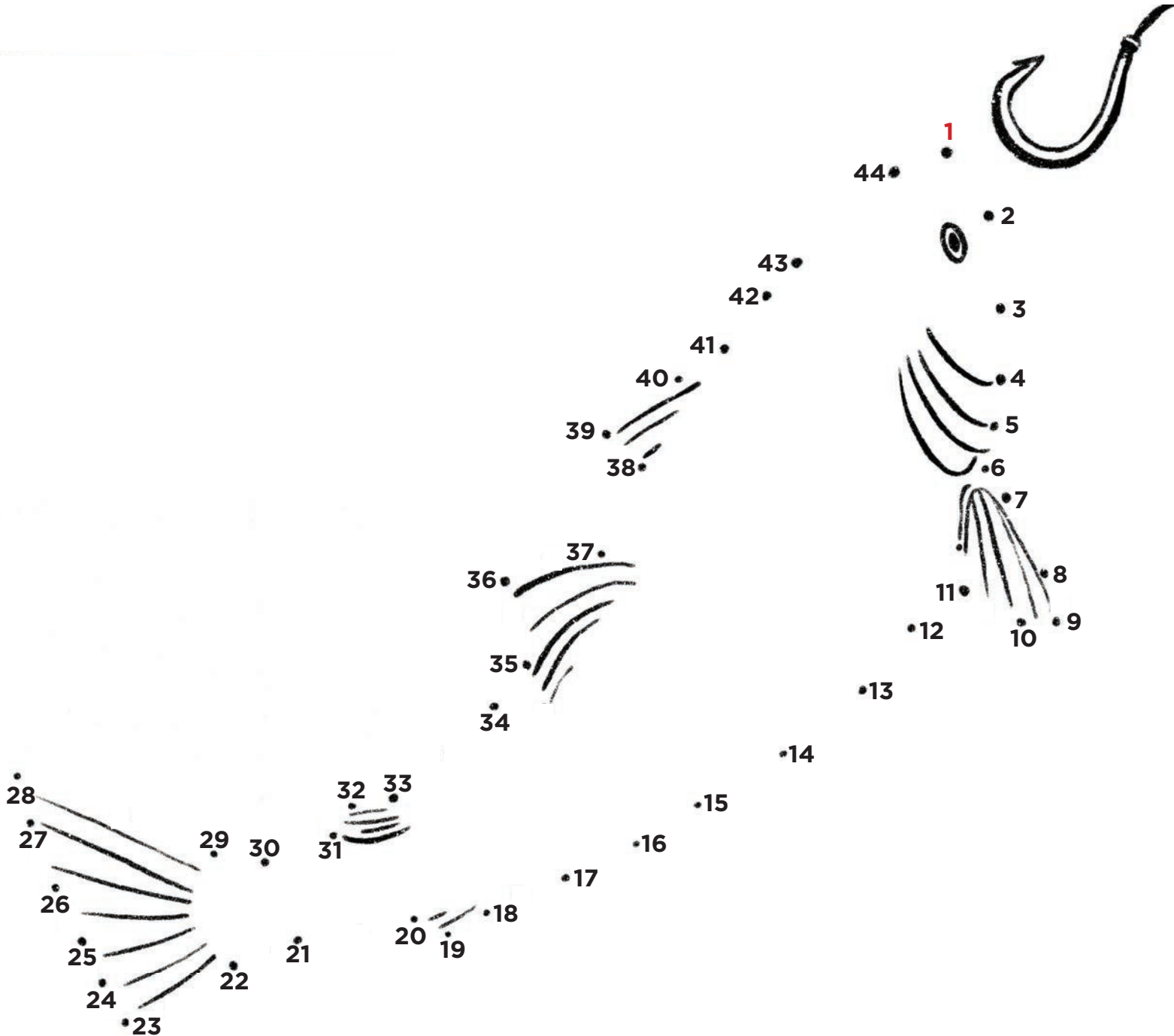
GOLDEN TROUT CONNECT THE DOTS

Did you know?

WV holds a Golden Trout fishing event every year called "Gold Rush."

Instructions

Beginning at #1, connect the dots until you get to #44 and a special picture is revealed.





Did you know?

Smoke Hole Caverns in Grant County has the world's largest ribbon stalactite.

Instructions

Draw a line from the items in the left column to the item it corresponds to in the right column.

WEST VIRGINIA MATCHING QUIZ

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Northern Cardinal

June 20

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State Song

Daniel Boone

State Bird

West Virginia Day

State Fish

ALMOST HEAVEN WORD SEARCH

Did you know?

Sam Sneed served as the
golf professional at The
Greenbrier Resort.



Instructions

Find and circle the
words below.

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Almost Heaven
Mountaineer
New River Gorge
White Water Rafting
Harpers Ferry

Seneca Rocks
Rock Climbing
Cass Railroad
Mothman
Hiking

Green Bank Observatory
Camping
Mountain Biking
Snowshoe
Snow Boarding

Skiing
Zip Lining
Civil War
Appalachian

ALMOST HEAVEN HIDDEN PICTURE

CAN YOU FIND ME?



Deer Mouse



Starnose Mole



Opossum



Eastern Gray Squirrel



Groundhog

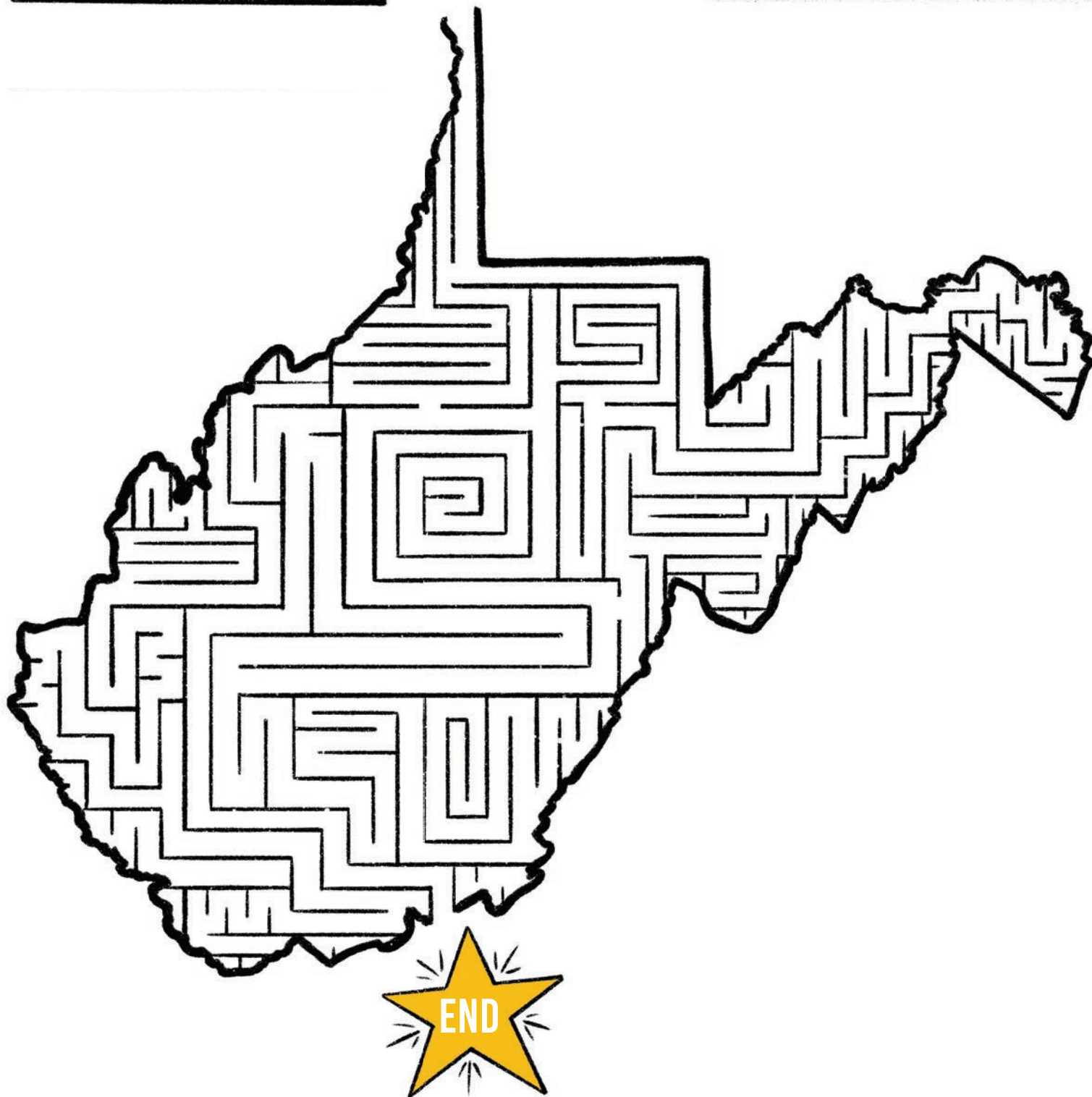
WEST VIRGINIA MAZE

Did you Know?

The parents of Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps attended Fairmont State College.



START



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ANSWER SHEET

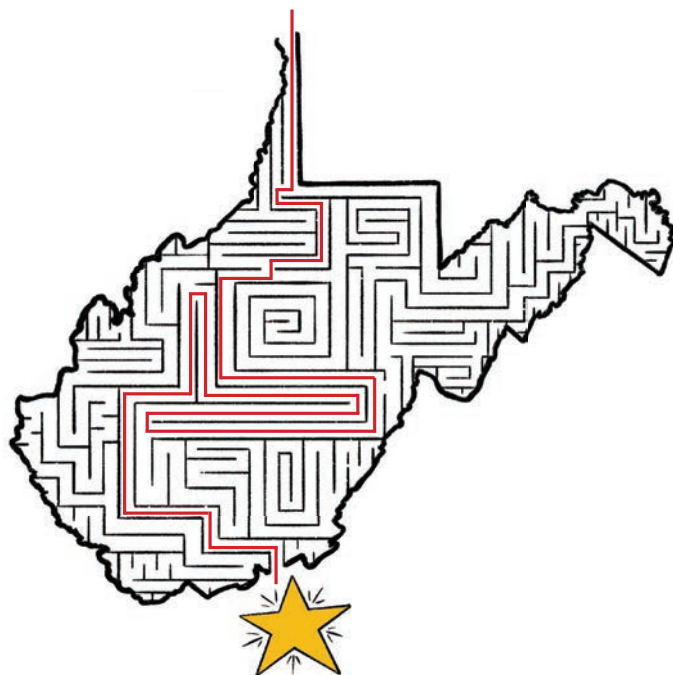
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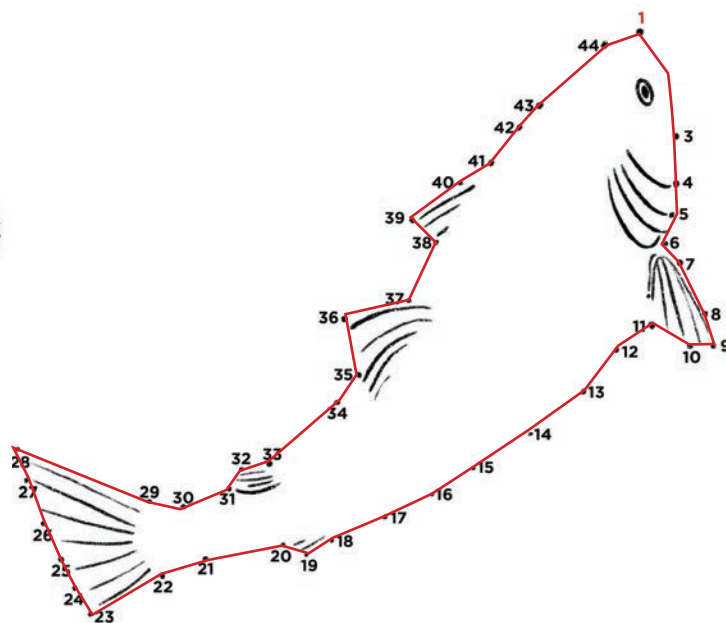
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Maze



Connect the Dots



Hidden Picture

