

Discover the natural hidden gems of Lake Metroparks as you explore these areas on a treasure hunt!

Write down the number found inside each cache container in the box directly after the name of the park it was found in. Once you have recorded your findings inside each cache container and/or figured out the bonus final cache, fill in your personal information and turn in this form via email or mail to receive your path tag.

Take a photo of or scan this form and email it to areed@lakemetroparks.com or you can mail to:

Lake Metroparks Environmental Learning Center Attn: Alexis Reed, 7250 Alexander Rd. Concord Twp., Ohio 44077

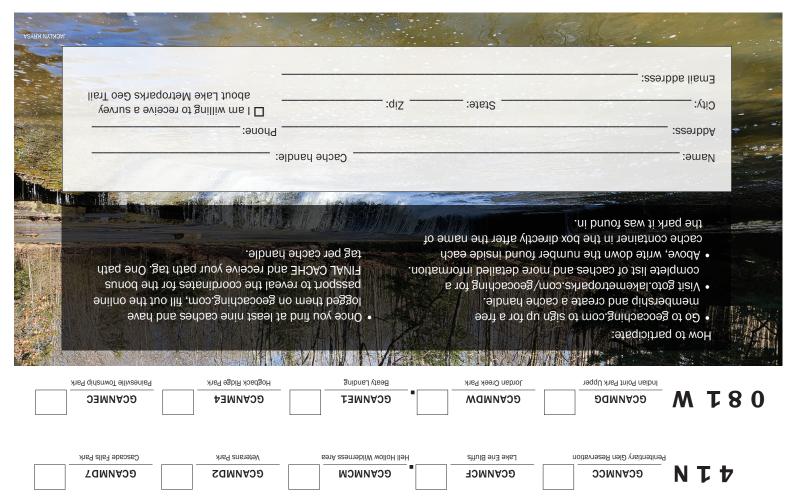
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## **Biomimicry**

Living organisms have developed innumerable adaptations, behaviors and features that allow them to survive in their surrounding environment. Species from tiny bacteria to giant blue whales have unique adaptations that can be studied to expand our knowledge of our ecosystems and planet. Some adaptations are so well designed that they can be recreated through scientific and engineering processes to help improve our way of life, technology and even give back to our natural world. This developmental process is called biomimicry. By observing the amazing variety of

plants, wildlife and everything in between, we can improve our everyday lives. Many inventions, including velcro and airplane wings, were inspired by nature.

In this year's Geo Trail, each geocache will demonstrate an example of biomimicry.

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