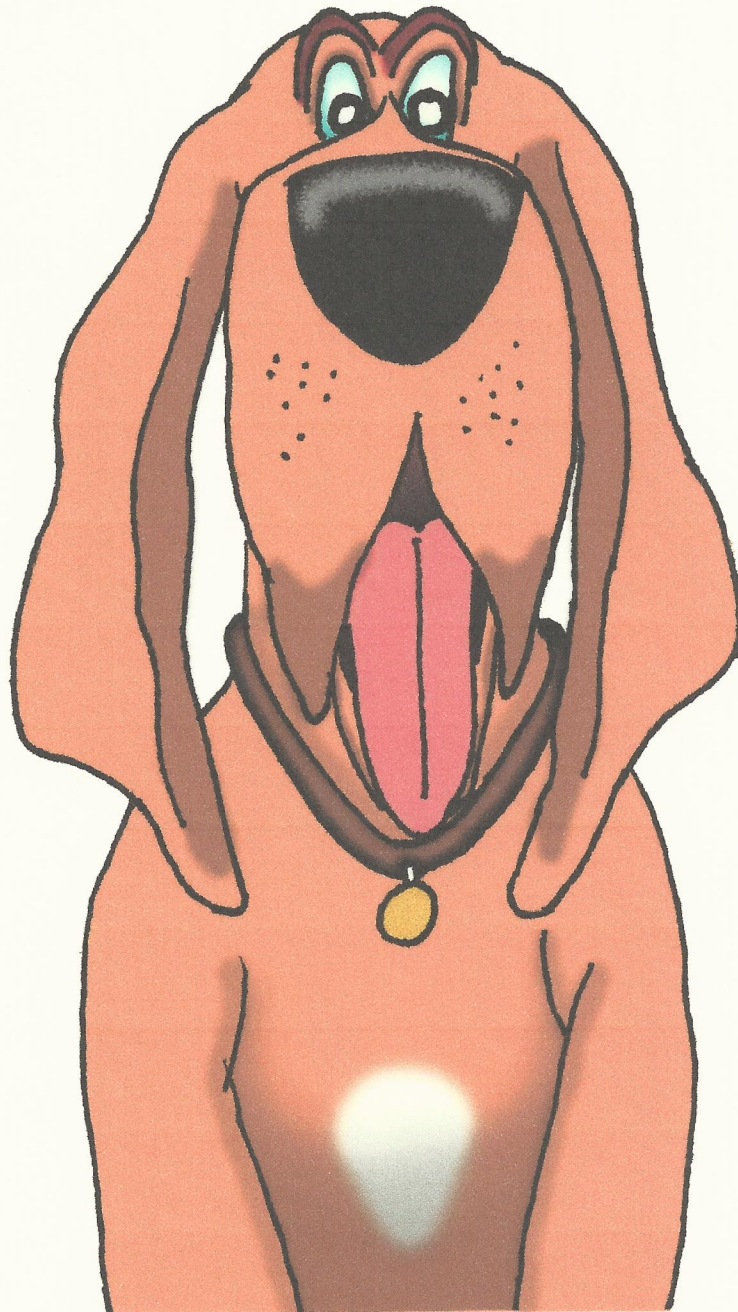
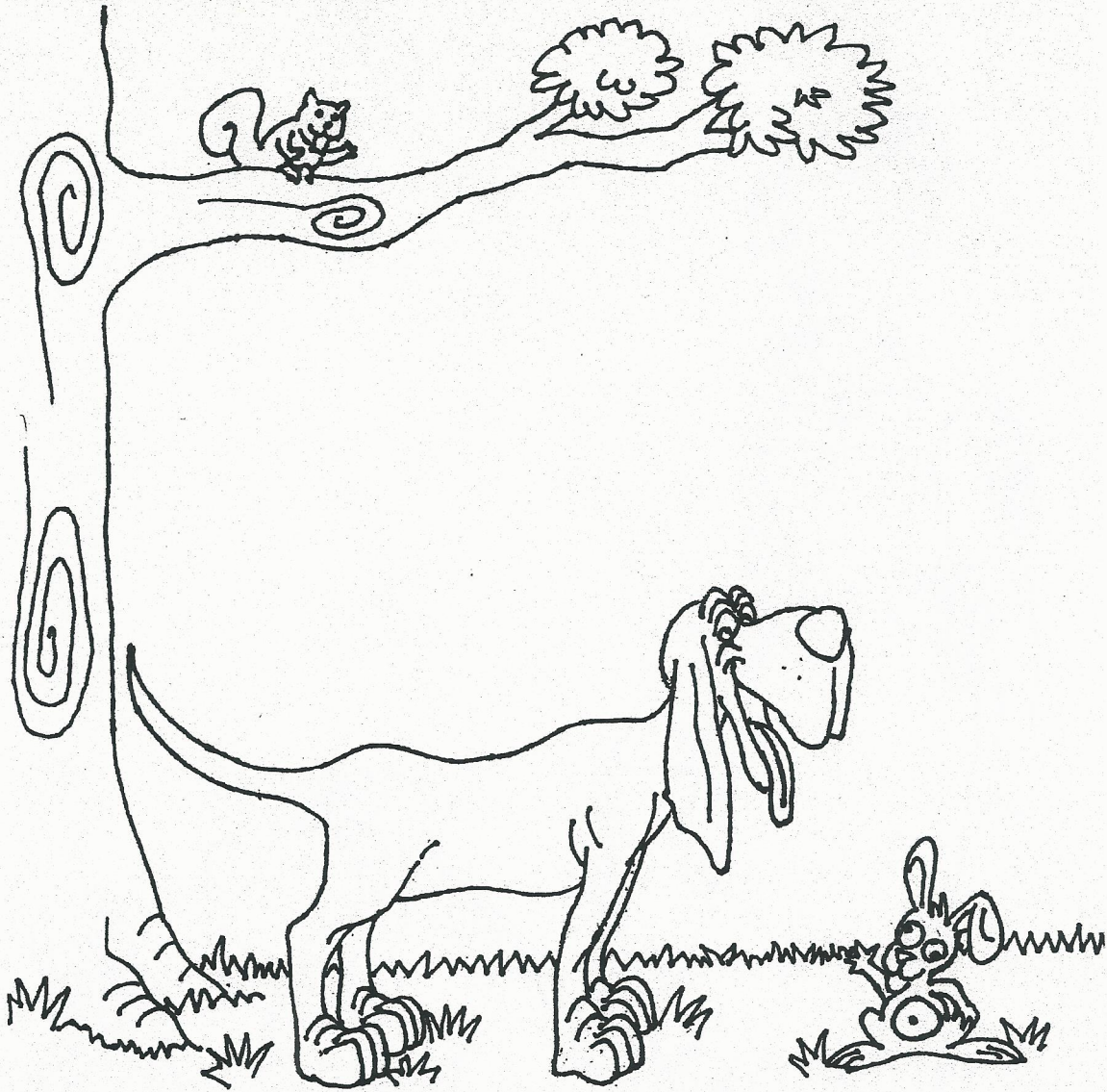


# Nicki's Nose Knows



NJ State Park Police  
K-9 Unit

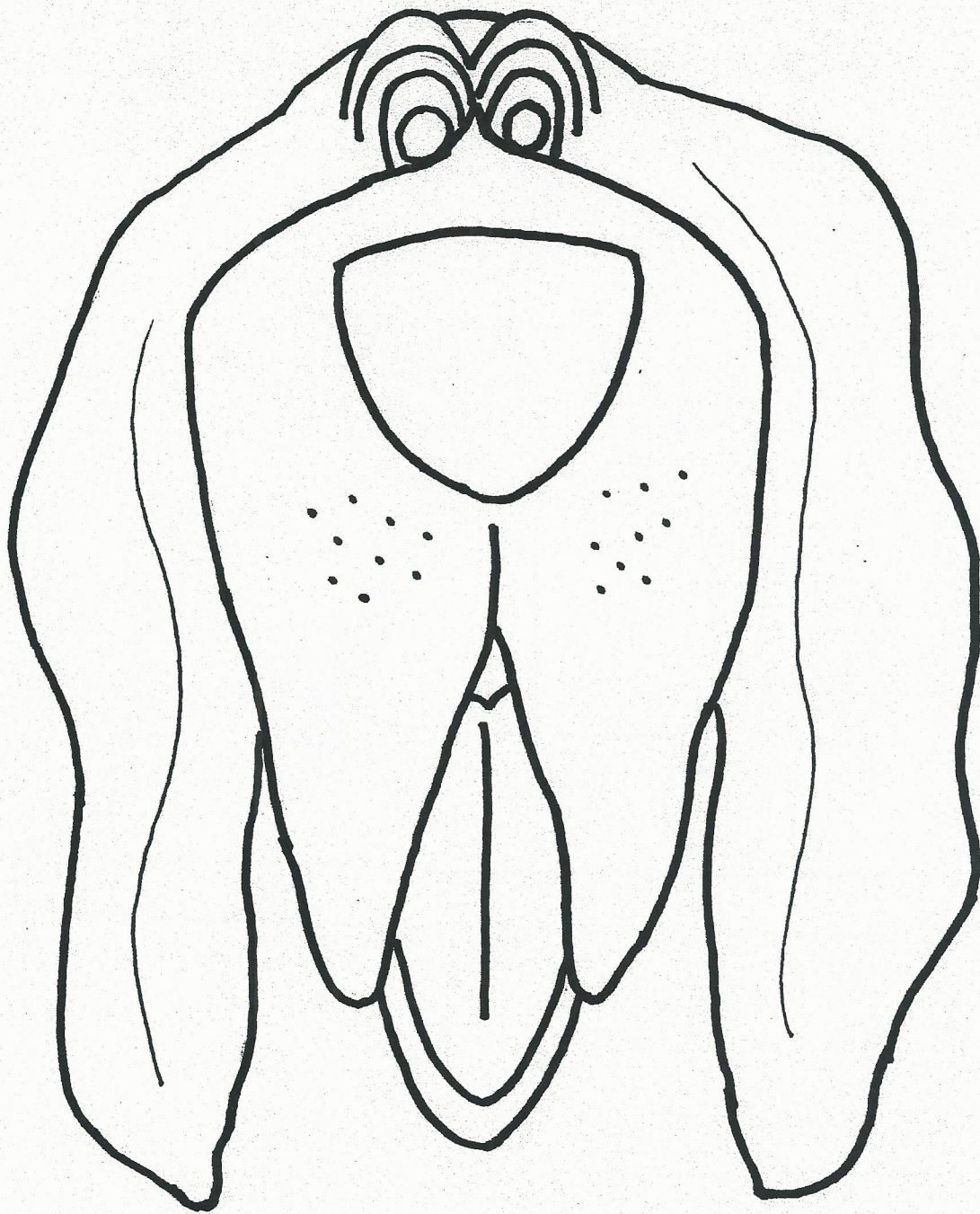




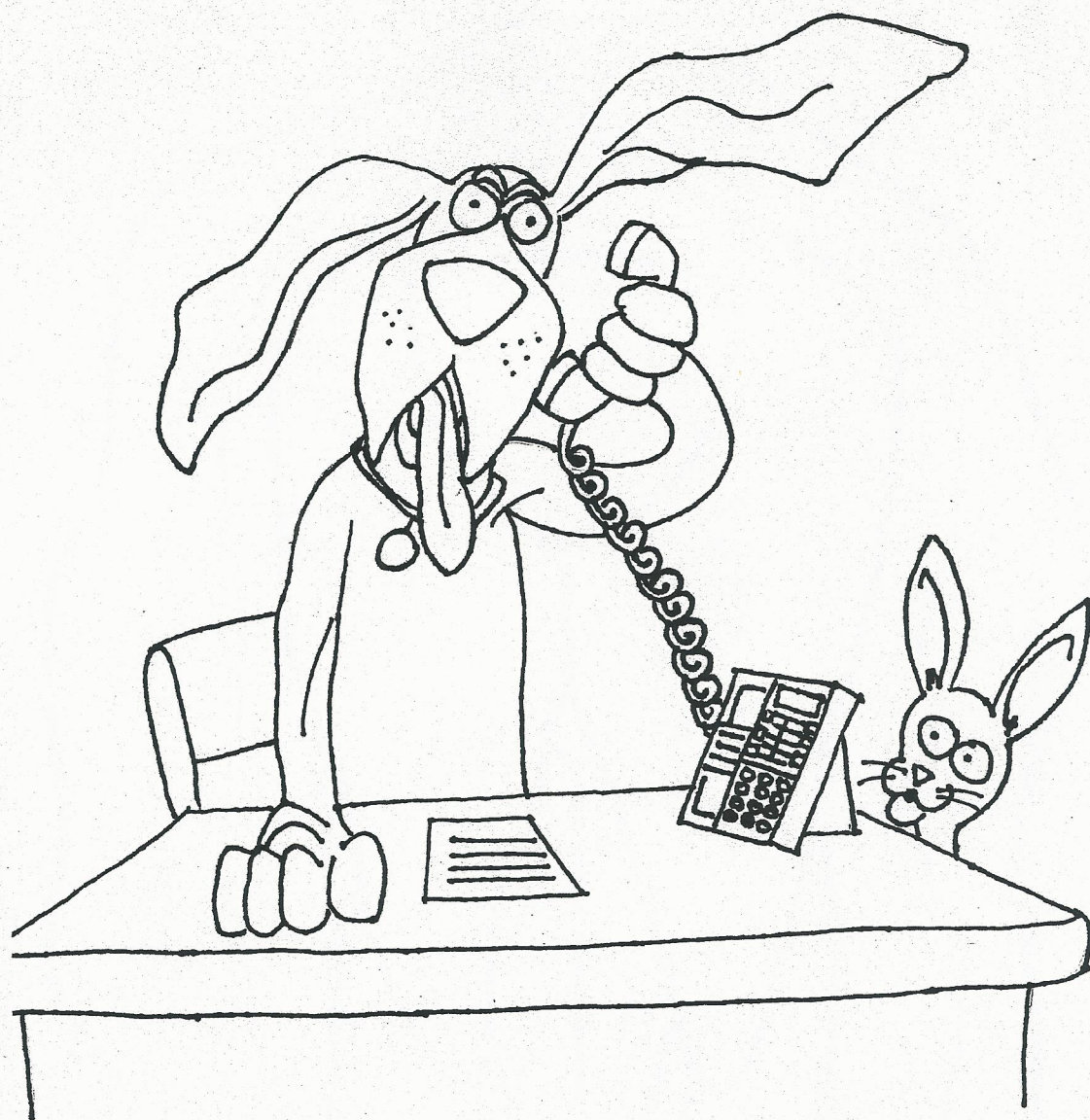
Nicki is a Police Bloodhound who works in New Jersey's State Parks.



Her job is to help her Park Police Handler  
find lost and missing people



How does she do that? She uses her powerful nose! Her long ears and wrinkles in her face help too.



One summer day, Nicki got a call that a child had gotten lost at a park.



Nicki and her partner responded to the park to search for the lost child.



Nicki was put in her harness and took a sniff of the child's jacket, that their Mom and Dad had with them.



**Off they went!**





Nicki's nose took them through the woods, where they soon found Johnny sitting under a big tree.

# Bloodhound Word Search

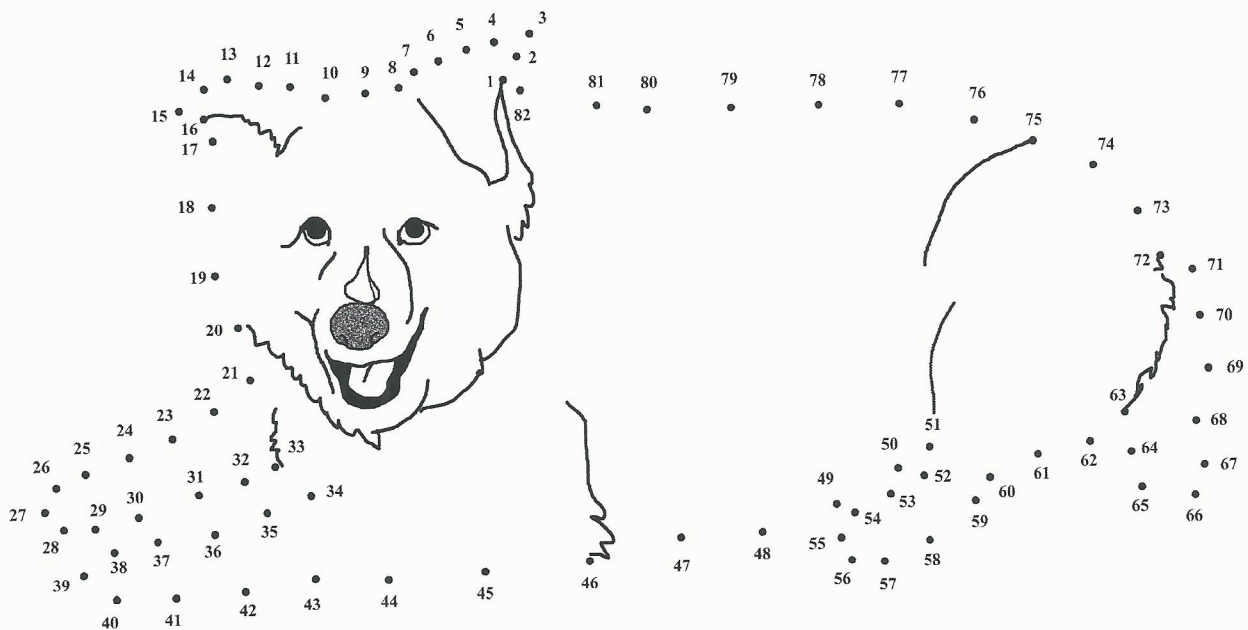
L N X Y Z Y Q Z G E S D L G J F J L E K  
R I J K V Z W A H T E I R R F Z S N M O  
T K A S C L U O B D A N A I S E I N A U  
U J R R T P O V D N R T N Q J L S T Q X  
N O S E T A Z X N U C S Q S D C H C Z I  
Y S J R I K T A A O H T E A E C A W L R  
B W R I N K L E S F A R E N T M R M C U  
X S A K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

BLOODHOUND  
CANINEUNIT  
DOG  
FOUND  
HARNESS  
LEADLINE  
LOST  
MISSING  
NICKI

NJSTATEPARKPOLICE  
NOSE  
SCENTARTICLE  
SEARCHANDRESCUE  
SNIFF  
TRACKING  
TRAIL  
TREATS  
WRINKLES



Somebody forgot to finish drawing this dog. Can you help to finish it? Just start at the number 1 and follow the numbers up to the highest one on the page.



This dog isn't a bloodhound like Nicki, but all dogs are canines. There are all different breeds of dogs in K-9 Units, but German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois and Labrador Retrievers are some of the most common today.

Look at the tips of your fingers. See all those grooves and lines? No one else in the world has the same fingerprints as you! Did you know that no one else has the same scent as you? That means that to a dog, you smell different than everyone else. That's how a bloodhound like Nicki finds people. She gets the scent of a person and follows the trail of that scent until she catches up with them! Can you find your way through this fingerprint?



## What to do if you get lost

Hopefully, you will never get lost, because you know to stay with your parents, friends, or group when you are away from home. But, just in case you find that you have gotten lost, here are nine Rules of Survival to keep you safe:

1. Stay together if you are with a friend or pet (you can share body heat).
2. Stay in one place or area, do not wander.
3. Keep yourself warm.
4. Find a waiting place (not a hiding place).
5. Put out something bright for searchers to see.
6. Make yourself look bigger.
7. Don't lie on bare ground (it will take your heat).
8. Don't eat anything you're not sure of.
9. Stay away from rivers and lakes.

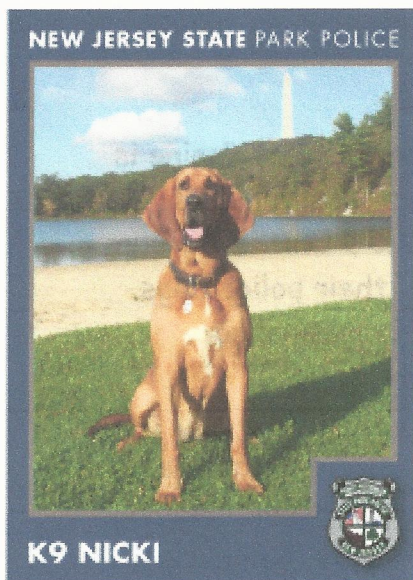
## How to approach a dog safely

Even the friendliest dogs can be uncomfortable meeting new people and may bite if startled. There are a few simple rules for meeting a dog:

1. Before you pet someone's dog, ask the dog's guardian for permission.
2. If they say it's OK, approach slowly and quietly.
3. Once you have permission to pet a dog, slowly bring your hand towards the dog from the side, not from above. Keep your hand closed and let the dog sniff you first. Then pet the dog's side and back gently.
4. Never hug someone's dog, it could scare them.

Lastly, there are times when you should avoid saying hello to a dog.

1. You never want to sneak up on or pet a dog when it is eating or sleeping, you may startle it.
2. Never pet a dog who is playing with a toy. They may be protective of the toy and think that you are going to try to take it.
3. Never try to pet a dog who is in a car. Most dogs will protect that space.
4. Never pet a dog who is chained up or behind a fence. Most dogs naturally protect their property and home.



Nicki is pictured here at her favorite state park. Do you know which park it is? Here's a hint: The monument in the background of the photo is located at the highest point in New Jersey... See if you can find the name of the park from the list of New Jersey's State Parks and Forests below.

### **State Parks**

Allaire State Park  
Bulls Island State Park  
Cheesequake State Park  
Cranberry State Park  
Double Trouble State Park  
Fanny State Park  
Garden State Park  
High Point State Park  
Island Beach State Park  
Liberty State Park  
Monmouth Battlefield State Park  
Musconetcong State Park  
Parvin State Park  
Rancocas State Park  
Round Valley State Park  
Stephens State Park  
Voorhees State Park  
Washington Rock State Park

### **State Forests**

Abram S Hewitt State Forest  
Belleplain State Forest  
Jackson State Forest  
Lebanon State Forest  
Penn State Forest  
Stokes State Forest  
Worthington State Forest

Barnegat Lighthouse State Park  
Cape May Point State Park  
Corson's Inlet State Park  
Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park  
Edison State Park  
Fort Mott State Park  
Hacklebarney State Park  
Hopatcong State Park  
Kittatinny Valley State Park  
Long Pond Ironworks State Park  
Mount Laurel State Park  
Palisades State Park  
Princeton Battlefield State Park  
Ringwood State Park  
Spruce Run State Park  
Swartswood State Park  
Washington Crossing State Park  
Wawayanda State Park

Bass River State Forest  
Green Bank State Forest  
Jenny Jump State Forest  
Norvin Green State Forest  
Rough Mountain State Forest  
Wharton State Forest

## What's a K-9 Unit Anyway?

So, what is a K-9 Unit? K-9 is an abbreviation for the word canine. Canine is another word for dog, so every dog is a canine. Many police departments have K-9 Units, like the New Jersey State Park Police. A K-9 Unit is a group of people called Handlers (because they handle a K-9) and their police dogs. Each pair is called a team. K-9 Units vary in size with different police departments and not all police departments have K-9 Units.

So, what breeds of dogs can become police dogs? All sorts of dogs are used for police work. The most commonly seen are German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois, but Labrador Retrievers are common and Bloodhounds (like Nicki) are still used, along with several other breeds. The first police dogs were bloodhounds. They were used to find bad guys back in the 1800's. Every police dog is trained specifically to assist police in law enforcement work.

So, what different jobs do these dogs do? There are patrol dogs who enforce public order. They can chase and hold a suspect for their handler and they protect their handler. There are detection dogs who are trained to sniff for specific things. That can include drugs, explosives and even cellular phones. Beagles are used in airports to locate items that are not permitted, such as certain fruit! There are arson dogs, who search for accelerants that are used to start a fire. There are cadaver dogs who are trained to find people who have died. They can even find someone who is under water! Some dogs are trained to do more than one job, they're called dual purpose dogs.

Finally, there are search and Rescue (SAR) dogs. They are trained to find people. Some are air scent dogs, who are trained to find any person in general and it's up to the handler to determine if it's the person they are looking for. Then there's the scent discriminating dog (like Nicki). Those dogs look for a specific person. They are usually called trailing or tracking dogs, because they track someone or follow their trail. Police use these dogs to locate missing, lost and wanted persons.

Every person has their own unique scent. When a trailing dog is taken to where someone was last seen and given that person's scent with a scent article, they follow an invisible trail the person left behind. Hopefully they follow it all the way to the person! Many breeds of dog can do this work, but Nicki thinks that Bloodhounds do it the best!



**Thanks for this activity book goes to:**

**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection**

**The New Jersey State Park Police**

**NJSPP K9 Unit**

**Katie Drake for drawing Sally in Nicki's maze  
Rosemary Ross for creating the fingerprint maze  
Eric Reinholt for his assistance with the cover**

