# Choose the Trail

Use print and digital text features to plan a walk.

**5.RC.7** "Apply knowledge of text features in multiple print and digital sources to locate information, gain meaning from a text, or solve a problem."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Circle the source headings in all three paragraphs and underline the features that help you find trail details. Number the guide's print date and the website's notice date from earlier to later.

### A Change in Plans

1. **Printed Guide: Creek Walk** The index sends readers looking for "bridges" to page 6 and "wildlife" to page 11. On page 6, the heading **Crossing the Creek** says Pine Bridge is the only bridge on the short loop. The guide suggests using it after rain because the stepping stones may be slippery. A note on the cover says this guide was printed in April 2026.

2. **Park Website: Trail Updates** A search box lets visitors look up a trail name. Searching "Pine Bridge" leads to the heading **Current Closures**. A notice dated May 14, 2026, says Pine Bridge is closed for repairs. A link labeled Open Trails leads to a list that includes Meadow Loop. The website says Meadow Loop takes about 30 minutes on foot.

3. **Printed Guide: Loop Choices** The index sends readers looking for "short walks" to page 14. Under the heading **Loop Choices**, Creek Walk is listed as a 20-minute trip and Meadow Loop as a 30-minute trip. On May 16, 2026, a family has 35 minutes for a walk. They hoped to cross the creek, but they will choose an open trail if the bridge is closed.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which index entry helps you find the guide's advice about crossing the creek, and where does it send you?

2. Which website feature helps you find the closure notice, and what heading do you reach?

3. Which dated notice changes the guide's advice to use Pine Bridge? Why should the family use that notice?

4. Which website feature helps you find an open walk that fits the family's 35 minutes? Name the walk and its length.

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A friend asks whether the park has a path for strollers, but these sources do not say. In three sentences, explain which feature of the printed guide you would try, which feature of the website you would try, and how you would check that a trail detail is up to date.

**ANSWER KEY**

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## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the source headings in all three paragraphs and underline the features that help you find trail details. Number the guide's print date and the website's notice date from earlier to later. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Which index entry helps you find the guide's advice about crossing the creek, and where does it send you? | **The "bridges" entry sends readers to page 6.** |
| 2 | Which website feature helps you find the closure notice, and what heading do you reach? | **The search box leads to the heading "Current Closures" when you search for "Pine Bridge."** |
| 3 | Which dated notice changes the guide's advice to use Pine Bridge? Why should the family use that notice? | **The May 14, 2026, website notice says Pine Bridge is closed. It is newer than the guide printed in April 2026.** |
| 4 | Which website feature helps you find an open walk that fits the family's 35 minutes? Name the walk and its length. | **The "Open Trails" link leads to Meadow Loop, which takes about 30 minutes.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would check the printed guide's index for "strollers" or "accessible paths." I would use the website search box to look for the same terms. I would compare the guide's print date with the date of any website update before trusting a trail detail.

Accept other relevant index terms or search terms in Part 3. Students should describe how to check for current information, not claim that either source identifies a stroller-friendly path.