

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

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### **Scavenger Hunt for your Senses** **Yampa River Botanic Park**

**Background:** The Yampa River Botanic Park features trees, shrubs, plants and birds that call the Yampa Valley home. The park is an oasis with paths that twist and turn through a wide variety of gardens including a sensory garden and children's garden. For a self guided tour of the park, pick up a [brochure and map](#) at the main entrance or the Core Trail entrance. Visitors can pick up children's activity books in the Sensory Garden just a few steps from the Main Entrance.

**Activity:** While exploring the Yampa River Botanic Park, complete the Sensory Scavenger Hunt chart below to document what you observe.. Use the questions below to help guide you during their exploration.

#### **Questions to Ask:**

- 1) What are your five senses? *Sight, Sound, Touch, Smell and Taste.*
- 2) What are some rules we should follow at the park? *Be respectful (leave no trace), ask questions, be quiet, use our senses.*
- 3) What kind of sounds do you hear? Who made them?
- 4) Pick one natural thing you see and describe it. (Think about color, size, shape)
- 5) What plant/animal looks soft? What plant/animal looks rough?

**Sensory Scavenger Hunt:** *For the purposes of this activity, kids will not be tasting anything.*

<b><i>Sense</i></b>	<b><i>Action</i></b>	<b><i>What is It? (Name it, describe it or draw it)</i></b>
<b>Smell</b>	<p>Find a flower that smells sweet.</p> <p>Find something orange. What does it smell like?</p> <p>Find an herb in the sensory garden that has a strong smell.</p> <p>Find something green... what does it smell like?</p>	
<b>Touch</b>	<p>Find something fuzzy.</p> <p>Find something smooth.</p> <p>Find something spiky. Be careful touching it!</p> <p>Find something cold.</p>	
<b>Hear</b>	<p>Listen for the Yampa River. What does it sound like?</p> <p>Lie down in the open green space. Close your eyes. What do you hear?</p>	
<b>See</b>	<p>Find a sculpture.</p> <p>Find something purple.</p> <p>Stand in one place. How many colors do you see?</p> <p>Lie down in the open green space. What do you see around you?</p>	