

Living Fossils Hike - Southern Illinois

How many of the following “living fossils” can you find on your hike today? Check them off!

The Precambrian Time

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sponge

freshwater lakes, ponds, reservoirs, rivers, streams

Paleozoic Era

Silurian Period

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clubmoss

every continent except Antarctica

Devonian Period

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horsetail

temperate and arctic areas of the Northern Hemisphere

Carboniferous Period

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lamprey

freshwater, saltwater, or brackish water - temperate zone

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pill bug

every continent except Antarctica

Permian Period

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ginkgo

every continent except Antarctica

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moss

all over the world in moist areas (except in saltwater)

Mesozoic Era

Triassic Period

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cockroach

every continent except Antarctica

Jurassic Period

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interrupted fern

North America

Cretaceous Period

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bald cypress

North America

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magnolia

North America

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Bonus:

Draw a picture of two different “living fossils” you found. How have their designs helped them each to be successful?

