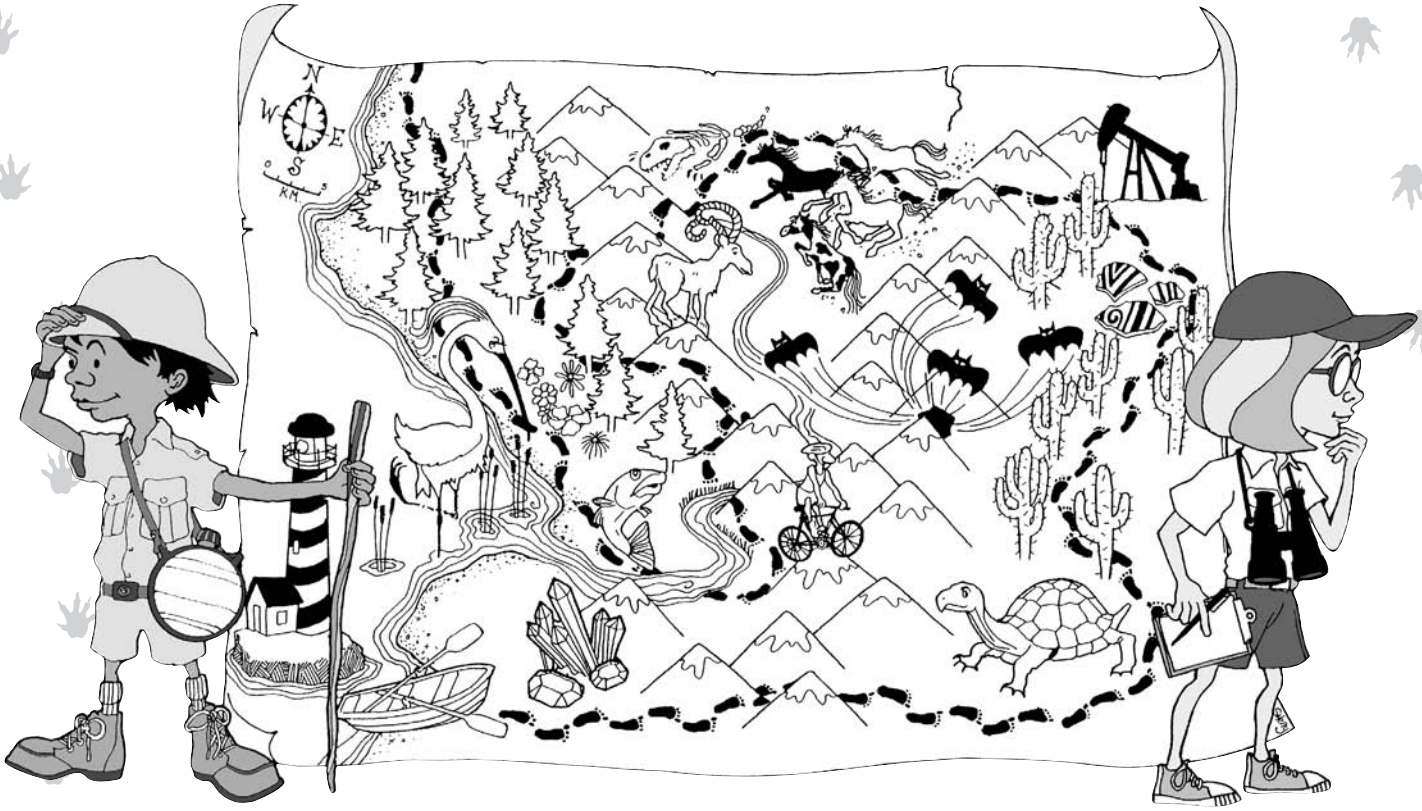
What Can You Do?

Many people like to have fun on BLM lands. People can visit BLM lands to get close to nature, to see wildlife and native plants. Some people like to go rafting on the rivers, while others like to visit ghost towns, prehistoric sites, or dinosaur tracks. Still others like to ride their mountain bikes on trails through the forest or the desert. Campers, hunters, hikers, rock climbers, cross-country skiers, trail vehicle fans, and snowmobilers all come to enjoy BLM lands.

People use BLM lands in other ways too. Miners mine coal, gold, and other minerals, as well as sand and gravel. Ranchers use the grasses and shrubs to feed their cows and sheep. Timber companies harvest trees. Towns can obtain land from BLM for parks and schools. Indian peoples carry out their traditions on BLM lands, too. They gather special foods, such as pine nuts, or materials to make crafts.