Who Am I?

A Discovery Guide to the Museum’s Exploring Michigan Exhibit

Below are a series of riddles that you will need to solve to find the correct animal or plant in the dioramas.

1. The jack pine forest is where I thrive.
   And like the trees, forest fires help me survive.
   Now that the fires are more controlled and collected
   Our presence is endangered, so our ecosystem must be protected.
   I soar through the sky,
   But my home is on the ground, not up high.
   I am a _______________.

2. The place that I live is unique.
   There are three different types and none are weak.
   In Michigan I’m endangered and one of a kind
   But also I’m venomous so I’m not the best friend to find.
   I move and slither low to the ground
   And I’ll make a rattle so you know I’m around.
   I am a ________________.

3. Tall trees, plants, and animals are everywhere in my home.
   Even you may have been through for a roam.
   Unlike carnivores, I don’t like meat.
   Photosynthesis is how I ‘eat.’
   Can make you very itchy, so every time you see,
   “Leaves of three let them be”
   I am a ________________.

4. I live where the water flows, it’s true!
   It’s a place that’s important to both me and you.
   I spend time both on water and land.
   Though my speed may be slow, you must understand
   I carry my home wherever I go.
   So look closely when you try to find me, for I’m small and somewhere low.
   I am a ________________

5. I live in a place with lots of sand.
   The glaciers, winds, and waves helped form the land.
   But, there are lots of other places I can be found,
   Thanks to my wings that help me around.
   Next time you see me, just make sure
   Your food is safe and secure.
   I am a ________________


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