

HOST PLEASE READ (OR SAY) AS YOU START THE FIRST STATION

Welcome to Grand Caverns, where the South River Watershed can show off all of its natural features: limestone, groundwater and surface water in the river. Today you have chosen to take a little extra time to study the watershed, and to meet some of its natural residents. You will visit 6 places including the caverns; each place is connected by water to each other place: fish and aquatic insects, water chemistry, percolation and soils, watershed models, and even one station where you get to choose among watershed golf, energy and water use.

Keep your eyes and ears open today to find the connections between all the stations, and between all of us and our watershed.

HOST PLEASE READ (OR SAY) AT THE END OF THE LAST STATION

Well, this is your last station today. You sure have seen and done a lot of watershed studies. Aren't we lucky to live in limestone country, with all these caverns and springs and wonderful soil? And now we also know some good ways to help keep our watershed clean. Can you think of one (raise hands)?

You're right on target: Forest Buffers, Careful about what can get into stormwater or sinkholes, fence livestock out of streams, and easy does it on fertilizer and chemicals. Oh yes, and welcome to new clean energy sources too! All ways to keep our Shenandoah watershed healthy and beautiful!