



Mad About Summer in Kent!

Dear Connie,

Happy July 4th Weekend!

Is your summer just kicking in? Or have you run through the gamut of barbecue, swim, lemonade, pickleball, ice cream, hammock, rinse & repeat? Either way, are you ready for something TOTALLY NEW and more than a little bit ... Mad?

This year's Kent Land Trust Summer Challenge aims once again to let you experience Kent's hiking trails in a new and creative way! Have you ever done a Mad Lib? If this hilarity wasn't part of your childhood experience not to worry - it's super easy!

We've taken five KLT trails - Bull Mountain Preserve, East Kent Hamlet Nature Preserve, Iron Mountain Preserve, Skiff Mountain South Preserve, and the Audrey & Robert Tobin Preserve - and installed 20 blue markers in each. For each, we've created a Mad Lib for your hiking party to complete while on the trail - one word per marker. Download and print the Word Key and Mad Lib before you go, assigning someone to record the chosen words on the Word Key. After you've reached marker #20 transcribe the words into the Mad Lib. The resulting story may be fantastic, screamingly funny, shocking, silly, crazy, or just possibly brilliant!

Find all the materials you need on our website www.kentlandtrust.org. And if you run into a snag, just reach out to us at info@kentlandtrust.org. While we wait for the rain to stop, brush up on your grammar with some [Schoolhouse Rock](#), and warm up with the example below.

Here's an Example to Practice

[Interjection], friends!

Coming soon to our *[noun]* is a new

Summer Exploration Challenge like no *[noun]*!

Fun for *[pl. noun]* of all ages, this year's Challenge encourages families and *[pl. noun]* to *[verb]* on Kent's trails and *[verb]* their own journeys, with *[adverb]* *[adjective]* variations along the way.

Dip in just for the madness, or *[verb]* for *[pl. noun]*

rewarding speed, knowledge, problem-solving, and

[noun]. There's *[noun]* for everyone in this

very very Mad World!

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| 1. Interjection _____ | 4. Pl. Noun _____ | 8. Adjective _____ |
| 2. Noun _____ | 5. Verb _____ | 9. Verb _____ |
| 3. Noun _____ | 6. Verb _____ | 10. Pl. Noun _____ |
| 4. Pl. Noun _____ | 7. Adverb _____ | 11. Noun _____ |
| | | 12. Noun _____ |

But Wait, There's More!

It wouldn't be a KLT Summer Challenge without some elements of competition to accompany your raucous entertainment:

Prove to us you've completed all five Mad Libs by taking a selfie at each Marker #20, to receive a prize. Be one of the first 3 to complete all five and level up that prize. Score more prizes for taking the most creative, and zaniest selfies. Submit your completed Mad Libs (only G-rated ones, please) for additional prizes for most creative and zaniest stories! Use your knowledge and creativity to guess the missing words and recreate the original story - yes! For a prize! Make one final Master Lib and find the ties that bind to solve the riddle (prize? check)! The possibilities are endless - mwahahaha!!

Feel like taking the "choose-your-own-adventure" aspect of this Challenge even further? Try writing your own! Submit your own Mad Lib with 20 blanks and an accompanying Word Key (yup, prize) - we might even share it out as a Bonus hike on another Kent Trail!

Erin and Don Demonstrate the Marker #20 Selfie



Wishing you madly-happy trails!

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