Welcome, participating organizations, schools, and zoos!

Thank you for joining us in celebrating International Red Panda Day and for helping to spread the word about red pandas. Our goal is to create as many new Red Panda Rangers as possible in a single day!

A Red Panda Ranger is a child who has learned about red pandas and is ready to spread the word about the importance of conservation. To help children learn about red pandas, Red Panda Network (RedPandaNetwork.org) has created this special International Red Panda Day activity book and online supplemental material. Children can complete the activities within to be awarded the title "Red Panda Ranger".

If you promote International Red Panda Day online or take photos of your activities, let us know by sending us the link to your event page or posting to social media with the hashtags #redpandanetwork and #irpd2019.

Have fun and thank you again for helping us spread the word about the adorable but endangered red panda. Your support also helps build awareness for our community-based conservation program, which benefits the people of Nepal, who have recently faced devastating earthquakes, landslides and fires that have impacted their homes near red panda habitat. Together, we are creating a more sustainable future for all!

All the best,

Ang Phuri Sherpa
Country Director, Red Panda Network
Welcome to the Red Panda Range!

Red Panda Rangers in training will visit the five home country ranges of the red panda: Nepal, India, China, Myanmar, and Bhutan. Complete as many of activities as possible to complete your journey. The pages in this activity book explain the tasks for each activity. Have fun learning about the red panda!
My large ears help me hear well.

My russet coat blends in with the moss and lichen that grow in the trees where I sleep.

My belly and legs have dark fur to camouflage me from below using countershading.

My tail is long and fluffy so that I can use it as a scarf when I curl up to sleep in the winter.

Even the soles of my feet are furry, like I have built-in snow shoes!

I have a “false thumb”, which is a modified bone in my wrist called a radial sesamoid. It makes eating bamboo easier!

My semi-retractable claws help me climb high up in the trees.

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Forest Rangers who study red pandas in the field must pay careful attention to details. Small hints such as a broken twig, a paw print in the dirt, or scratch marks on bamboo bark, can be tips that a red panda is nearby! Practice your field observation techniques in this fun "Spot the Difference" activity!

**Directions:** Study the two scenes of the red pandas on the next page. See if you can spot at least five of the eight differences! Record the differences that you spot in the area below.

**WHAT DIFFERENCES DID YOU FIND?**
Isn’t it a-MAZE-ing that red pandas eat 20 to 30 percent of their body weight (about 2 to 4 pounds) of bamboo shoots and leaves each day? They can spend up to 13 hours of each day searching for bamboo. Did you know that there are more than 1,000 species of bamboo on the planet?

Directions: Draw a line to show the red panda the way through the bamboo maze! Note: you can’t cross where bamboo leaves have blocked the path.
You have learned all about the red panda, including some new words! Use the clues to solve the puzzle.

**Across**

2 Meat eater; technically this classification includes red pandas, despite their preference for bamboo.
3 Country where both red pandas and giant pandas can be found.
4 This hormone regulates red panda breeding (and helps people tan).
5 This is another word for tree-dwellers, like red pandas.
6 Forest workers who monitor and conserve red pandas in Nepal.
7 Mountain range throughout red panda habitat.
9 Red pandas rarely spend time together, making them______.
12 Threat to red pandas; hunting for fur.
13 Lowered metabolic state in winter, similar to hibernation.
14 Country neighboring Nepal that is also part of the red panda’s range.
16 Country southwest of Nepal that red pandas inhabit.
17 This is the closest (but still very distant) relative of red pandas.
20 The radial sesamoid bone is a modification of red panda’s______.
21 The home country of Red Panda Network is______.
22 What baby red pandas are called.

**Down**

1 Cellulose is the part of the plant that red pandas can’t______.
2 This camouflage means that red panda bellies and legs are much darker than their backs, tails and faces.
8 This is another name for red pandas (also a Web browser).
10 Red pandas live at high elevation in a______ ecosystem.
11 Red pandas also live in Myanmar, southeast of Nepal, formerly known as______.
15 ________ is the main diet of red pandas.
18 Habitat______ is the greatest threat to red pandas in the wild.
19 This is the season when all red pandas are born.
BHUTAN

HOW TO DRAW A RED PANDA

Art guide by Rob of ArtForKidsHub.com

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