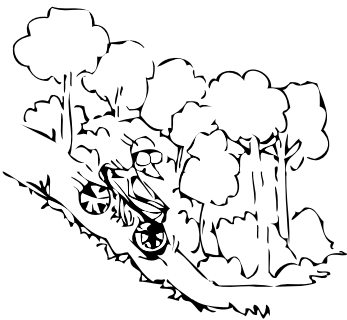


# PLAN IT!

State forests offer the perfect location for fun activities in your relaxation time. Some planning is necessary to make sure that you have an enjoyable and safe time.

1. Circle one of the activities below that you would like to do in a State forest.



Bike riding



Abseiling



Bush walking



Canoeing

What three things will you plan to take?

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What three things will you be careful of?

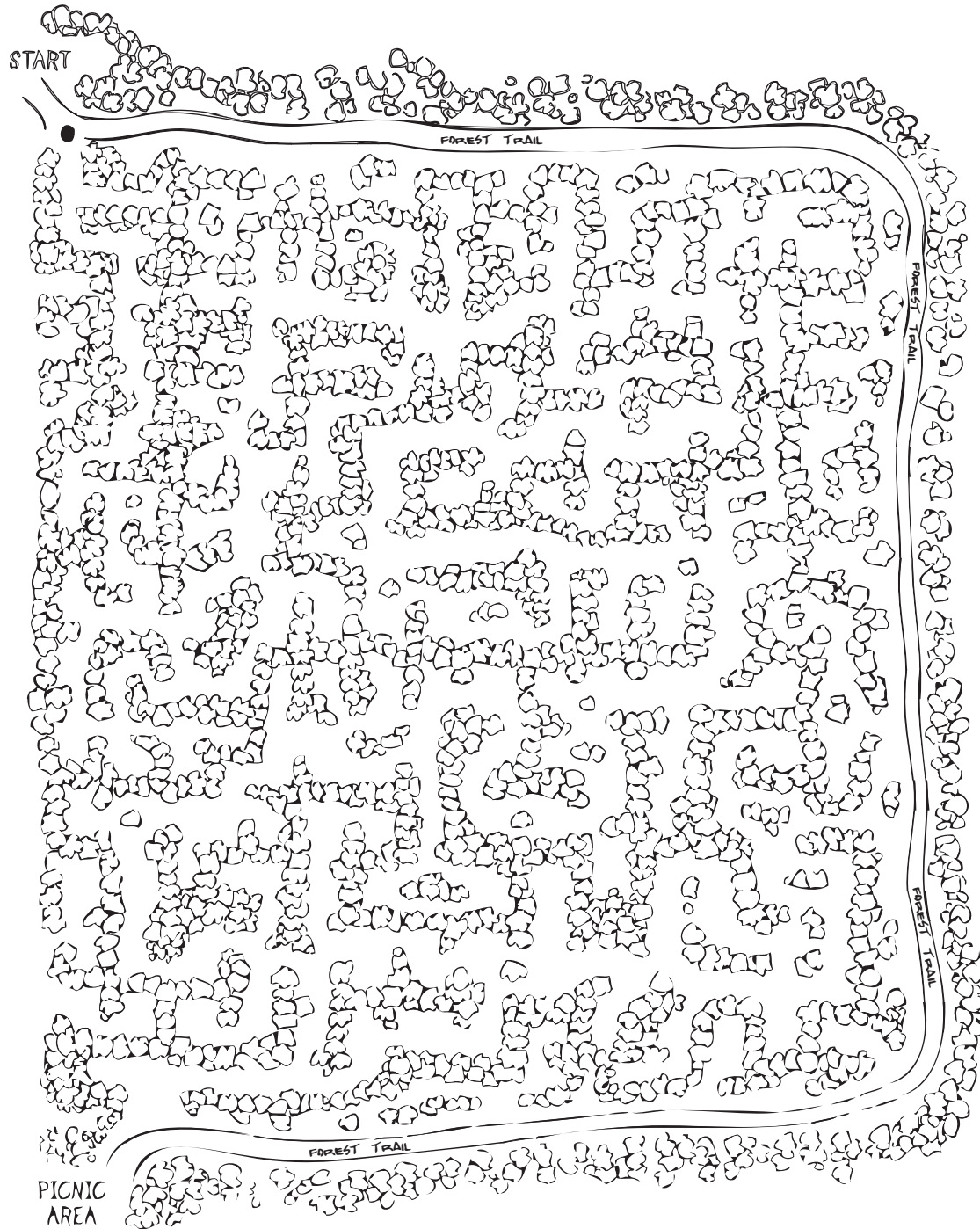
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2. Serge and Kim went for a ride along a forest trail. Serge was hungry and thought that he could beat Kim back to the picnic area if he took a short cut through the forest. Kim urged him not to go. Serge took off. Kim could not see where he went. Kim was angry because they should always stay together in the forest. Kim worried that he might become lost and knew that he hadn't thought about the seedlings, shrubs, fungi and burrows he might squash or ride over.

She continued along the forest trail to reach the picnic area and wait for him. Serge finally emerged into the picnic area carrying his bike. He was covered in dirt and leaves and looking very embarrassed and hungry. Kim had already lit a fire in the picnic area fireplace and cooked sausages. Serge said it was the smell of sausages that helped him find his way. Kim had been very worried. 'Next time let's stick to our plan!' said Kim. They both agreed.

*To help you plan your next visit to a State forest, go to the website: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests)*

a) Use a pencil to trace the route that Serge took through the forest to reach the picnic area



b) Do you think Serge's change of plan was a good one?

Why?

c) To check if the route was a short cut:

1. Take two pieces of string
2. Lay the end of one piece from the 'start' and along the forest trail
3. Mark the piece of string at the 'picnic area'. Measure the length
4. Lay the end of the second piece from the 'start' and along the 'Serge route'
5. Mark the piece of string at the 'picnic area'. Measure the length.
6. Compare the lengths of string from the start end to the mark.

Which route was longer?

How much longer was it?

Answer: Serge's route is about twice as long.