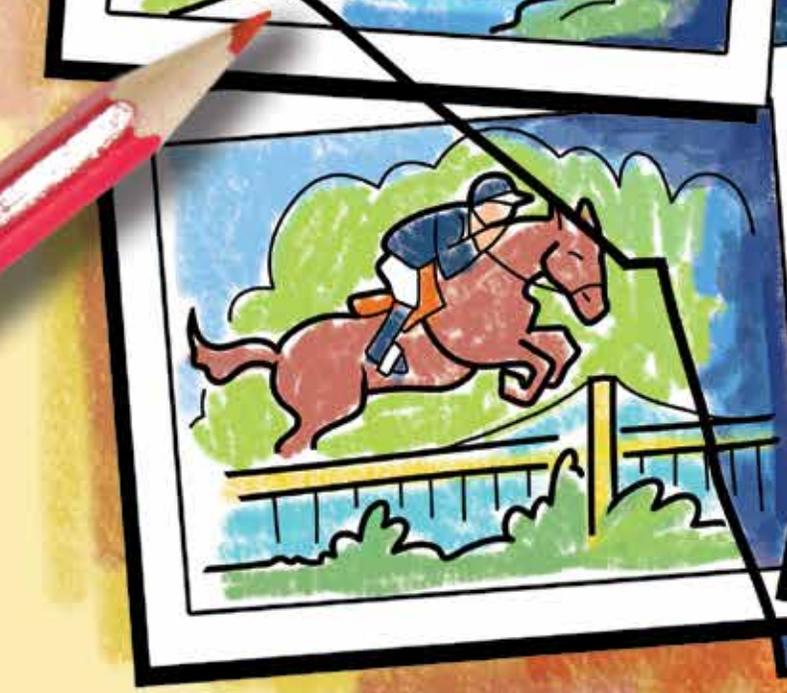


Color Me

Just right.



South Carolina





## **South Carolina Is Just right.**

Blue-green mountains, green grasslands, blackwater swamps,  
bright white beaches and sun-struck islands.

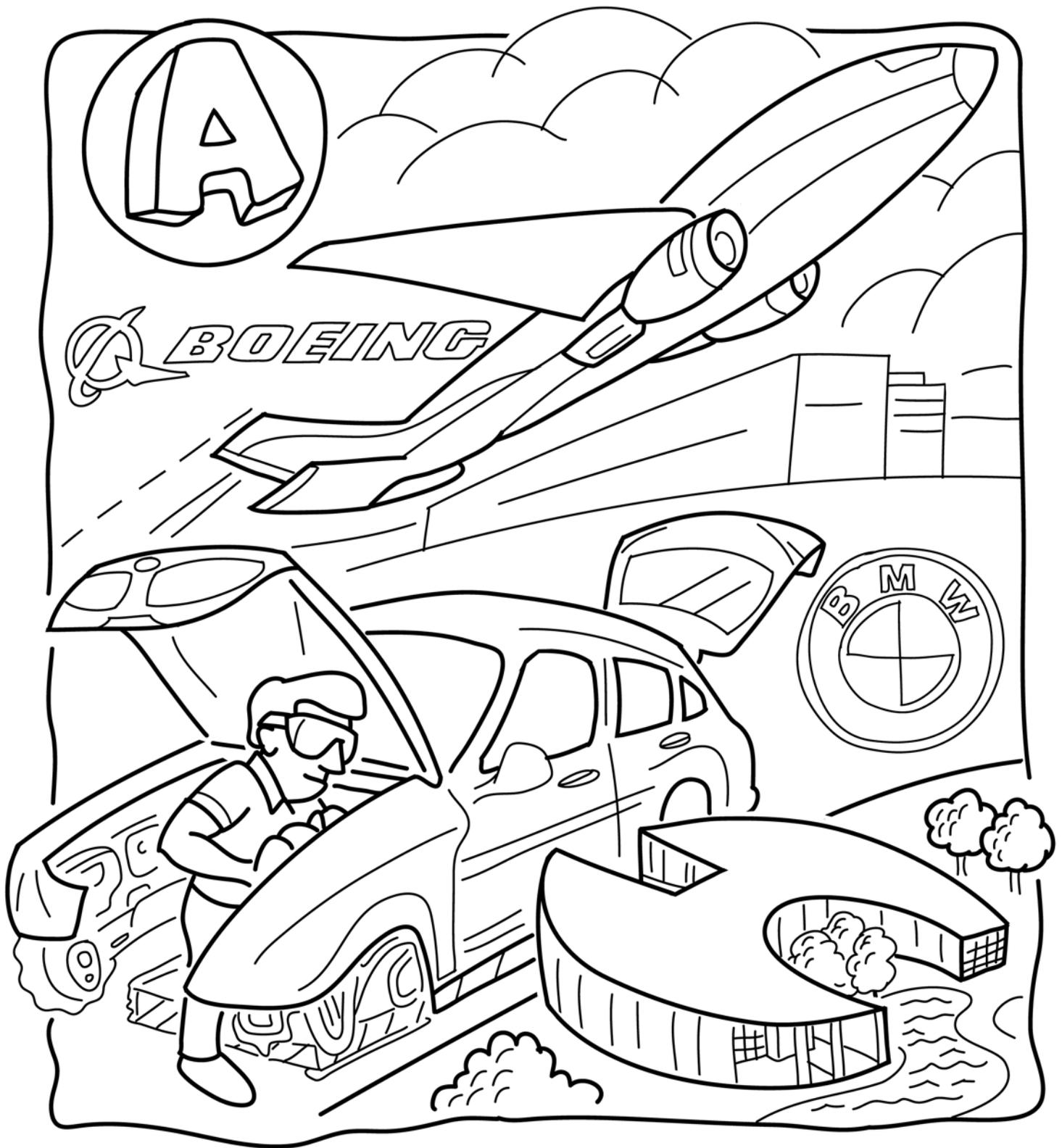
That's South Carolina.

Discover whitewater rivers, brightly colored cars, silver airplanes  
and green oaks. South Carolina is a living coloring book with  
black-and-white-striped lighthouses, red apples, yellow-pink  
peaches, green-and-red watermelons and  
earth-toned forts and ruins.

Unique landforms, parks, historic sites, towns and cities help  
make South Carolina a land that's just right for work, life and  
play. From A to Z, color South Carolina "Just right."







## **A—Color My Autos & Airplanes**

We don't just drive cars and fly airplanes. We make them! BMW builds cars in Greer, and Boeing makes the 787-8 Dreamliner in North Charleston. And in the near future, we'll make Volvos and Mercedes-Benz Vans, too! The road is wide open, and the sky is the limit! Color our future bright!

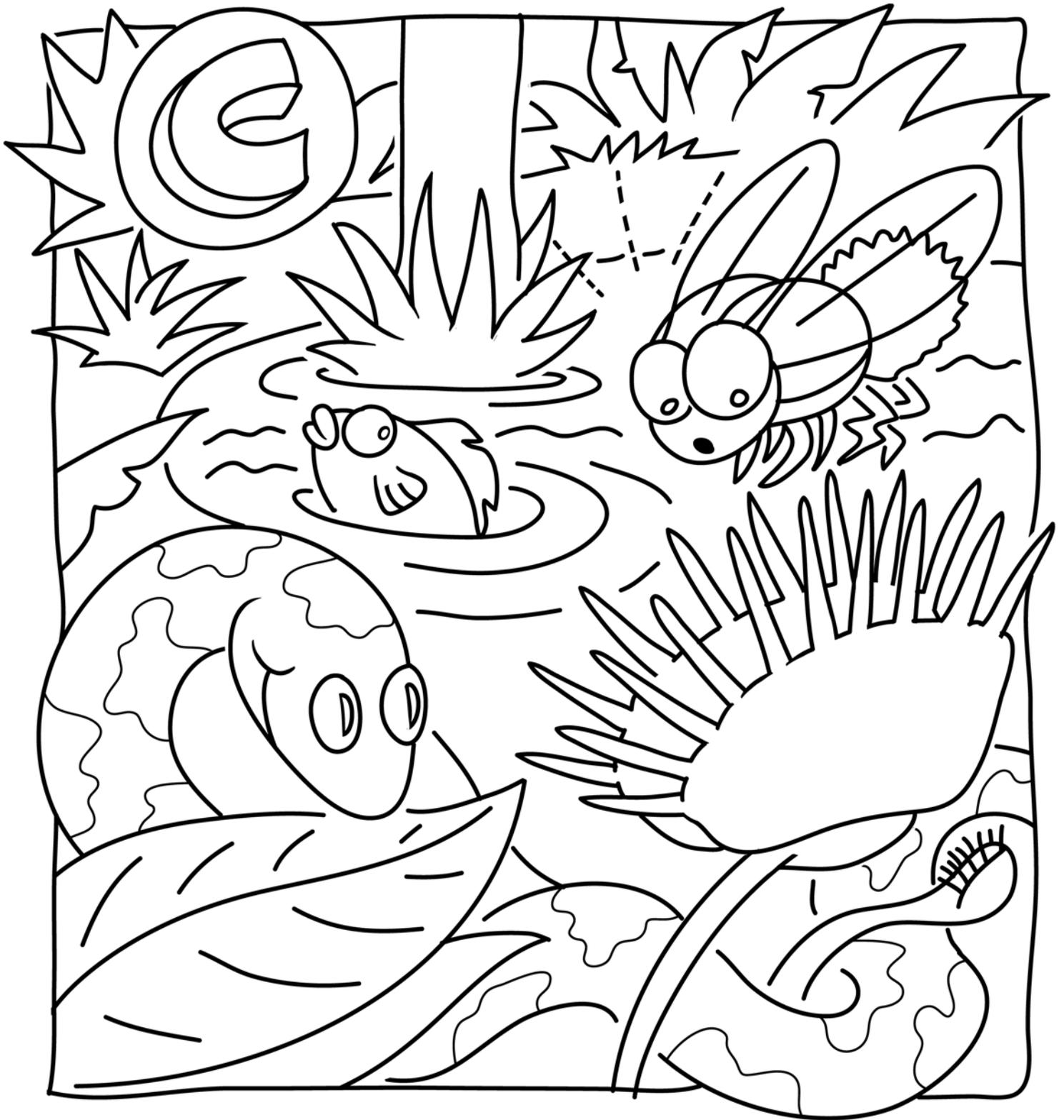
**IT'S A FACT!** An empty 787 airplane weighs as much as 29 elephants. BMW stands for Bavarian Motor Works.





## **B—Color My Bridges**

Poinsett Bridge looks like a fort. People walk across a waterfall on Greenville's Liberty Bridge. Artists paint Columbia's Gervais Street Bridge. The Ravenel Bridge can handle 300 mile-per-hour winds and take you to Charleston's Rainbow Row. In South Carolina, you can get from here to there!

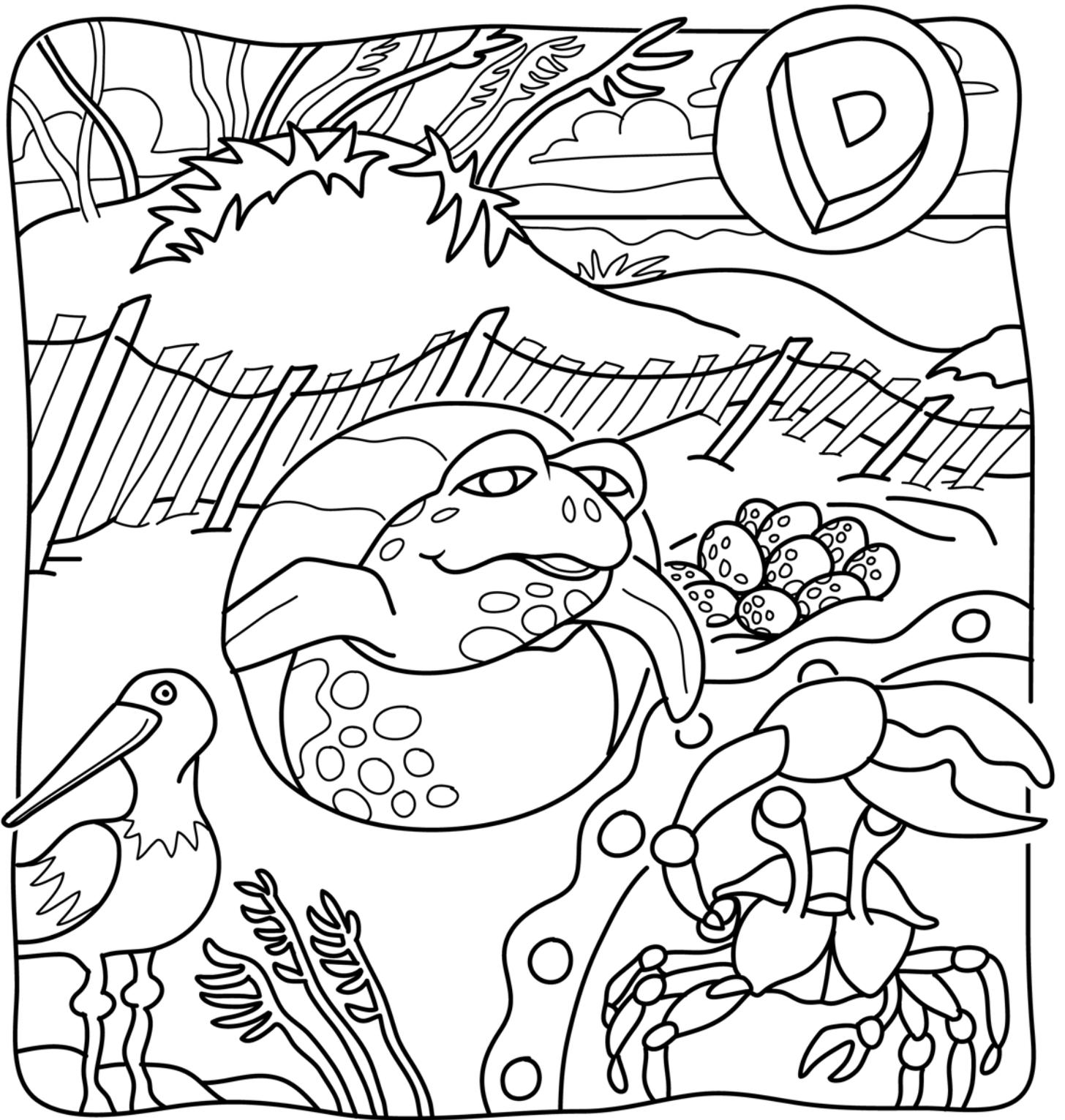


## **C—Color My Carolina Bays**

Animals, plants and bugs live in strange, egg-shaped swamps called Carolina bays. The Venus flytrap, a plant that eats flies and other bugs, grows in some bays. Carolina bays make just right homes for lots of animals. (Psss! Snakes too!)

**DID YOU KNOW?** People once believed falling stars created Carolina bays.





## **D—Color My Dunes**

Sand dunes protect us from storm surges and give sea oats and fiddler crabs homes. From May through August nights, sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes. American oystercatchers lay their speckled eggs in dunes, too. Sand dunes are just right for wildlife, but fragile. Wind fences help build dunes, which we must protect.



## **E—Color My Edisto River**

The Edisto is the world's longest, free-flowing blackwater river, and it's the only river totally within South Carolina. Falling leaves release tannins turning the water black, making it reflect just like a mirror. It's just right for redbreast sunfish and fishermen.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Divers find huge prehistoric shark teeth in the Edisto!





## **F—Color My Festivals**

Greenville’s Freedom Weekend Aloft sends hot air balloons over mountains. Orangeburg’s Festival of Roses brings bright roses from the ground. You’ll enjoy red, juicy strawberries at the South Carolina Strawberry Festival in Fort Mill. Ours is a festive state! From peaches to pecans to pinestraw, we celebrate it all.



## **G—Color My Gardens**

Secret hiding places, classic footbridges and statues! Our gardens offer more than just plants. At the South Carolina Botanical Garden, you can explore secret pocket gardens. At Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, you can walk a classic footbridge over blackwater. At Brookgreen Gardens, you can find the statue of Diana, shooting her arrow.



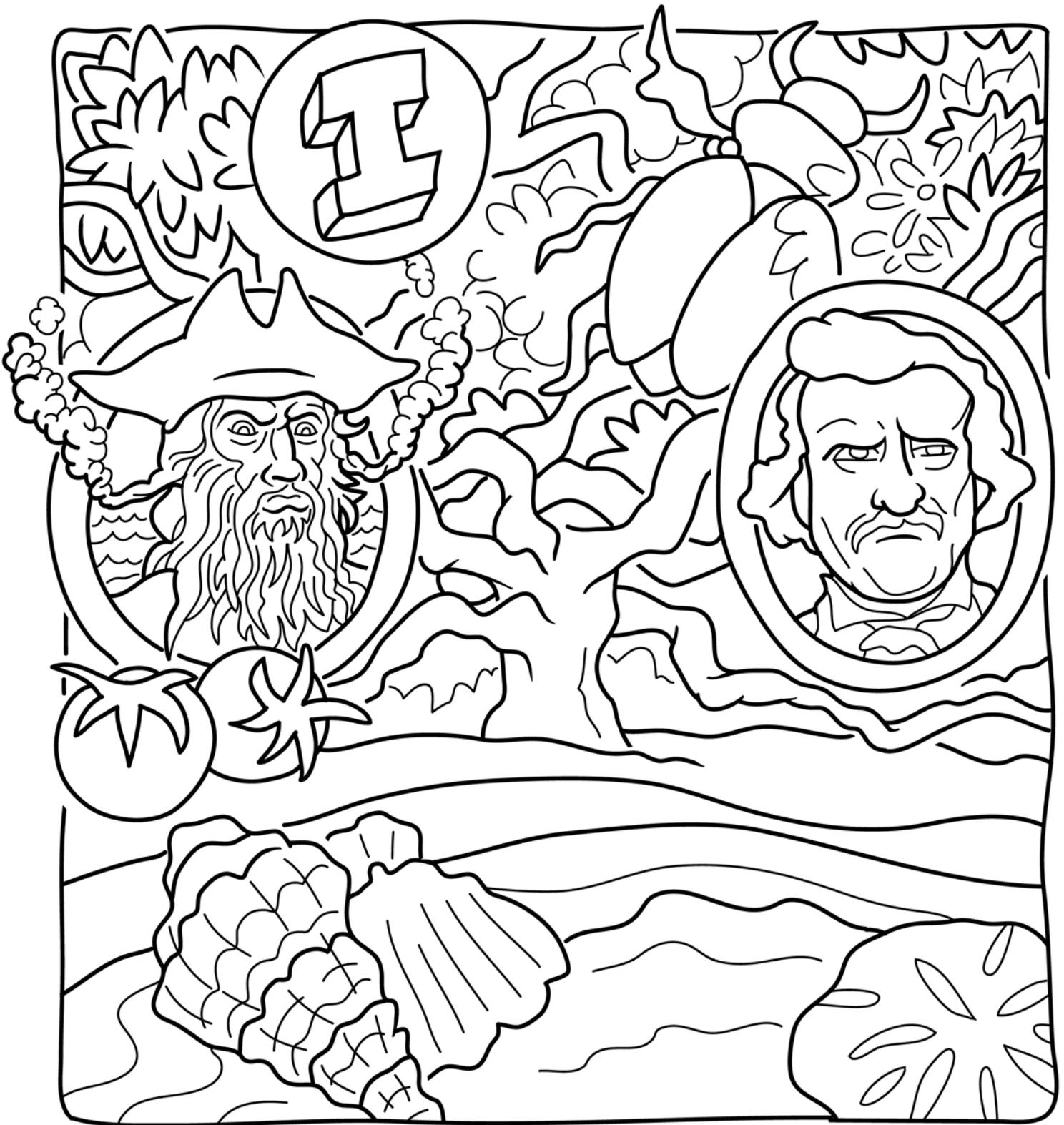
## H—Color My Highways

Famous highways such as the Sweetgrass Highway, the Scenic Cherokee Foothills Highway and the Old King’s Highway crisscross South Carolina. South Carolina has a fine interstate system, too. Color the areas between our interstates.

Do you see an area shaped like South Carolina?

**IT’S A FACT!** More than 846 miles of interstates crisscross South Carolina.





## **I—Color My Islands**

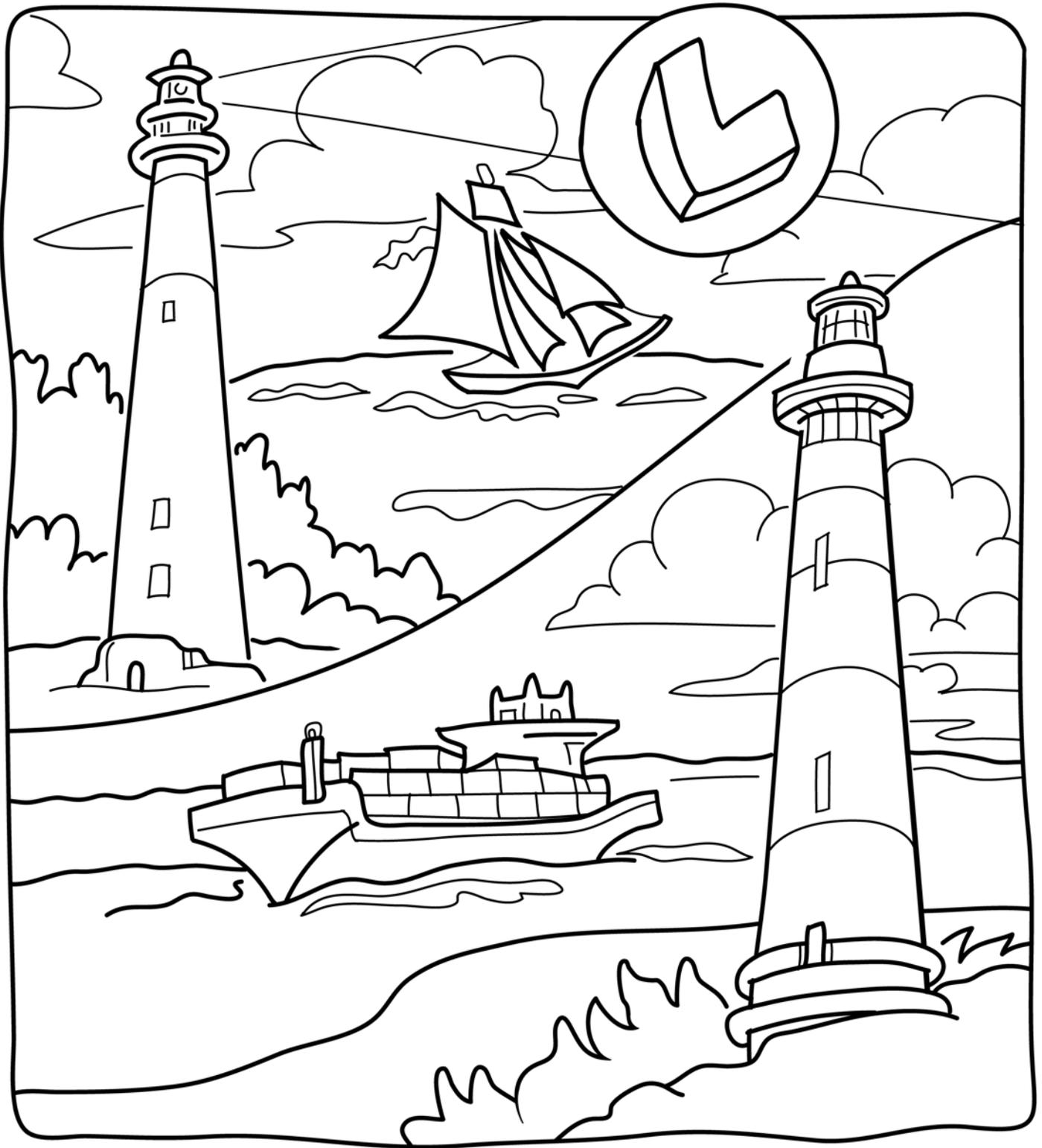
Islands paint South Carolina's culture and history. Edgar Allan Poe wrote "The Gold Bug" at Sullivan's Island. Blackbeard hid out at Fripp Island. Ever-green Angel Oak lives on Johns Island where big red tomatoes grow, and the surf washes over snow-white shells and bone-white trees on Bull Island. Color my islands beautiful.



## **J—Color My Jobs**

On land, on water and beyond, work keeps us busy. We grow sunflowers. We search for fossils. We catch shrimp. We make kayaks. We drive taxis. We build cell towers and work on powerlines. We fly hot air balloons and jets. We help explore deep space, too! Jobs here are out of this world!





## **L—Color My Lighthouses**

Colorful lighthouses stand tall in South Carolina history. Shining beams out to sea, they let captains safely steer sailing ships along the coast. Lighthouses are just right for our colorful culture of ships, pirates and cargo carriers.



**IT'S A FACT!** The Morris Island light reached 12 miles out to sea.



## **M—Color My Movies**

Lights! Camera! Action! Hollywood finds South Carolina just right for movie making. Recent movies made here include *All She Wishes*, *Little Red Wagon* and *Midnight Cabaret*. Other films include *That Darn Cat* and *The Jungle Book*. Our mild climate and 9,000 stunning locations make us a movie paradise. You bring the popcorn!

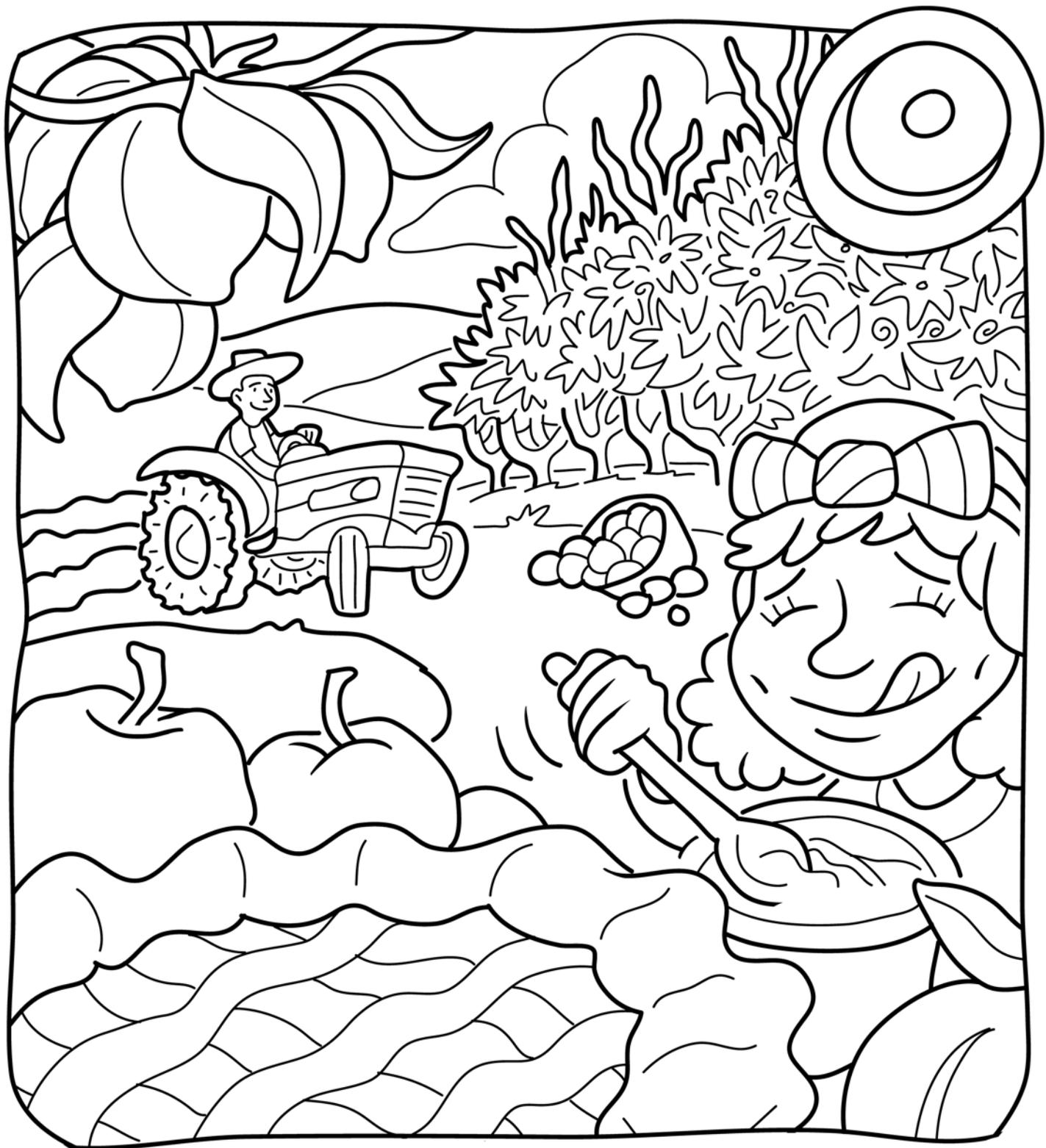


## **N—Color My National Park**

Trees as tall as any in the world live in Congaree National Park. The national champion loblolly pine reaches up 167 feet, nearly 17 stories tall. Otters, birds, butterflies and cypress knees live here in the country's largest tract of old-growth bottomland hardwoods.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Some park trees are 800 years old.



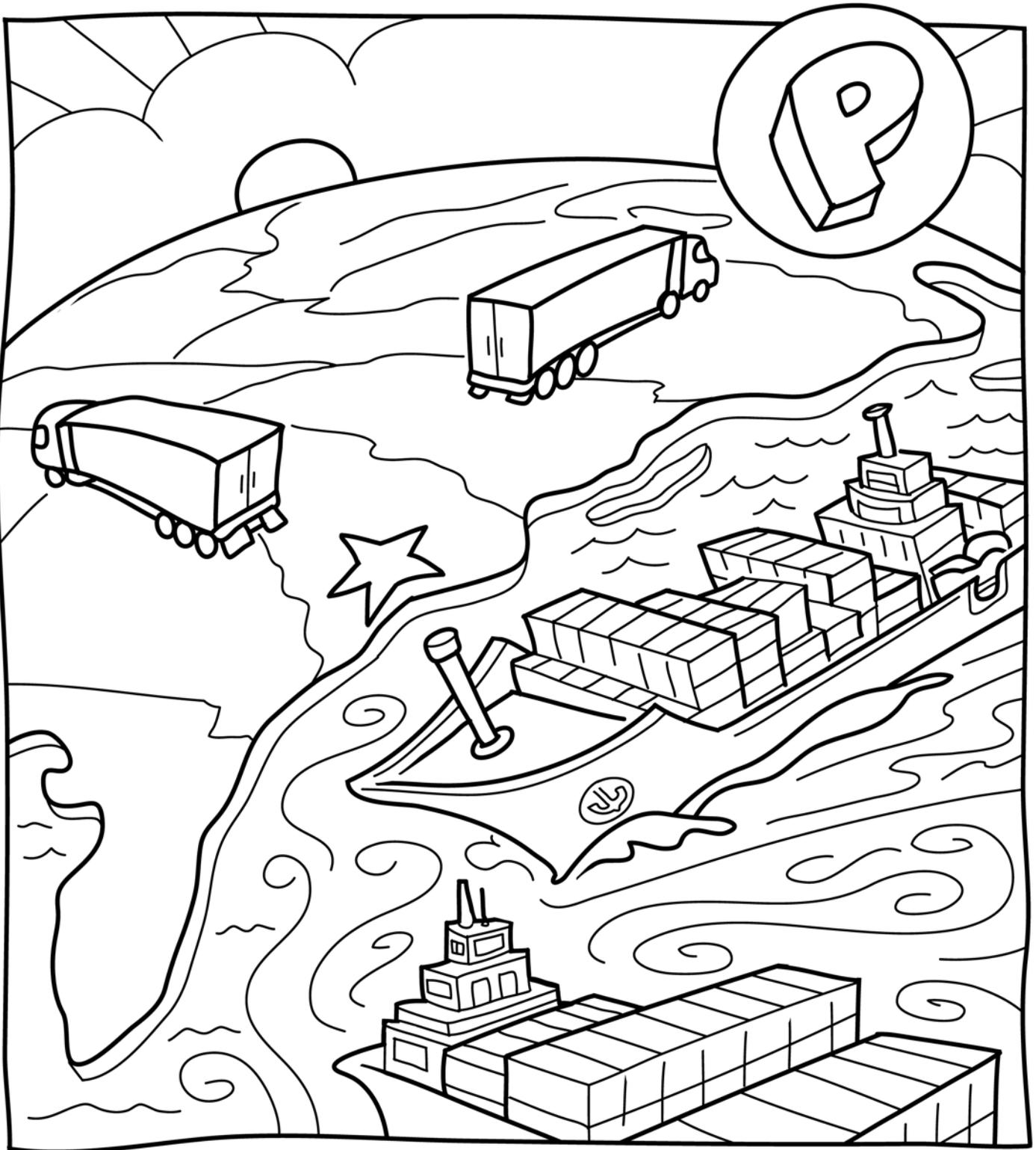


## **O — Color My Orchards**

Autumn turns apple orchards red. Spring turns peach orchards pink. Johnston, South Carolina, is the peach capital of the world, and Ridge Spring has the East Coast's largest peach farm. People love South Carolina apples and peaches. Apple pies, peach pies and homemade peach ice cream. Yum!

**IT'S A FACT!** South Carolina is the largest peach producer on the East Coast.





## **P—Color My Ports**

Cargo ships steam into Charleston and Georgetown, stacked high with colorful containers filled with things we need. Ships depart carrying cars and goods for South America and other places. Our ports open doors to the world.

**IT'S A FACT!** Charleston is the most productive port in the nation.



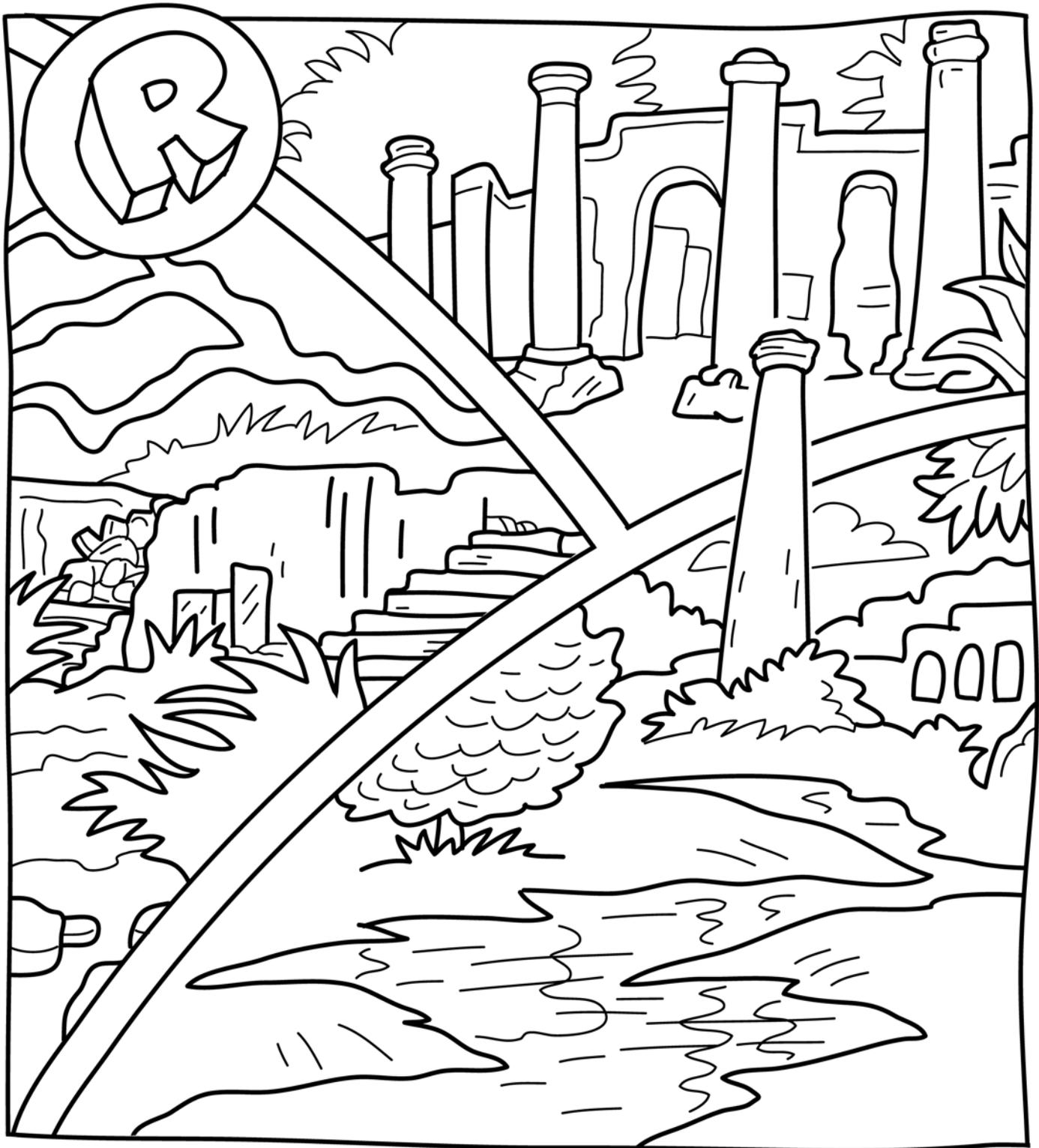


## **Q—Color My Quality Of Life**

Life's good where there's mild weather, smiling faces and pretty places. Southern charm, beaches, golf, sailboats, great schools, thriving businesses, affordable homes—that's South Carolina. Getting around is easy, too. Goldilocks would move here, saying, "South Carolina is just right."

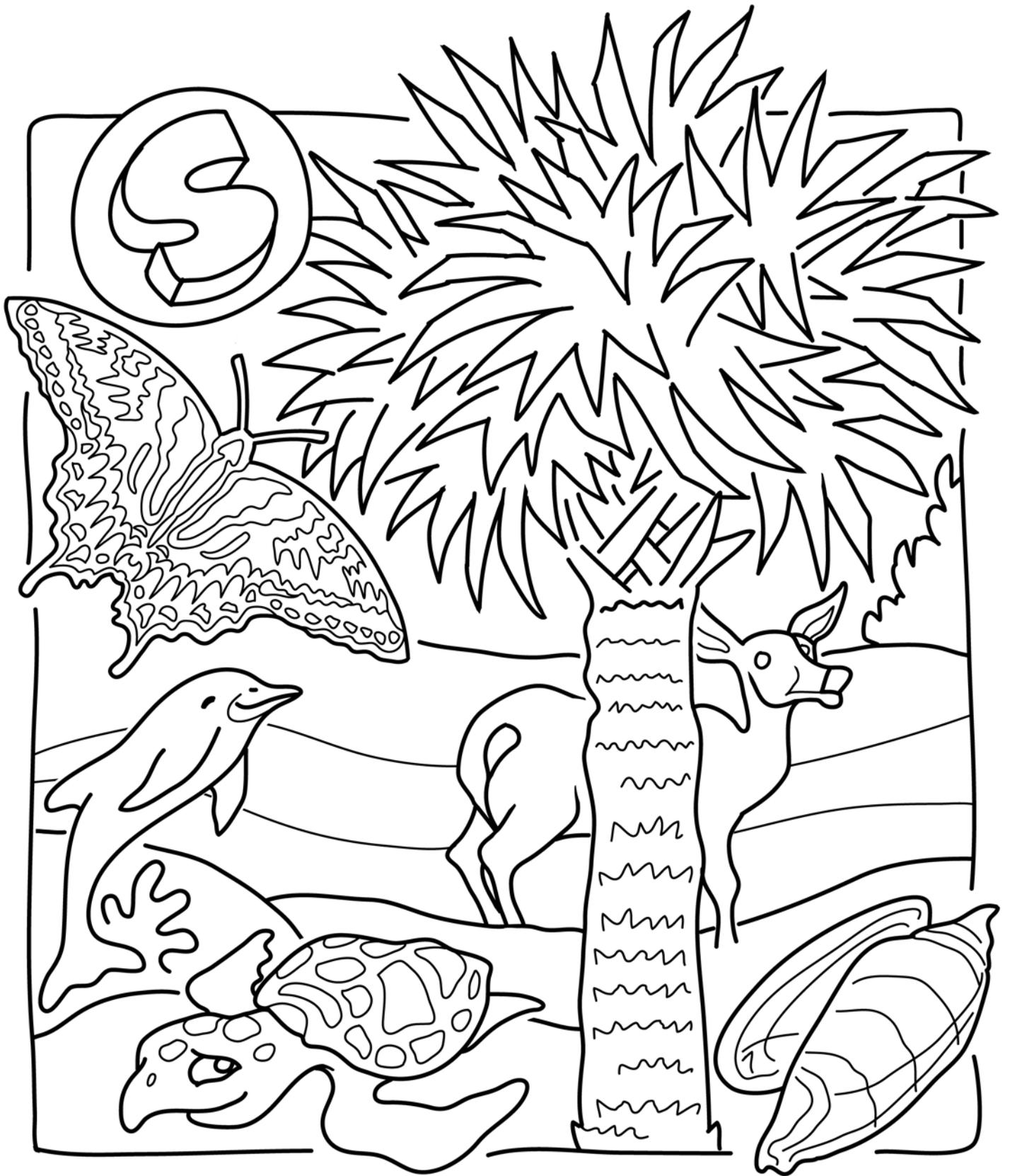
**DID YOU KNOW?** Myrtle Beach is the golf capital of the world.





## **R—Color My Ruins**

Ruins speak of bygone times and change. In the Lowcountry, brick columns remain from old Sheldon Church. In Spartanburg County, the Glendale Ruins tower over Lawson's Creek. In Beaufort County, at St. Helena, men built Fort Fremont to defend Port Royal during the 1898 Spanish-American War. Ruins teach us lessons about war and disasters.



## **S—Color My Symbols**

South Carolina is just right for nature. The white-tail deer represents our state animal. Our state butterfly is the eastern tiger swallowtail. The cabbage palmetto is our tree, the loggerhead our state reptile and the bottlenosed dolphin our marine mammal. Our state seashell is the lettered olive. Can you think of other symbols?



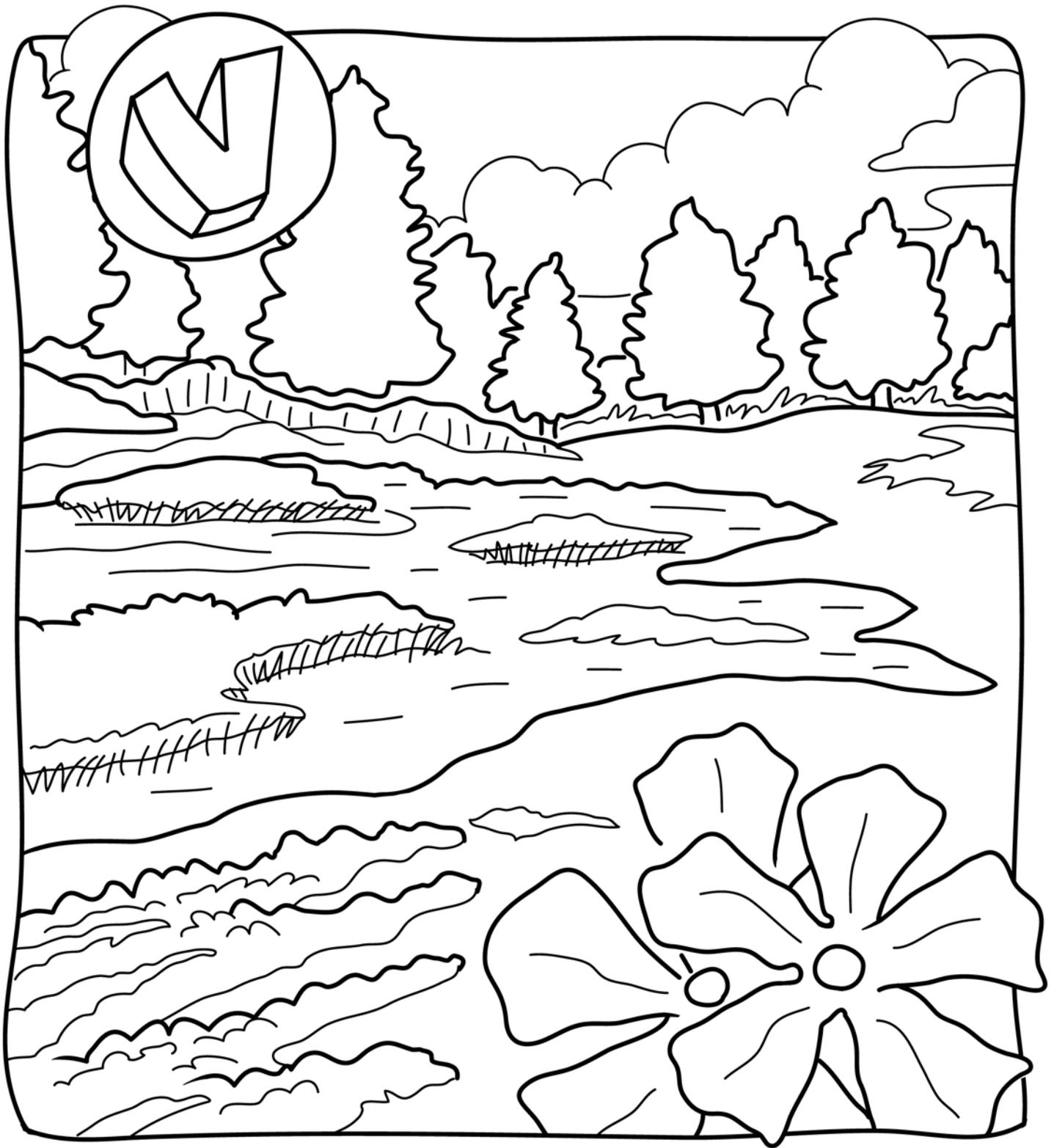
## **T—Color My Towns**

Beaufort has oak-lined riverbanks. Rockville has seafaring fishermen. Newberry has its Opera House. No matter the town, people chat on porches, and everyone knows your pet's name. Life is good in towns where memories of fireflies, hopscotch and trampolines never fade.



## **U—Color My Universities**

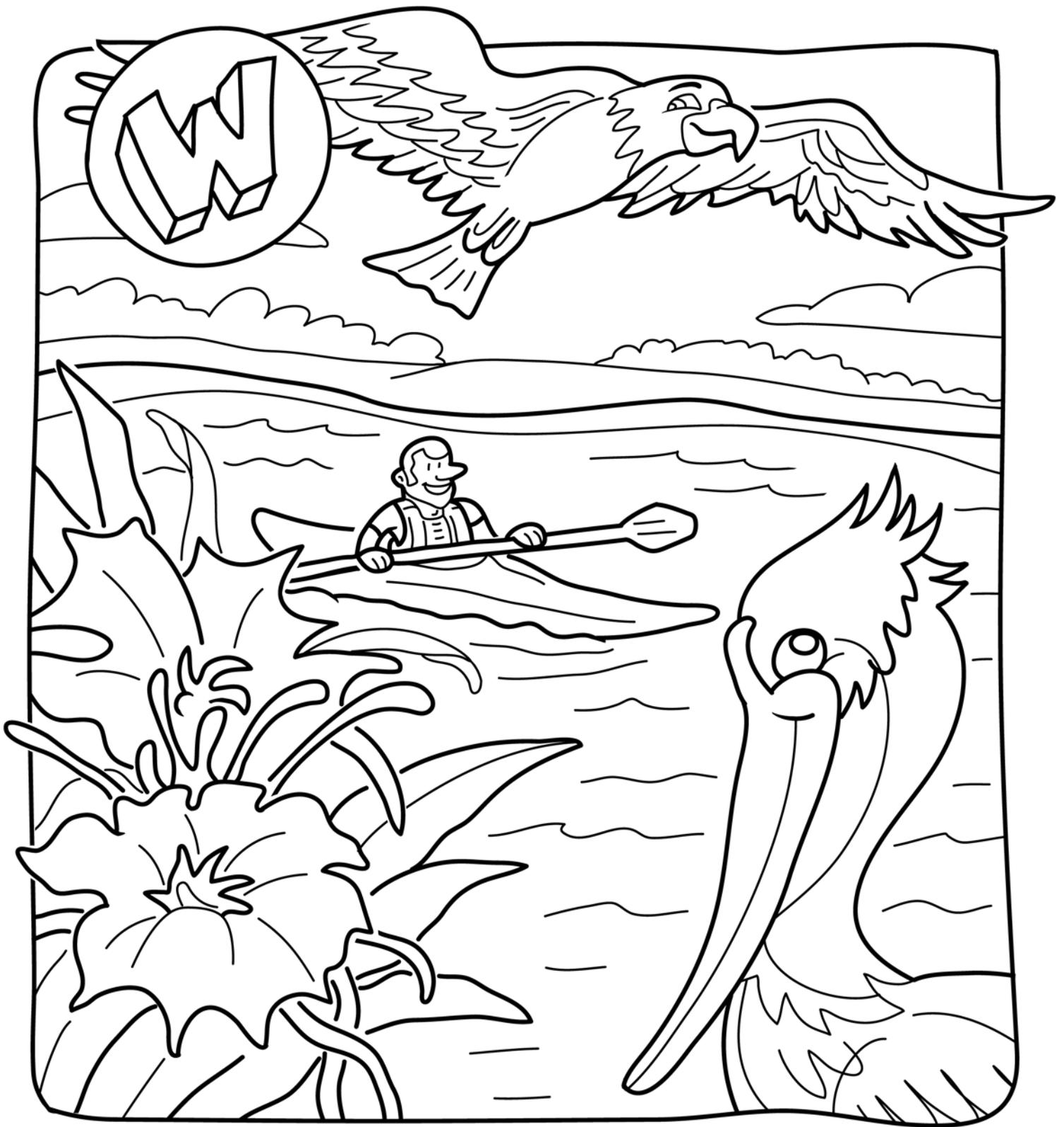
Learning is fun. Change your life, and you change your world. Bulldogs, Tigers, Gamecocks, Koalas, Terriers, Patriots, Eagles and others learned a lot in South Carolina, and you can, too. From Aiken Technical College to York Technical College, from Allen University to Wofford, a South Carolina education is just right for you.



## **V—Color My Vernal Pools**

Forty Acre Rock Heritage Preserve looks alien, like it's out of this world. When spring rains fill its granite pits, mosses and rare plants burst into life, splashing the rocks with vivid red growth. A National Natural Landmark, Forty Acre Rock is actually just 14 acres.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Vernal refers to springtime.

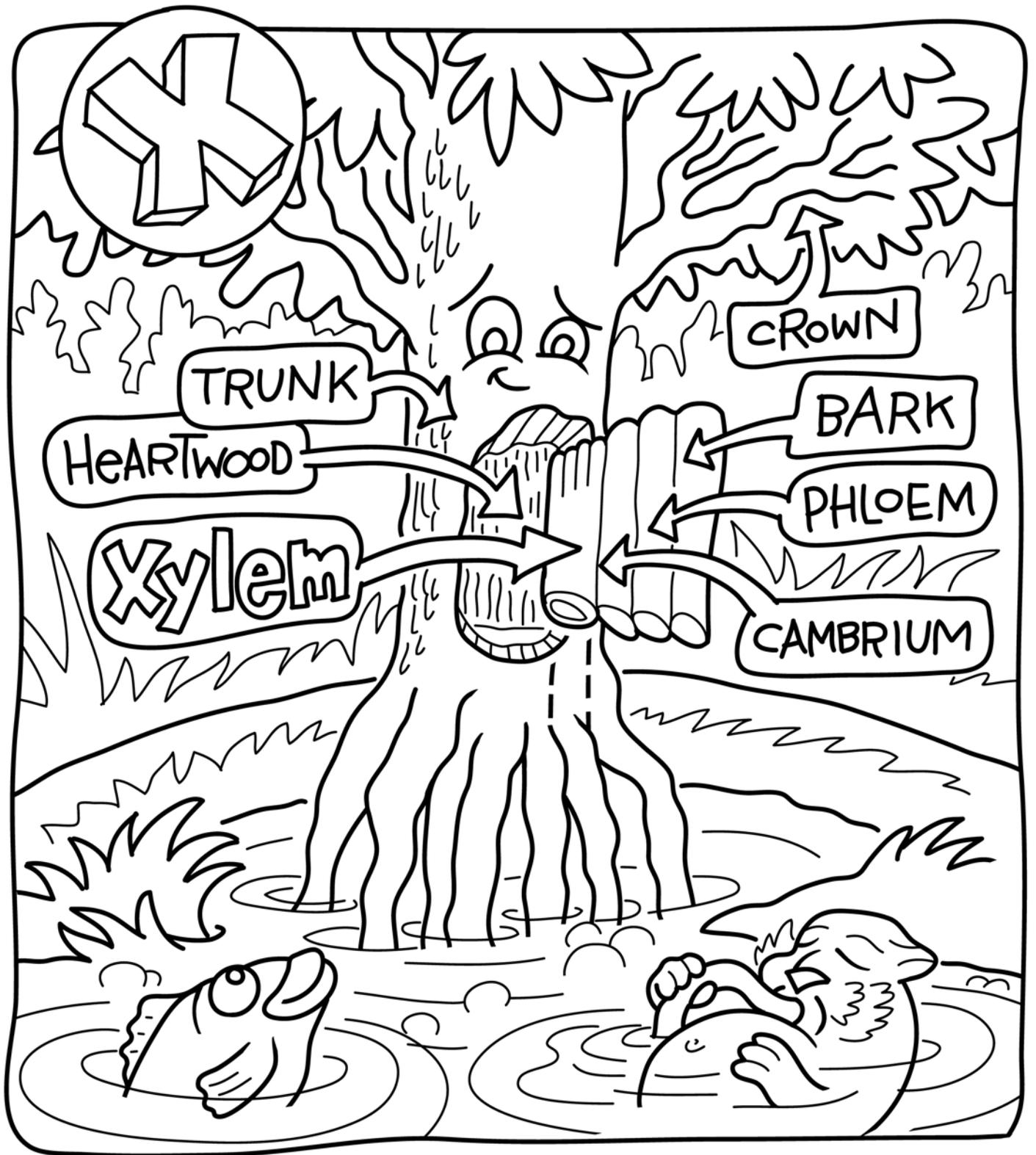


## **W—Color My Waterways**

Waterways keep South Carolina green, blue and beautiful. Landsford Canal supports rocky shoals spider lilies. Osprey, pelicans and plovers live along 187 miles of seashore and 2,876 miles of estuaries. Ponds irrigate crops, water livestock and create wildlife habitat, as well as “fishing and swimming” holes.

**DID YOU KNOW?** 99 percent of our state’s freshwater is underground.





## **X—Color My Xylem**

Xylem, an odd word, means a lot to South Carolina. Xylem's a big straw that lets trees drink water, and that's important. Trees are our biggest cash crop. Oaks, Southern yellow pines and other trees purify water and give homes to animals.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Forests cover 68 percent of South Carolina!



## **Y—Color My Youth**

You and your fellow students are South Carolina's greatest resource. Think of school as a great big trip. Teachers are your guides. Where are you headed? The future. Experience science. Experience social studies. Experience math. Experience history, and go out and make it. Keep our state just right for playing, living and working.



## **Z—Color My Zoos**

Lions. Kangaroos. Galapagos tortoises. Earth's animals call South Carolina home. See the Greenville Zoo's Masai giraffes. See Charles Towne Landing's black bear and bison. Zip and zoom the zoo at Columbia's Riverbanks Zoo. Go on a South Carolina safari!

**A COOL FACT!** Penguins rode from Seaworld Orlando to Riverbanks Zoo in a refrigerated truck.





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