

RANGER RICK ADVENTURES



Stop That Drone!

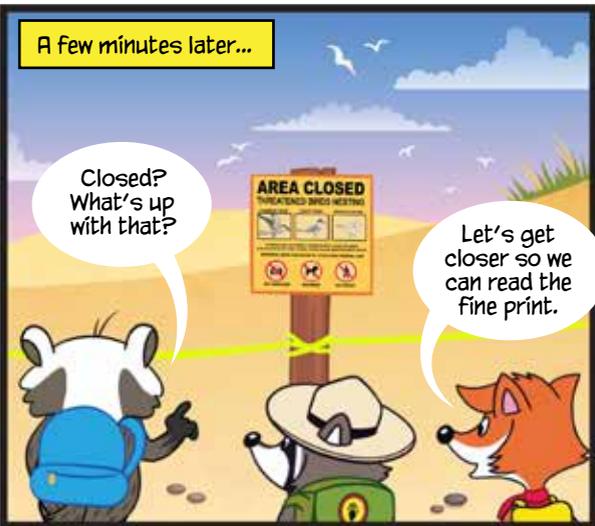
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Ranger Rick, Scarlett, and Boomer are enjoying an early-morning walk on Cape Cod National Seashore, in Massachusetts.



What a beautiful sunrise!

And it's really nice to be here before the crowds arrive.



A few minutes later...

Closed? What's up with that?

Let's get closer so we can read the fine print.



The kinds of birds shown here are getting rare, so the government is trying to keep them safe.

Yes—no cars, no dogs, and no people allowed!



Well, it doesn't say anything about badgers, so...

Not so fast, Boomer! We should watch the birds from here.



Ah—I see a piping plover, and she has two little chicks!



Here, Boom—have a look.

Do you guys hear that buzzing sound? Sounds like a monster mutant bee or a...

WHIRRRR



DRONE! How cool is THAT!

Maybe NOT so cool, Boomer!



You're right, Scarlett. It's heading toward the no-go zone!



I'll bet Mom doesn't like that one bit.



She's pretending that she has a broken wing.

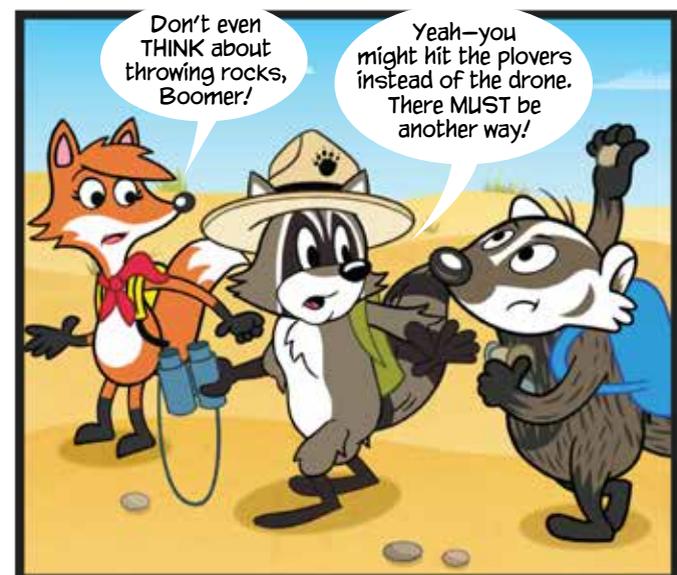
Plovers do that to lure enemies away from their chicks.



Well, that trick isn't going to work with a drone!

Right—and, as that sign says, she may get so scared that she abandons her chicks completely!

Hmm....



Don't even THINK about throwing rocks, Boomer!

Yeah—you might hit the plovers instead of the drone. There MUST be another way!



SCREECH, SCREEEECH!



I think "another way" has just arrived!



An osprey—and it's on the attack!



BAM



The osprey nailed it!

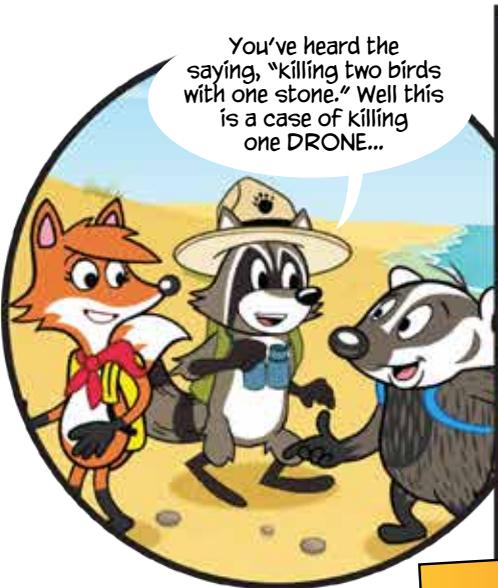
SPUTTER, SPUTTER, SPUT!

CRASH!



The drone is a goner, and the plovers are safe!

Maybe that drone flyer learned a good lesson, too!



You've heard the saying, "killing two birds with one stone." Well this is a case of killing one DRONE...



...with NO stones!

Look for an exciting new adventure next month!



RANGER RICK'S FIELD NOTES

- People who fly drones should be sure that they're not disturbing birds or any other kinds of animals.
- Scientists aren't sure why ospreys (OSS-prayz), other hawks, and eagles sometimes attack drones. Maybe the birds see the drones as a threat or mistake them for prey.

Watch a hawk attack a drone!

