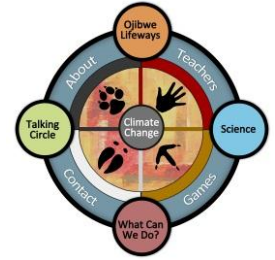


# Ojibwe Lifeway: Respecting Our Culture



## CONNECTING WITH CULTURE ACTIVITY GUIDE

Use this activity guide to understand the cultural importance of the American marten to the Ojibwe people. Collect and evaluate place-based evidence of how climate change may be affecting the sustainability of this species. Investigate the importance of winter in seasonal Ojibwe lifeways; and the importance of this season to communities, cultures, and economies with the Lake Superior region.

1. The American marten plays an important role in the culture of the Ojibwe people, both historically and today. Explain their importance in Ojibwe culture.
  
2. The Ojibwe people have the traditional ecological knowledge needed to survive in the Lake Superior region’s long, cold, and snowy winters. List three cultural practices that are traditionally practiced only during “biboon”, the winter months.
  - a.
  
  - b.
  
  - c.
  
3. List three specific habitat features American marten need in order to survive and thrive.
  - a.
  
  - b.
  
  - c.

4. From your investigation of place-based evidence of climate change on Wisconsin's winter climate, list three observations from three different sources that suggest climate change is affecting the sustainability Wisconsin's environment, economy, and/or cultural practices. Cite the source for each of your observations. Are these sources credible and why?

Observation of Warming Winter Climate

Source

a.

b.

c.

5. How would the climate change impacts affecting the American marten and the habitat they depend on, be affecting you and the cultural practices you enjoy?

Do culture and science agree that climate change is affecting the Lake Superior region? Take the next step and go to [Investigate the Science](#).

