

"So, here we are again at Wild Woods. Maybe we'll get another badge today," Kirsty Tate said hopefully, smiling at her best friend, Rachel Walker.

The girls were outside the wildlife center with the other junior rangers. They were all waiting for Becky, the head of the Wild Woods Nature Reserve. Rachel and Kirsty had volunteered to spend a



week of summer vacation working at the reserve, which was near Kirsty's home. Every day, Becky gave the junior rangers a job to do. If they successfully completed the tasks, they each received a badge.

"It would be *amazing* to get another one!" Rachel exclaimed, patting her backpack proudly. The girls' hard work had already earned them four badges, and they'd pinned them

to the pockets of their backpacks. "It's great to know that we're helping wildlife, and it's really fun, too."

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"And helping out at Wild Woods isn't





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our *only* job this week," Kirsty reminded Rachel. "We're helping the Baby Animal Rescue Fairies, too!"

When the girls had arrived at Wild Woods at the beginning of the week, they'd been thrilled to discover that their old friend Bertram was there. Bertram was a froq footman from Fairyland and was visiting his relatives. Bertram ended up inviting the girls to visit the Fairyland Nature Reserve with him. The girls had had a wonderful time seeing the animals and meeting the seven Baby Animal Rescue Fairies, who had the job of protecting wildlife everywhere in the human and fairy worlds. The fairies' special magic objects were their tiny animal-shaped key chains. They wore them all the time.

