



*Thousand Trails*



# THE CAMPING ACTIVITIES GUIDE

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FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO  
WHILE CAMPING AT  
THOUSAND TRAILS

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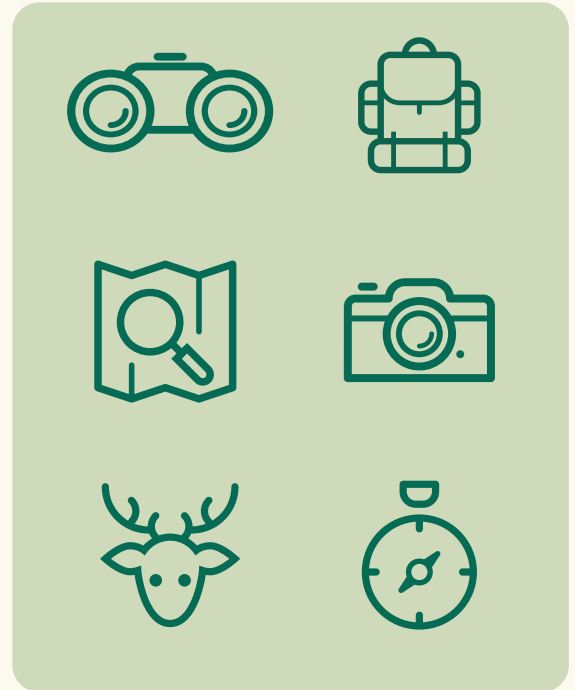


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# SCAVENGER HUNTS

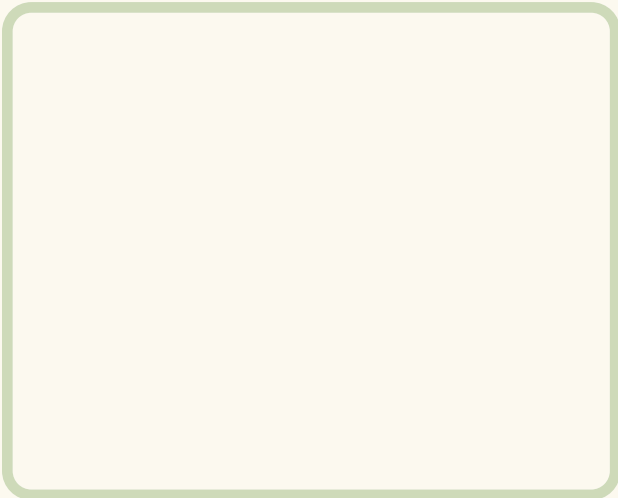
## Photo Taking Scavenger Hunts

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## Night Time Scavenger Hunts

Find the Moon and draw its shape!



Do you hear any sounds?

- ☐ Dog Barking
- ☐ Owl Hoots
- ☐ A Wild Animal
- ☐ Cars
- ☐ People Talking
- ☐ Animals Howling
- ☐ Crickets

What Items 'glow' at night?

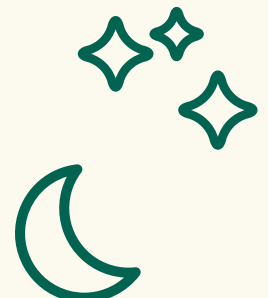
- ☐ Street signs
- ☐ Cross walks
- ☐ Streetlights

Any other items?

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
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Look for nocturnal animals

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# Cloud Scavenger Hunt



Color or check off each box once you have spotted that cloud!

## Cumulus

Look like fluffy cotton balls  
usually a few hundred to a  
thousand feet above the ground.

## Stratus

Look like a sheet or layer of  
clouds, can appear as fog when  
on the ground.

## Nimbus

Can produce rain, can appear in  
a strato-form or cumulo-form.

## Cirrus

Appear thin and wispy, made up  
of suspended ice crystal, usually  
20,000 feet above the ground.

# NATURE BINGO

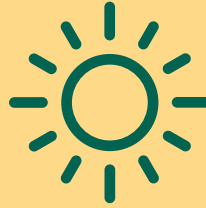
Gather your family or group and take this page and go outside and see what you can find!



Deer



Flower



Sun



Water



Butterfly



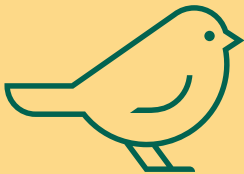
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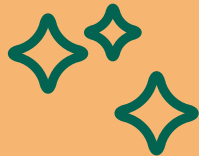
Berries



Nest



Bird



Stars



Fern



Clouds



Trees



Moon



Lady Bug



Paw Prints

# MAD LIBS

## Lets go Camping!

My family and I are going camping near a \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective)  
\_\_\_\_\_ This Summer. Camping is \_\_\_\_\_  
(noun) (adjective)  
because you get to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ outside.  
(verb) (verb)  
When we \_\_\_\_\_ to the campground, we set up our  
(verb)  
\_\_\_\_\_, where we will \_\_\_\_\_ at night. We like to go  
(plural noun) (verb)  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, hoping to \_\_\_\_\_ some  
(verb-ing) (noun) (verb)  
\_\_\_\_\_ fish for dinner. We also go \_\_\_\_\_ in  
(adjective) (verb-ing)  
the \_\_\_\_\_, hoping to spot wildlife like  
(adjective) (noun - place)  
\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. My favorite part about  
(plural noun animal) (plural noun animal)  
camping is \_\_\_\_\_ over the campfire.  
(verb-ing) (plural noun food)





# BIRD WATCHING



## Tips:

Look up the local bird population at your park before you start!  
[www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)

Be as quiet as possible as birds are easily startled.

Please, don't touch anything that may belong to a nesting bird family.  
Have fun and write down what you see!

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15. \_\_\_\_\_

# FAMILY HIKING

Spending time on the trail offers a world of opportunity for family outings and vacations. Your family will grow closer, but you can introduce the next generation to all those trails offer for personal growth and education while making life-long family memories. Here are a few thoughts to help keep your hike kid-friendly:

## Have fun and be flexible

If this is your number one goal, everyone will be happy. Remember that you are trying to introduce your family to hiking; they won't want to do it again if they don't have fun the first time. Change your plans if things are not working out.

## Give the kids some control

Let the kids set the pace and allow them to make some choices along the way. Let them decide which trail to take or where to stop for lunch. They will naturally want to explore their surroundings and examine new bugs, spider webs and birds. You could carry a few toys for them to play with out on the trail if they seem to get distracted. Better yet, see if they can make their own inventions using only things they find on the trail, such as a few rocks, sticks, leaves, etc. Just make sure to put it all back when you leave. Bring snacks and plenty of fluids.

## Make sure to stop and drink frequently

Kids may be so interested in their new environment that they don't realize how thirsty they are. High energy foods and plenty of water will keep them in good spirits.

## Dress yourself and your children in layers

Be aware of your child's body temperature. If you are carrying a child, he or she may be cold while you are quite warm. Or conversely, you may feel chilled while your child is warm from running around and playing. If you have several kids, especially ones that may want to run ahead, dress them in bright, visible clothing so you can more easily spot them.

## Pick a short, interesting hike and allow lots of time.

Choose a trail with a destination such as an overlook, waterfall, historic site, stream or lake. Allow them time to investigate interesting things along the way. To start, choose a place close to home so your children don't get restless on a long drive.

## Teach, sing, and play games with your kids

Discuss how long the trail is, trail etiquette, signs of impending weather, how to use a compass and read a map, and how to identify plants and animals. Don't forget favorite games such as I Spy or Twenty Questions.

## Safety first

Give each of your kids a small pack with a healthy snack in it as well as a kid-sized water bottle. They may also be old enough to carry their own jacket in the pack. Importantly, put a safety whistle in each pack. (If the kids don't have their own pack, attach the whistle to a zipper pull.) Review with the kids – each hike – what to do if they should become separated from you. Ensure that they know stay put and blow their whistle in 3 sharp bursts. Sometimes kids "get it" better if they're told to use the whistle to "find Mom or Dad" rather than if they're lost, since being "lost" is not always readily apparent to them.



# HISTORICAL SIGHT-SEEING TIPS!



## Tips:

- Visit the National Register of Historical Places' website: [nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm)
- Read up a bit on the area of your park before you go! You might be surprised at what happened just a few feet from your RV or campsite 100 years ago!
- Stop by the lodge or clubhouse and check out our material on local interests. Call ahead to confirm hours of the places that catch your interest to make sure they are open for your visit.
- Plan ahead! The more history in your area, the more places you will have to visit!
- Write down the places you are going here:

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10. \_\_\_\_\_

# CAMPFIRE SONGS

## This Land Is Your Land

This land is your land, this land  
is my land. From California to  
the New York island, From the  
redwood forest to the Gulf  
Stream waters; This land was  
made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon  
of highway I saw above me  
that endless skyway; I saw  
below me that golden valley;  
This land was made for  
you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I  
followed my footsteps. To the  
sparkling sands of her diamond  
deserts; And all around me a  
voice was sounding; This land  
was made for you and me.  
When the sun came shining,  
and I was strolling, And the  
wheat fields waving and the  
dust clouds rolling, As the  
fog was lifting a voice was  
chanting: This land was made  
for you and me.

As I went walking I saw a sign  
there, And on the sign it said  
"No Trespassing." But on the  
other side it didn't say nothing.  
That side was made for you  
and me.

In the shadow of the steeple  
I saw my people, By the relief  
office I seen my people; As  
they stood there hungry, I  
stood there asking Is this land  
made for you and me?

Nobody living can ever stop  
me, As I go walking that  
freedom highway; Nobody  
living can ever make me turn  
back This land was made for  
you and me. The More We  
Get Together.

## I Love the Mountains

I love the mountains.  
I love the rolling hills.  
I love the flowers.  
I love the daffodils.  
I love the fireside.  
When all the lights are low.

Boom dee ah dah.  
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We walk together.  
Hike by the quiet stream.  
Watch for the sunrise.  
Breathing the air so clean.  
When we're together,  
Sharing our fondest dreams.

Boom dee ah dah.  
Boom dee ah dah.  
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Boom dee ah dah.  
Boom dee ah dah.  
Boom dee ah dah.  
Boom dee ah dah.

## The More We Get Together

The more we get together,  
together, together

The more we get together,  
the happier we'll be

'Cause your friends are  
my friends and my friends are  
your friends

The more we get together the  
happier we'll be.





## CAMPFIRE GHOST STORY

### The Pink Jelly Bean

Just suspenseful if you ham it up.

At the end of a long, dark road  
is a long, dark path.

At the end of the long, dark path  
is a lone, dark house.

And the lone, dark house  
has a single, dark door.

Behind the single, dark door  
is a long, dark hall.

At the end of the long, dark hall are  
some tall, dark stairs.

At the top of the tall, dark stairs  
is a long dark balcony.

At the end of the long, dark  
balcony is a big dark room.

In the big, dark room is a big,  
dark closet.

In the big, dark closet is a big,  
dark door.

Behind the big, dark door are  
some steep, dark stairs.

At the top of the steep, dark  
stairs is a dark, dusty attic.

In the dark, dusty attic is a big,  
dark chest.

In the big, dark chest is a small,  
dark box.

And in the small, dark box is  
a pink jellybean.

# FUN AND INTERESTING S'MORE RECIPES

## S'more Cone

Waffle Cone, Fruit, Chocolate Chips, Marshmallows. Wrap in Tin Foil and put over fire.

## Nutty Buddy

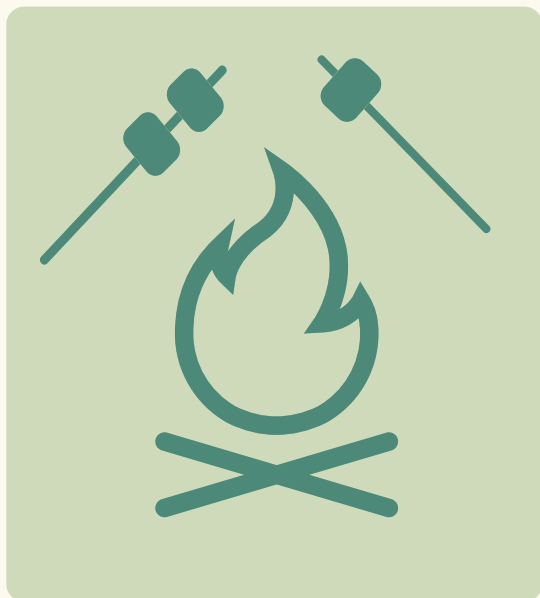
Graham Cracker, Peanut Butter Cup, and Marshmallow

## Mexican Hot Cocoa

Graham Cracker, Milk Chocolate, Marshmallow, Cinnamon & Nutmeg

## The Grasshopper

Graham Cracker, Peppermint Patty, and Marshmallow



# HOT DOG OVER A CAMP FIRE!

## Ingredients

- 8 hot dogs
- 4 slices (3/4 oz each) American cheese, each cut into 6 strips SAVE \$
- 1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury™ refrigerated crescent rolls
- 8 wooden corn dog sticks

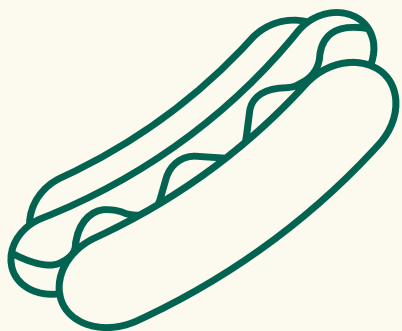
## Instructions

Heat oven to 375°F. Slit hot dogs to within 1/2 inch of ends; insert 3 strips of cheese into each slit.

Separate dough into triangles. Wrap dough triangle around each hot dog. Place on ungreased cookie sheet, cheese side up.

Bake at 375°F. for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Insert 1 stick in each crescent dog.



## FRITO CHILI CHEESE HOTDOGS!

### Ingredients

- 8 all beef hot dogs
- 8 hot dog buns
- 1 (15 oz.) can of chili with beans
- 1 ½ cups shredded cheese
- 1 ½ cups Frito chips, crushed
- Jalapeno slices

### Instructions

In a medium saucepan over medium-low heat cook the chili until heated through, keeping it warm.

Lightly grease the grill grates of an outdoor grill. Heat the grill to medium-high heat. Place hot dogs onto the grill and grill until they are slightly charred on the outside. Hot dogs can also be cooked over the campfire.

Place hot dog buns onto the grill or campfire grate cut side down and grill until lightly toasted. Place hot dogs onto the buns. Top with chili, shredded cheese, pickled jalapeno slices, and crushed Frito chips.

## GOOD 'OL COWBOY HOTDOG!

### Ingredients

- 8 hot dogs
- 8 hot dog buns
- 10 slices of bacon, cooked
- ¼ cup barbeque sauce
- ½ cup shredded cheese
- ½ cup fried onion stacks

### Instructions

In a skillet or in the oven cook the bacon.

Once cooked, crumble and place in a bowl or baggie.

Grill hot dogs on grill or over campfire.

Near the end of cooking place the buttered buns on grill to toast.

Put hot dog in bun and spread with a portion of the barbeque sauce.

Add bacon crumbles, fried onion stacks, and top with shredded cheese.



# ROCK PAINTING TIPS AND IDEAS!

## Find some awesome rocks!

If you want to paint an image, then try to find the smoothest one you can find.

Give a good scrub under water, allow to dry, and then paint!

Paint a good base coat with black or white and allow to dry if you want to paint an image or just paint away! Use either acrylic (oil will take too long to dry) or painting pens!

Plan ahead for your drying area space once painting is done, and make sure to pick up any litter!

## Things to do with your painted rocks!

Give them away to a new friend at camp!

Create Story Stones! Paint various camping images and allow each person to add to the story based on the painted image they pick up!

Join a local rock group. To find yours, search your city or town and the word "rocks" on Facebook. These are great communities filled with amazing rockers just like you!

## Participate in The Kindness Rocks Project

Give them as gifts!

Keep them!

