

# ⛰️ Spring Camping Scavenger Hunt 🌱

**Instructions:** Explore the great outdoors and check off as many of these as you can find! Be respectful of nature—look, but don't disturb. Take pictures or sketch your finds in a notebook.

## 🌿 Nature Observations

- Identify five native wildflowers from coastal or forested areas (California poppy, Douglas iris, trillium, etc.) 🌻
- Find a rock with signs of erosion, fossil imprints, or unique mineral formations 🏜️
- Identify a tree species by its needles, cones, or bark (redwood, cedar, Douglas fir) 🌲
- Observe how plants adapt to salty air or sandy soil near the coast 🌿
- Spot a plant growing on another plant (epiphytes, moss, ferns on trees) 🌿
- Find an example of mutualism or symbiosis in nature (fungi on roots, pollination) 🍄🐝

## 🦉 Wildlife Tracking & Awareness

- Identify at least three different bird calls or songs 🎵🐦
- Observe an animal blending into its environment through camouflage 🐛🌿
- Find and identify animal tracks or trails in mud, sand, or forest ground 🐾
- Locate an animal's nesting site (burrow, hollow tree, tide pool, rocky crevice) 🐚🦉
- Spot an animal interacting with its ecosystem (foraging, hunting, nesting) 🐦🦅
- Find evidence of a predator (owl pellets, claw marks, scat, fur remains) 🐊🦊

## 💧 Water & Weather Clues

- Identify cloud types and predict the weather ☁
- Find a body of water (ocean, river, lake, tide pool) and observe its ecosystem 🌊💧
- Observe signs of water erosion on cliffs, beaches, or riverbanks 🌊💧
- Identify a freshwater or saltwater plant (kelp, reeds, moss) 🌿
- Spot an aquatic animal (fish, crab, tide pool creatures, amphibian) 🐚🐟🐸
- Notice the effects of the wind on trees, waves, or dunes 🌬️

## 🏕️ Outdoor Survival & Camping Skills

- Identify and collect natural fire-starting materials (dry bark, driftwood, pine needles) 🔥
- Find a naturally occurring shelter (rock overhang, fallen tree, dense shrubs) 🏜️
- Locate a trail marker or natural navigation landmark and explain its use 🚶
- Determine cardinal directions without a compass using the sun, stars, or tree growth 🌞🧭
- Identify a safe location to pitch a tent in a coastal or forested environment 🏜️
- Find and identify an edible or medicinal plant (with proper research and guidance) 🌿

 **Environmental Awareness & Conservation**

- Identify signs of human impact on the environment (coastal erosion, deforestation, litter) 
- Pick up and properly dispose of at least five pieces of trash 
- Observe a food chain in action (predator-prey interactions, decomposers, scavengers) 
- Find an invasive species and explain how it affects the local ecosystem 
- Locate and observe a decomposer breaking down organic material (fungus, bacteria, insects) 

 **Bonus Challenges**

- Spot a marine mammal or seabird near the coast 
- Estimate the time using the sun's position and shadows 
- Find a rock, tree, or cloud formation that resembles a face, shape, or symbol 
- Sketch or photograph a plant, animal, or unique landscape feature 
- Listen for and identify three distinct nighttime sounds 