










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) 

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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 