

# GIRL SCOUTS LOVE STATE PARKS 2020





Every year, Girl Scouts explore the natural wonders found across our country during the Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend. On September 12 and 13, you're invited to join your fellow Girl Scouts in celebrating our shared love for the outdoors with your local state parks, along with your troop, friends, and family.

Use [this map](#) to find state parks near you offering Girl Scouts Love State Parks activities, both virtually and in-person where possible.

### **Get your Girl Scouts Love State Parks Passport!**

Download a free [Girl Scouts Love State Parks passport](#) to help guide your adventure throughout the weekend. (Eco-friendly tip: if you're printing it, please use double-sided settings.)

### **Show your love of state parks with a fun patch!**

You can earn a [Girl Scouts Love State Parks 2020 patch](#) by participating in any of this year's [virtual](#) or in-person programs, or by completing a passport activity or any GSSNE specific activities.



# LEAVE NO TRACE

When you head outdoors again and visit a state park, please do so responsibly.  
Remember to follow the Leave No Trace Principles.

**Plan Ahead:** so you leave nothing behind. Get to know the area you'll visit. Repackage and store food in reusable containers.

**Travel And Camp On Durable Surfaces:** Walk only on existing trails and camp on surfaces that are already impacted or are durable enough to withstand repeated trampling.

**Dispose Of Waste Properly:** Carry out what you carry in—never dump anything on a campsite or into a water source.

**Leave Nature As You Find It:** don't collect or take anything from the outdoors.

**Minimize Campfire Impacts:** Instead of using firewood and building campfires, pack a lightweight cooking stove and lantern.

**Respect Wildlife:** by checking them out at a distance. Never approach, feed, or follow them.

**Be Considerate Of Other Visitors:** Remember you're not alone in the wilderness. Keep your voices down and let nature be the loudest sounds you hear.



# NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Take some time to find all these items. Feel free to draw a picture of your observations.

Animal Tracks

Beehive

Spider Web

Mushroom

Worm

Running Water

Wildflowers

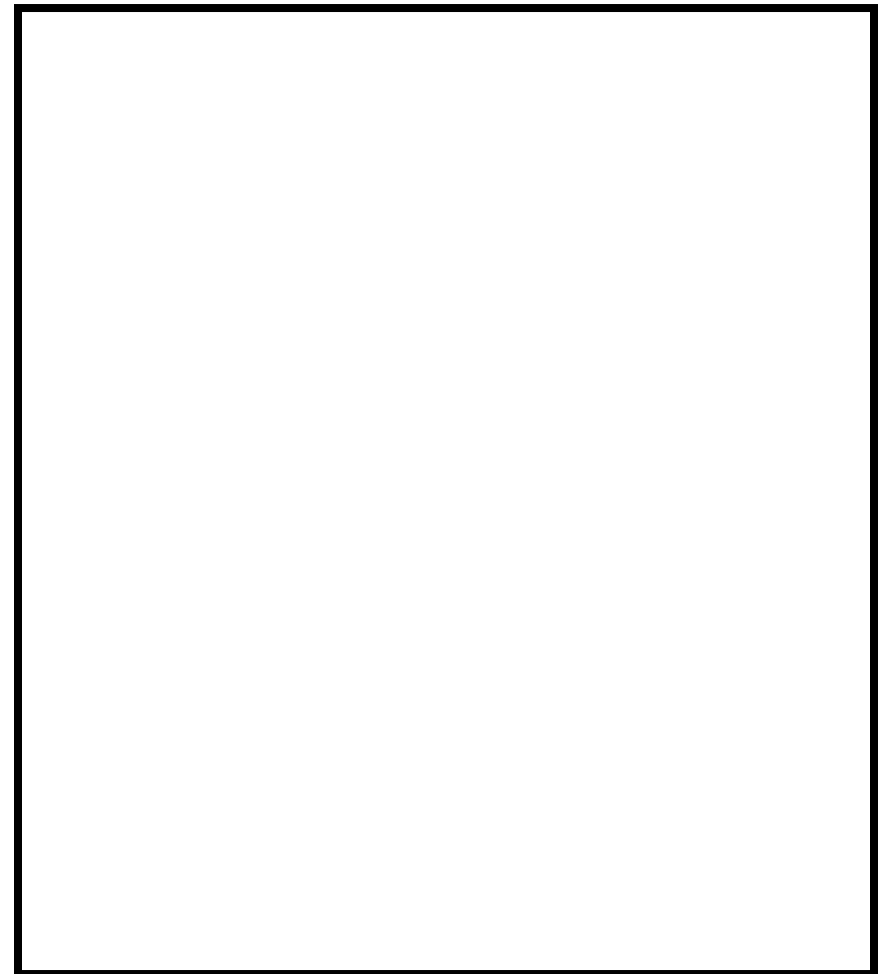
Snail

Seed Pod

Turtle

# NATURE SKETCH

Find your inner artist and create a nature sketch. Either visit a state park virtually or in person and sketch your favorite spot.



## LEARN A CAMP SKILL

What are some skills that you could use while visiting a state park?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Practice one of the skills you listed above or try a new skill listed below! Circle the skill(s) that you are going to practice.**

## Campfire Building

## Setting a Tent

## Knot Tying

## Purifying Water

## Orienteering

## Did you learn anything new?

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# WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Why are state parks important? State parks are protected areas of land managed by the state. These parks are kept beautiful for guests to come and visit and enjoy year-round. These areas also serve as a place to keep wildlife safe. Think about some ways you can contribute to keep our state parks beautiful and protect our wildlife.

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