



Nature Scavenger Hunt

by Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness

Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness is an organization in the Twin Cities dedicated to protecting the northern Minnesota wilderness area called the Boundary Waters.










For this activity, you can go to a **local park, backyard, or public green space** near you. You'll use your a journal, and any device you have to take photos.



= JOURNAL CHALLENGE

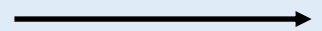


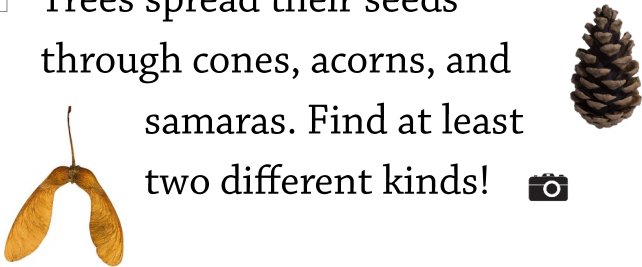
= PHOTO CHALLENGE

- Make some art using leaves, twigs, pine cones, or any other natural materials. Write your name, make a design, or wing it! How artistic can you make it? Take a photo with your work! 
- Weather Log: Record the current weather. What do you think will change about this place with the seasons. Record in your journal. 
- Animal Log: Record in your journal all the animals you see during your scavenger hunt. Try to get an awesome wildlife shot!  
- Take a photo of a landscape from a different perspective—bird's eye view, ant's eye view, underwater—be creative! 
- Create a rock cairn , and take a self-timer of you balancing next to it. When you are finished, “Leave No Trace” by taking down your rock sculpture. 
- Find three unique leaves from different trees and draw them as accurately as you can in your journal. 
 - Tree pose with the most interesting tree you can find. Take a photo. 
- Create a “Nature Rainbow” (ROYGBV) with one example in nature of each color of the rainbow.  x6



More on the back!



- ❑ Smell at least 3 different flowers, and take a selfie with the best smelling one. 📷
 - ❑ Trees spread their seeds through cones, acorns, and samaras. Find at least two different kinds! 📷
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- ❑ Find a leaf larger than your hand—take a photo to prove it! 📷
 - ❑ Find a source of water. Is it a creek, stream, river, lake? Look closely, and write down any living things you see in the water. 📝
 - ❑ Dip a toe or hand in the water! How cold is it? Take a photo with the water source you found. 📷
 - ❑ Record how many bird calls you hear in your journal—try to get a picture of one! 📝 📷

5 MINUTE CHALLENGE

“Sit Spot”

Find a quiet spot outdoors to sit in silence for 5 minutes. (Set a timer, then put away the phone).

- Focus on what you can see, hear, and smell.
- Can you filter out the human-made sounds to hear sounds made by nature?
- What does the wind move? Notice changes in your surroundings.
- Pay attention to bird calls—how many different ones do you hear?

After the 5 minutes are up, take out your journal and write about your experience. What did you notice?

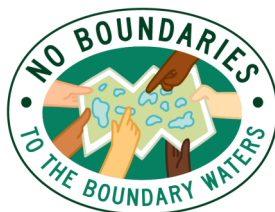
How did it feel?



Take a photo of your “sit spot” view, then take a photo of yourself in your spot.



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Thank you for completing the nature scavenger hunt from all of us here at **Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness!** We hope that you explore our other resources through No Boundaries to the Boundary Waters.