

Connect with Indiana's State Parks, Reservoirs and State Forests in a more meaningful way, by earning your Challenge Patch. This program is designed to get you outside, get your hands dirty, and help you to find your own ways to experience Indiana's natural and historic heritage.

Complete the activities listed inside this pamphlet. Each time you finish an activity, have the property's interpreter sign and date your pamphlet. Once you finish all of the requirements, you will get a Challenge Patch for the suggested donation of \$1 to offset costs of the program.

Each person must complete his or her own requirements to earn a patch. There are no age limits, as long as the individual working on the patch completes the work. People of all abilities are welcome to participate.

When you finish the Challenge Patch, ask the interpreter for more opportunities in the Explore program.

### Have fun!

Indiana's DNR supports the Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, which encourages children to get outside and play, explore and learn about their natural environment. Multiple studies show that getting outdoors for fresh air, exercise and time to explore helps children stay healthy, expands their minds and increases their level of curiosity. Furthermore, outdoor activities not only can lead to a healthier lifestyle now, but also can help young people learn to be good stewards of the environment for the rest of their

lives. Nothing can take the place of children exploring the natural world around them in a meaningful way.

Use the activities in this Challenge program to help you fulfill some and perhaps all of the activities listed in the Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Remember, despite the title, the Bill is not just for children. "Kids" of all ages will enjoy these activities, too, so get outdoors and get moving.



Indiana Children's  
**OUTDOOR**  
Bill of Rights

Get Outdoors — Get Playing  
ChildrenPlayOutdoors.dnr.IN.gov

All Indiana children, regardless of ability, should have the right to:

- 1 Explore and play outdoors in a safe place.
- 2 Follow a trail and discover native plants, wildlife and history.
- 3 Experience traditional outdoor activities like fishing or hunting.
- 4 Discover and celebrate Indiana's past.
- 5 Camp under the stars.
- 6 Climb a tree.
- 7 Visit a farm.
- 8 Plant a seed or tree and watch it grow.
- 9 Splash and play in streams, lakes and ponds.
- 10 Enjoy the outdoors using all the senses.
- 11 Ask questions, find answers and share nature with a friend.

Developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks & Reservoirs.



Ready to connect more with Indiana's State Parks and Reservoirs?

# Earn your Challenge Patch



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StateParks.IN.gov  
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InterpretiveServices.IN.gov

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Indiana Department  
of Natural Resources



## Attend four interpretive programs.

Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteer at a park or reservoir for at least three hours.

Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete the requirements listed on this pamphlet. It may take several visits and various locations to complete all the activities you chose. There is no time limit, so relax and enjoy your time outdoors. Keep this pamphlet to record your accomplishments.

# 5 Pick Five of these Outdoor Skills 5

### Cook a meal over a campfire

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Camp for more than one night

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Use a field guide to identify an organism

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Photograph and identify the tracks of a wild animal

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Participate in an invasive plant pull

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Attend a special event at a property

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Go hunting (be sure to have your license and permission)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Plant a seed or a garden

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Take a bicycle ride through a property

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Use binoculars to identify a bird

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Find five constellations

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Find a geocache

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Safely start a fire with one match, in an approved location and with adult supervision

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Go fishing (be sure to have your license and permission)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Identify a type of mushroom

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

# 10 Pick 10 of these Outdoor Experiences 10

### Explore a cave or cavern

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Ride a horse

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Climb a sand dune

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Swim in a lake (where permitted)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Take a boat ride

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Tour a farm

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Visit a park cemetery

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Walk through a historic home or schoolhouse

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Take a tour of a historic village

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Walk across a covered bridge

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Take a dip in a park pool or aquatic center

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Splash in a stream

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Cross a suspension bridge

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Climb a fire tower

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### See a re-enactment

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Find a fossil, but don't take it. Take a photo of it instead.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Discover more about military history

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Walk through a rocky canyon

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Visit a springhouse or remains of a springhouse

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Take a toboggan ride

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Visit a space memorial

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Find an American bison and take a photo of it

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Learn about a historic person at a park

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Visit a park on the Ohio River

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Visit a prehistoric mound

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Spend the night in a State Park Inn

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Visit a historic mill

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### See a hay press working

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Visit a Native American site

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Build a sand castle

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Play a round of disc golf

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Attend a live birds-of-prey program

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Walk in a prairie

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Find a glacial feature

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

### Explore a wetland

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_