

# Scavenger Hunts

<http://www.lovetheoutdoors.com/camping/kids/scavengerhunt.htm>



There are many different activities to enjoy while camping. Hiking is probably one of the most popular. Kids love to learn and explore. Here are just a few ideas to make your hikes more interesting and enjoyable. These scavenger hunts will also help to improve your child's observation skills and will increase their interest in and understanding of our natural environment.

Be sure to set some basic rules. Here are a few examples. Set the boundaries. Stay close by and supervise your children. Hunt with a buddy. Be sure to leave nature as is and don't destroy the natural surroundings. Pick up trash as you search.

**Alphabet Hike** -- Find various items with names that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Go in order from A to Z.

**Scavenger Hunt** -- Make a list of items that would most likely be found in the area you are camping and/or hiking in. Here are a few suggestions. You'll need to select items that are age appropriate and also available in your location. Be creative. This activity is a lot of fun for everyone.

<p>__ Wild Flowers</p> <p>__ Dead tree</p> <p>__ Pine cone</p> <p>__ Berries</p> <p>__ Vine</p> <p>__ Poison ivy</p> <p>__ Stream or creek</p> <p>__ Blade of grass</p> <p>__ Clover leaf</p> <p>__ Moss</p> <p>__ Pine tree</p> <p>__ Seeds or seed pod</p> <p>__ Eroded soil</p> <p>__ Smooth/shiny rock</p> <p>__ Mud</p> <p>__ Grain of sand</p> <p>__ Fern</p> <p>__ Y-shaped twig</p> <p>__ Trash</p> <p>__ Pine needles</p> <p>__ Acorn or other nuts</p> <p>__ Tree with blossoms</p> <p>__ Hole in a tree</p> <p>__ Ponded area in a creek</p> <p>__ Dark or light green leaf</p> <p>__ Small pebble</p> <p>__ Unusual shaped leaf</p> <p>__ Rocks with many colors</p> <p>__ Different shades of green or brown</p> <p>__ Dew on a flower or leaf</p> <p>__ Fungus on a tree</p> <p>__ Shows next season is coming</p>	<p>__ Animal tracks</p> <p>__ Worm</p> <p>__ Caterpillar</p> <p>__ Squirrel</p> <p>__ Bird</p> <p>__ Ant</p> <p>__ Butterfly or moth</p> <p>__ Snail</p> <p>__ Beetle</p> <p>__ Feather</p> <p>__ Lizard</p> <p>__ Ladybug</p> <p>__ Spider web</p> <p>__ Birds nest</p> <p>__ Insects on a tree</p> <p>__ Deer tracks</p> <p>__ Animal hole in the ground</p> <p>__ Deer</p> <p>__ Frog</p> <p>__ Leaf with insect holes</p> <p>__ Evidence of the presence of animals</p> <p>__ Evidence of the presence of people</p> <p><b>Listen to:</b></p> <p>__ Leaves under your feet</p> <p>__ Wind in the trees</p> <p>__ Sound of a bee</p> <p>__ Birds singing</p> <p>__ Cricket</p> <p>__ Water running in a creek</p> <p>__ Noises in the woods</p>	<p><b>Feel:</b></p> <p>__ Tree bark</p> <p>__ Prickly plant</p> <p>__ Wet mud</p> <p>__ Rotten wood</p> <p>__ Wind blowing on face</p> <p>__ Texture of various rocks</p> <p><b>Smell:</b></p> <p>__ Pine tree</p> <p>__ Flower</p> <p>__ Mud</p> <p>__ Green grass</p> <p>__ Fresh air</p> <p>__ Cedar tree</p> <p><b>Watch:</b></p> <p>__ Animals eating</p> <p>__ Leaf falling to the ground</p> <p>__ Spider web w/insect</p> <p>__ Ant moving something</p> <p>__ Wind blowing the leaves</p> <p>__ Fish jumping</p> <p>__ Clouds going by</p> <p>__ For something funny</p> <p>__ For something unusual</p> <p>__ Sunlight coming through trees</p> <p>__ Sunrise or sunset</p> <p>__ Stars in the sky</p> <p>__ Lightning Bugs</p> <p>__ Reflection in the water</p> <p>__ Animal homes or shelters</p>
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**Scavenger Hunt using a Camera** - Use a disposal camera. Take pictures of the items on the list. This is a great way for collecting and also for keeping memories in a photo journal.

## **Other related ideas**

**Draw a picture of a:**

\_\_ Tree

\_\_ Flower

\_\_ Butterfly

\_\_ Bird

\_\_ Animal

**Identify different types of:**

\_\_ Birds

\_\_ Leaves

\_\_ Trees

\_\_ Flowers

\_\_ Plants

**Do a leaf rubbing**

**Identify foods eaten by various animals**

**Play the game -- "Twenty Questions" or "What am I?" Make your subjects relevant to what you seen on your hike or about the animals that live in the area**

**Write a story about what you saw on your hike**