

No Collection Scavenger Hunt:

Self Instructed Nature Lesson for Camp Chowenwaw County Park 4th Grade and Up

This list can be used to help adults share the Park with their group. It can be used on a hike or at your campsite. Various beginner field guides; insects, butterflies, birds, trees, etc, will be helpful for identification. This activity will introduce the great variety of life to be observed in the Park.

Option 1: Divide the children into groups of three or four. Give each group the list. Instruct them to search out two or three of the items that you have chosen. After they have had a chance to discover, gather everyone together and have each group share their findings. If they are different, explore each one as a group. Do as many as time allows.

Option 2: The leader can use this list to help find things to talk about on a hike.

Butterfly: Try to identify

Insect home: What type of insect?

Spider web: What kind of web is it? Is it an orb, funnel or disorganized.

Can you see the spider?

Evidence of an oak tree, (leaf, acorn cap or acorn): Where is the tree?

Evidence of a hickory tree: Find a nut. Where is the tree?

Poison ivy: How do we identify it?

Something with thorns: What is it?

Hear a sound? Is it bird, squirrel, insect, frog, etc

Hear another sound?

Find a fungus: Is it a mushroom or some other type (puff ball, bracket, lichen).

Animal track: What made it (mammal, bird, reptile, insect).

Other evidence that an animal was here:

Did it dig a hole?

Can you find droppings (poop, scat, etc.)?

Can you find something that has been chewed on?

Can you find a nest? Is it bird, squirrel or something else?

Berries: Try to identify

Flower: Try to identify

Seed pod: Try to identify

