

End-of-Summer Bucket List

- Climb a hill or a mountain.
- Explore a new hiking trail.
- Walk, bike, or skate along a bike path.
- Canoe or raft on a local river.
- Explore a nature area near your house.
- Climb a tree.
- Learn how to use a compass and map to find your way.
- Learn how to pitch a tent, make a fire, and cook breakfast outdoors.
- Make sandcastles on the beach.
- Make mud pies.
- Search for invertebrates in seaside rock pools or woodland streams.
- Build a fort or lean-to in the woods.
- Spend some hours making dams and bridges on little streams.
- Try catching frogs.
- Try catching fireflies in a jar.
- Learn how to identify a few constellations and how to find the North Star.
- Learn where north, south, east, and west are in relation to your home.
- Watch the Perseid meteor shower (which peaks August 11-12).
- Build a birdhouse.
- Ask someone to teach you how to whittle a piece of wood.
- Name local birds in your neighborhood (use binoculars, bird songs, etc.).
- Learn the names of the trees on your property or in your area.
- Collect something and make a little museum (shells, rocks, feathers, etc.).
- Keep a nature journal.
- Dig for worms.
- Go fishing.
- Go for a night hike with a flashlight.
- Pick fresh berries and bake a pie.