

The OUTSIDE Page

Exploring Your Own Environment



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Where to Visit & Activities

Visit state lands to see young forests and the wildlife that live there. You can enjoy hiking, birdwatching, photography and, when you are older, hunting. Visit DEC's "Places to Go" webpage at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/82098.html> to learn more about DEC lands to visit, and <http://nysparks.com> for information about New York's state parks.



While many New York State public lands are always free for everyone, through the Every Kid in a Park program you can also visit state parks and federal lands for free as a 4th grader. Learn more at <http://everykidinapark.org> and <http://discovertheforest.org>. The spring 2016 issue of *Conservationist for Kids* is devoted to this topic as well.

When you are visiting parks and other public lands, keep track of the types of wildlife you see. Are there different animals in grasslands vs. forests? How about in young forests vs. mature forests? Can you spot any of the young forest species mentioned in this issue? When possible, take photos of the animals you see and the habitats you visit. Share what you discover with your class and with your family and friends.

BIODIVERSITY	HIKING	D E L O G G I N G L W M M T Z
BIOLOGIST	INDIGOBUNTING	I F P L V N H U I O U E J S D
BIRDWATCHING	LOGGING	S I M Z X I A A O T P L Y E T
BOBCAT	MATUREFOREST	T L Q A G T T D A B P T E R H
BOXTURTLE	PHOTOGRAPHY	U D L P T N T T Q H I R C O W
COTTONTAIL	POLLINATORS	R L Y P O U I E O S P U O F S
DISTURBANCE	SUCCESSION	B I G T R B R T R F U T S G U
ECOSYSTEM	WILDLIFE	A W T T A O O E F I G X Y N C
FIRE	WOODTURTLE	N O L H B G V B F A F O S U C
HABITAT	YOUNGFOREST	C E Q W R I V C C O I B T O E
		E I C A D D O L S A R B E Y S
		T S P O G N I K I H T E M L S
		O H I T S I G O L O I B S H I
		Y B I R D W A T C H I N G T O
		S R O T A N I L L O P H M F N

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