



# PAWS ON THE PATH



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## **Complete requirements 1 through 5. Requirements 6 & 7 are optional.**

1. Show you are prepared to hike safely in any outdoor setting by putting together the Cub Scout Six Essentials to take along on your hike.
2. Tell what the buddy system is and why we always use it in Cub Scouting. Describe what you should do if you get separated from your group while hiking.
3. Choose the appropriate clothing to wear on your hike based on the expected weather.
4. Before hiking, recite the Outdoor Code and the Leave No Trace Principles for Kids with your leader. (This may be combined with Requirement 3 of The Call of the Wild Adventure.) After hiking, discuss how you showed respect for wildlife.
5. Go on a 1-mile hike with your den or family. Find two interesting things that you've never seen before and discuss with your den or family.
6. Name two birds, two insects, and/or two other animals that live in your area. Explain how you identified them.
7. Draw a map of an area near where you live using common map symbols. Show which direction is north on your map.

## **Resources and Ideas:**

1. Six Cub Scout Outdoor Essentials:  
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/08/08/cub-scout-six-essentials-half-dozen-items-pack-every-campout-hike/>
2. Buddy System:  
<http://www.scouterlife.com/blog/2020/7/28/the-buddy-system>  
And a *GAME*: When hiking with your Scout - They should always have a buddy (even if it's a family member). Each pair should be assigned a number. If an adult leader shouts "Buddy Check" - They should find and get near their buddy (social distancing applies for now). Once all the pairs are organized - Pair #1 shouts "ONE", then the next pair shouts "TWO", and so on. **Only Buddies that are near each other should shout...Any missed numbers will identify a pair not together.**
3. The basics of choosing clothing for hiking:  
<https://thedyrt.com/magazine/lifestyle/what-to-wear-hiking/>



4. A. Outdoor Code:  
<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/outdoor-code/>  
B. Leave No Trace for Kids -  
Coloring Sheet:  
<http://ablogforharmony.blogspot.com/2016/11/webelos-memory-helps-for-leave-no-trace.html>  
Hand Signs Video: <https://youtu.be/4pp4aqwE0pQ>  
More Info: <https://frogmom.com/leave-no-trace-principles-for-kids/>
  
5. You can find trails very close by checking with you local Parks and Rec Office or Website, or you can travel a bit to see a new area:  
<https://www.visitmaryland.org/list/places-go-hiking-maryland>  
<https://blog.virginia.org/2016/10/10-rewarding-easy-hiking-destinations-northern-virginia/>  
<https://www.washingtonian.com/2016/04/14/great-hikes-near-dc-maryland-virginia/>
  
6. **Do this on your hike from #5.** Use an app like iNaturalist from National Geographic to help: <https://www.inaturalist.org/> or play a scavenger hunt like this:  
<https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf/nature-savenger-hunt>  
  
Bird #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Bird #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Insect #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Insect #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Animal #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Animal #2: \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Have your Scout draw a map of somewhere they are familiar with - home, school, Scout meeting location, or neighborhood, and help them add details like a Compass Rose, landmarks, and any other details they want to add.

