



Nature Fun

Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.

—Rachel Carson, American Conservationist from western Pennsylvania

Imagine you are outside—pick any place in the world! What sounds would you hear? This is a fun game to play, and it is just one of the ways you can experience nature. For this patch, we'll explore other fun and creative ways you can appreciate nature and share what you learn with others!

How to earn the Nature Fun patch the Girl Scout way:

Steps:

1. **Discover**—Discover the sounds of nature.
2. **Connect**—Identify trees in your community.
3. **Take Action**—Share your love of nature with others.

Materials Needed:

In order to complete this patch, you'll need:

- resources (You can either go online with an adult, ask a professional, or visit your public library.)
- other materials based on your selected activity (see Step 3)

Step 1 Discover the sounds of nature during the day and night.

When you wake up on a spring or summer morning, what sounds do you hear? Most likely you will hear birds chirping away. You can find these bird calls online or try to identify them when you're outside!

- Blue Jay: sounds like one short sound saying "jay, jay"
- Chickadee: sounds like gargling while saying "chickadee-dee-dee"
- Robin: sounds like laughing or "cheery-up, cheery-up"
- Cardinal: squeaking that sounds like "birdie, birdie, birdie"

What sounds do you hear in the evening? See if you can hear the buzz of one of these insects.

- Crickets: subtle, steady chirping
- Katydid: loud, raspy, quick noises that sound like "katy-did"
- Grasshoppers: low rasping sound like something shaking

Step 2

Identify trees in your community.

Trees are important to animals because they can provide food-protected homes. Trees are important to us too. Can you think of a reason trees are important to us?

Go online or to the library with an adult to learn more about the kinds of trees that grow in western Pennsylvania. Learn about their features, then identify as many trees as you can in your yard or neighborhood.

Step 3

Share your new knowledge with others.

Now that you've learned ways to have fun in nature by discovering the sounds of nature and identifying local trees, share what you've learned with others so they can enjoy nature too.

1. Participate in the Girl Scout Tree Promise: girlscouts.org/treepromise
2. Organize a picnic with your family or friends at a park. Play outdoors or take a hike together to observe the sights and sounds around you.

All done?

CONGRATULATIONS! You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Nature Fun patch.

After completing the activities from each step, visit or call a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania retail shop at 800-248-3355 to purchase your patch.* A patch may be worn on the back of a vest, sash, or tunic.

*Patch shown may be substituted with similar patch, based on availability.