

# The Great Outdoors

## Challenge Summer 2024



Each girl working on the Great Outdoors Summer Challenge should select a wide range of activities that are age appropriate and challenge her to try new things. Remember to follow Leave No Trace Principles when exploring the outdoors. Fill a whole row up, down or diagonal... or cover-up the whole board for an extra challenge!

Find out more about Maine gemstones & minerals. Try finding some on one of your adventures.	Learn to whistle with a blade of grass.	Visit a farm. Maine Open Farm Day is July 28, 2024.	Make your own kite & test it out.	Make a fairy house.
Check out one of Maine's 25 historical forts.	Visit a Maine state park. Celebrate them by attending Girl Scouts Love State Parks September 14 & 15, 2024.	Make a boat out of recycled materials & test it out.	Explore a Maine trail. Find a trail at <a href="http://www.mainetrailfinder.com">www.mainetrailfinder.com</a> or <a href="http://alltrails.com">alltrails.com</a> . National Trails Day is June 1, 2024.	Go canoeing, kayaking, or stand up paddleboarding.
Make your own dye with natural items then use it for an item of clothing or art piece.	Camp at a campground or in your backyard.	Check out a Maine ski mountain in the summer.	Take a trip to a lake, pond, or ocean, and observe the living organisms there. If you visit all 3, be sure to compare them all.	Craft your own backyard bowling.
Help with yard or trail work within your community.	Attend a Maine summer festival.	Go biking. Learn some basic bike maintenance before you go at <a href="http://www.bikemaine.org">www.bikemaine.org</a> .	Try to cook a snack with the sun. What observations did you make with this cooking method compared to others?	Plan a night hike with your troop or family.
Check with a local nature center or park on how to help be a Citizen Scientist.	Have a picnic with a friend.	Go fishing. Go for free on Maine's Fishing Weekend June 1-2, 2024.	Make your own popsicles and/or ice cream with fruit and veggies. Bonus if you picked the ingredients yourself.	Use flowers as brushes or paint to create art.

Do the activities above between 6/1/24 and 9/30/24. When you get a whole row complete, please complete the evaluation questions, upload a photo of the girl doing one of the activities (action photo preferred, min 1 photo), and purchase your patch (\$2) <https://form.jotform.com/GirlScoutsofMaine/GSME-SummerChallenge>.

Like this challenge? Be sure to check out the [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#)

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