

DIY Park Quest

Photo Scavenger Hunt



Welcome to the Maryland Park Service's "Park Quest" Program!

In addition to the **Nature Photography Activity**, try this **Photo Scavenger Hunt** to see how many of these images you can capture while out exploring in any of Maryland's 75 State Parks. This activity can be done individually or as a team. You may complete this Scavenger Hunt at one park during a single visit, or at a variety of parks- it's your choice! No camera? Try nature journaling, painting or make a sketch instead!

***Bonus-** If you take a photo you really like, consider entering it in the Maryland Natural Resource Photo Contest! Go to dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/photocontest.aspx for more information. Contest ends on August 31, 2020.*



- Sunrise or Sunset
- Flower in Bloom
- Waterfall
- Insect
- Spider
- Lighthouse
- Reflection
- Historic Item
- Boat/Boaters
- Bridge
- Bird



- Butterfly or Moth
- Reptile
- Trail Sign
- Hiker
- Ranger Station or Park Ranger
- Tree (Being Hugged!)
- Scenic Overlook View
- Campsite or Cabin
- Animal Tracks or Signs



And...

- A Family Selfie! (or PQ Team Photo)

A Few Photography Tips:

1. **Get Close to Your Subject!** Try to fill the frame with the object you are photographing. There will be more detail if you can get close. Take a photo from afar and another close up and compare the two- do you see the difference?
2. **Keep the Camera Steady!** Make sure to stay still and get the object in focus- you don't want a fuzzy shot!
3. **Use the Rule of Thirds for Good Composition!** Most beginners want to center their subject in the middle of the photo. The Rule of Thirds teaches us that an off-center shot is more visually appealing. You just have to imagine a tic-tac-toe board on the viewer of your camera and your goal is to have your subject be in one of the areas where the lines overlap.



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