

Hiking Activities For Kids

1. **Nature drawings:** Bring along a small notebook and some markers, colored pencils, or watercolor paints. Take a few minutes to sit and observe the natural world. Document your experience through drawing, painting or written word.
2. **Get Up Close:** Bring a small magnifying glass to take a closer look at critters on a stump or see the vein patterns in leaves. This is a great tool to take out when taking a rest stop.
3. **ABCs:** This is great for kids learning their alphabet. Starting with the letter "A", everyone has to find something along the trail that begins with "A" before moving through the rest of the alphabet.
4. **Hiking scavenger hunt:** Make a list of items everyone has to find, and the first one to find the all wins! Kids don't have to actually collect the objects, they can announce their finds to the group for a Leave-No-Trace friendly approach (Here's a list to get you started:

- Four different shades of green
- Something blue
- Heart shaped rock
- Piece of litter (pick it up and carry it out)
- Something made by humans
- Bark of a tree – name tree
- Frog
- Bird
- Moss
- Acorn
- squirrel
- Pine cone
- Animal scat
- Animal foot print
- Natural object colored blue
- Can you think of other items to add?





Fall Riddles and Jokes for Kids to share while on the trail

Q. What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?

A. A pumpkin patch

Q. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

A. Squash

Q. Why did the apple pie cry?

A. It's peelings were hurt

Q. What reads and lives in apples?

A. Bookworms

Q. How do leaves travel from town to town?

A. With autumn-mobiles

Q. What's the slowest way for an ant to get down from a tree?

A. Sit on a leaf and wait 'til autumn

Q. What is it called when a tree doesn't think it's autumn?

A. Disbe-leaf

Q. What's a tree's least favorite month of the year?

A. Sep-timber

Q. Why do birds fly south in the fall?

A. Because it's to far to walk

Q. What did one leaf say to another?

A. I'm falling for you

Q. Who lives in the scary Hundred Acre Wood?

A. Winnie the Boo

Q. Why did the apple cry?

A. It's peelings were hurt

