



SCAVENGER HUNT 2019

Head out with your troop or your family to earn the inaugural Girl Scouts Love State Parks patch now thru December 31, 2019. Patches are limited so don't wait! Along the way, you'll want to snap photos of your journey so you can show everyone what you discovered on your adventure and build your outdoor scrapbook!

BEFORE THE HUNT

- Find a State Park near you at <https://www.stateparks.org/> and research things to do at the park that are suitable for everyone in your group. Look for information about park activities and special events on their websites.
- Pick a route or trail by reviewing a park map to see what types of trails are available. Trail maps are often available on the park website.
- Read about the Leave No Trace principles (Int.org) and discuss how you'll practice them on your upcoming hunt.
- With your group, pick a date for your adventure.
- Consult Girl Scouts Safety Activity Checkpoints before heading out on an adventure so everyone is safe and prepared!

SUPPLIES TO BRING

- A small bag to carry your things
- Borrow or bring a device to take photographs, a notebook/scrapbook and a pencil
- Wear appropriate shoes as trails can be uphill, rocky, or covered in nature's debris
- Check the weather and select appropriate layers of clothing
- Bring cash to purchase a daily or annual park entrance license
- A water bottle

ON THE HUNT

Complete the 10 steps below to earn your 2019 Girl Scouts Love State Parks patch. We encourage you to take pictures or draw sketches to document each step. Then later you can build a scrapbook of today's outdoor adventure and all the others you'll take.

- 1. Where is our Girl Scout now?** Tell us which park you're at by taking a picture with the park name visible. Use #gslovestateparks #gsoutdoors to share on Facebook or Instagram.
- 2. Find an interesting or indigenous plant.** Look for informational signs or ask park staff for help identifying the plant. Remember to look but don't touch!
- 3. Take a selfie in the park with something or someone that leads the way!** Maybe a directional sign, park staff, campsite number, trail marker, or trail map. Be creative!
- 4. Girl Scouts always leave a place better than they found it.** Share a picture of how you're using Leave No Trace.
- 5. Find 3 different tree leaves and identify the species.**
- 6. Learn about the history of the park or the area and why it is a state park.**
- 7. Explore what activities are offered to visitors of the park.** Do one with your group!
- 8. Make the world a better place!** Look for conservation programs and environmental stewardship methods in the park. Consider how humans help and hinder those efforts.
- 9. Look for signs of wildlife.** Maybe a bug, a bird, or a bear. Look on the land, in the sky or maybe in the water or under your feet. Be sure to put that in your scrapbook!
- 10. Wow, what a view!** Use your photography skills to capture the best nature landscape you can find.

Patches may be purchased at your local GSDH retail store beginning in early July. Selection may vary by location. The patch is to be worn on the back of the Girl Scout sash or vest.

