



SCAVENGER HUNT 2021

Head out with your troop or your family to earn the Girl Scouts Love State Parks patch now thru December 31, 2021. Order your patch online at gsdakotahorizons.org/athome! 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 2021 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.

If you completed this patch program last year, we challenge you to visit a different park this year.

- 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. Look around to find what tree is most common in the park.** 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. Look to the sky and choose an observation spot to learn what birds live in the park.** Sit quietly for 15-30 minutes, and see how many different birds you can spot.

CHALLENGE: Bring along a bird guide and see how many of the birds you can identify.

- 5. Find 3 different native flowers and grasses and identify the species.**
- 6. Learn about the history of the park or the area and why it is a state park.** Look for any historical markers or landmarks that might be inside the park.
- 7. Explore what activities are offered to visitors of the park.** Do one with your group!
- 8. Make the world a better place!** Plan ahead so you can leave no trace. Bring refillable water bottles or repackaging and store food in reusable containers.
9. Take a hike and 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.
CHALLENGE: Take a picture or draw what you see, then ask park staff or look online to help you identify it.
10. Wow, what a view! Use your photography skills to capture the best nature landscape you can find.

Visit State Parks around the United States on [girlscouts.org/stateparks](https://www.girlscouts.org/stateparks). New parks will be added to the map each summer.

Patches may be purchased online at [girlscoutshop.com](https://www.girlscoutshop.com) starting in August. The patch is to be worn on the back of the Girl Scout sash or vest.

