

The Great Park Pursuit

Games! Games! Games!

As you walk along the trail, try playing these fun games. But, as you play them, don't forget to keep your eye out for the Great Parks Pursuit post!

Materials Needed:

- nothing!

GAME #1: I Spy!

You have likely played this game before. One person picks an item they see out in nature (a large tree, the path, a lake, a bridge, a bright yellow flower, etc.). Without telling the group what they have chosen, they announce, "I spy, with my little eye,... and give a simple description of the object." For example, if they have chosen a fallen tree, they might say, "I spy, with my little eye, something round."

Then, others take turns asking simple yes-or-no questions or guessing what it is. For example, does it have leaves? (no.) Is it green? (no.) Is it brown? (yes.) Did we already pass it? (yes.) Was it that bench? (no.) Was it the fallen log? (yes!).

The person who guessed correctly now takes a turn choosing an item.

GAME #2: Fox and Rabbits

This game works best with several (4+) people.

When a rabbit is out in a field having a tasty meal, they are often camouflaged. This means that their colors blend in with their surroundings making it hard for them to be seen. But, rabbits will also exhibit another defense mechanism - they will remain perfectly still hoping their predator will not notice them. Remaining perfectly still (combined with their camouflaged colors) help rabbits remain unseen by predators.

One person is chosen to be the line leader... this person is now the fox. The others in the group are now rabbits. The rabbits will form a line behind the fox. Everyone walks along the trail in single file. Every so often, the fox says, "I smell a rabbit!" and immediately turns around looking for a rabbit. Rabbits freeze where they are (to help camouflage themselves!). If the fox sees a rabbit move, that rabbit has to go to the end of the line.



The winner of the game is the rabbit that is closest to the fox at the end of the hike - this rabbit was best at camouflaging and thus did not get sent to the end of the line.

For the next round, the winning rabbit becomes the fox.

GAME #3: Trail ABC's

As you head out on your hike, start at the beginning of the alphabet. Find something along the trail that begins with the letter "A". When you find something, move on to the letter "B". Continue hiking while you look for something that starts with each letter of the alphabet. Try the same approach with colors of the rainbow... look for something along the trail that is the each color of the rainbow.

GAME #4: Neverending Story

At the start of your hike, have one person begin a story... any story... they make it up. After 1 minute, the next person in your group picks-up the story where the first person left off. The second person continues the story taking the plot where they want it to go. After one minute, the third person takes over... continue this until everyone has had a chance. You can end the story there, or have the story continue back with the first person.