The Great Park Pursuit
Reading in Nature

Reading a book is a fun way to learn about nature and the plants and animals around you. For something different, try reading a book outside. Next time you head out on your Great Park Pursuit adventures, grab a book. Find a shady spot under a tree or a relaxing place in the sun to read (or listen) to your favorite story!

Materials Needed:
• a book
• a blanket to lay on (optional)

Step #1:
Grab a book.

Step #2:
Find a comfortable place to stop while exploring on your Great Park Pursuit.

Step #3:
Take a few minutes to stop and read. Enjoy the sun (or clouds) and remember to have fun! It's that easy!
There are lots of books about nature... some good ones include:

**Children Books**

- **Near One Cattail** by Anthony D. Fredericks  
  ISBN: 1584690712

- **Crawdad Creek** by Scott Russell Sanders  
  ISBN: 0792264924

- **The Very Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle  
  ISBN: 1416979174

- **Over & Under the Pond** by Kate Messner & Christopher Silas Neal  
  ISBN: 1452145423 (Series)

- **A Tree Is Nice** by Janice May Udry  
  ISBN: 0064431477

- **Sky Tree** by Thomas Locker  

- **A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee** by Chris Van Dusen. ISBN: 0688132835 (Series)

- **Brother Eagle, Sister Sky** by Susan Jeffers  
  ISBN: 0142301329

- **Lost in the Woods** by Carl R. Sams & Jean Stoick  
  ISBN: 0-9671748-8-0

- **Stellaluna** by Janell Cannon  
  ISBN: 059048379X

- **Diary of a Worm** by Doreen Cronin  
  ISBN: 006000150X

- **Fish is Fish** by Leo Lionni  
  ISBN: 0394827996

- **In A Nutshell** by Joseph Anthony  
  ISBN: 1883220998

- **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen  
  ISBN: 0399214577

- **Pass the Energy, Please!** by Barbara Shaw McKinney  
  ISBN: 158469002X

- **The Girl Who Drew Butterflies** by Joyce Sidman  
  ISBN: 0544717139

- **Butterfly Park** by Elly MacKay  
  ISBN: 0762453397

**Teen/Young Adult Books**

- **The River** by Gary Paulsen  
  ISBN: 0307929612 (Hatchet Adventure Series)

- **Down River** by Will Hobbs  
  ISBN: 1442445475

- **Peak** by Roland Smith  
  ISBN: 0152062688 (Peak Marcetto Adventure Series)

- **Shattered Ice** by Robby Robertson  
  ISBN: 179439210 (Series)

- **World of Wonders** by Aimee Nezhukumatathil  
  ISBN: 1571311931

- **Braiding Sweetgrass** by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
  ISBN: 1571313567

- **American Wolf** by Nate Blakeslee  
  ISBN: 1101902787

**Adult Books**

- **The Forest Unseen** by David Goerge Haskell  
  ISBN: 0143122944

- **Gorillas in the Mist** by Dian Fossey  
  ISBN: 061808360X

- **My First Summer in Sierra** by John Muir  
  ISBN: 8690524753

- **Bird Brains** by Candace Savage  
  ISBN: 1771644257

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