

# Girl Scouts Love State Parks 2022 Patch Challenge

## September 10 & 11, 2022

Girl Scouts Love State Parks is national event that highlights a partnership between Girl Scouts and state parks in all 50 states. Since 2019, Girl Scouts and their families celebrate this event in over 400 state parks, across 50 states and Puerto Rico.



### How can you participate in Girl Scouts Love State Parks days?

#### Step 1

Troops or girls and their families choose any New York State park to visit on September 10 and/or 11.

#### Step 2

Register for Girl Scouts Love State Parks at [girlscouts.org/stateparks](https://girlscouts.org/stateparks)

#### Step 3

Plan your trip. This activity planner will give you some ideas, but you are welcome to explore the parks in any way you choose. Download and print your passport [here](#).

#### Step 4

Show your Girl Scout spirit and share pictures from your visit with the hashtag **#girlscoutslovestateparks2022**

#### Step 5

Purchase your Girl Scouts Love State Parks Patch [here!](#)

#### Which park should I choose?

By visiting [parks.ny.gov/parks/](https://parks.ny.gov/parks/), you will be able to explore parks by name, location, and various amenities.

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## What should we do when we get there?

New York State has a wide variety of world-renowned parks from Niagara Falls to Letchworth. As a troop or family you'll want to think about the kinds of outdoor activities you enjoy and how far you'd like to travel. You're welcome to enjoy the parks any way you'd like, but here are some potential activities to explore:

- **Participate in Pick Up America:** Bring a trash bag and pledge to fill it during your visit. Go to [pickupamerica.com/](http://pickupamerica.com/) to make your pick-up pledge. Please be sure to bring gloves and only gather things that you can pick up safely.
- **Take a Hike:** Many parks feature their hiking trail maps on their website or consider utilizing an app, such as AllTrails. Be sure to plan ahead, research what to pack and know your experience level.
  - **Some Badges To Explore:** The Trail Running Badge series, Brownie Hiker, Cadette Trailblazing and [GSWNY Hiking Mileage](#).
- **Recreate Responsibly:** Visit [Int.org](http://Int.org) to learn about outdoor ethics and the seven Leave No Trace principles. Think about ways humans impact the land while participating in outdoor recreation.
  - **Some Badges To Explore:** Daisy Eco Learner, Brownie Eco Friend, Junior Eco Camper, Cadette Eco Trekker, Senior Eco Explorer, Ambassador Eco Advocate
- **Explore the Natural World:** New York State features diverse eco-systems with a variety of flora and fauna. The NYS DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) [dec.ny.gov/23.html](http://dec.ny.gov/23.html) features information on mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, insects, plants, and more. Remember to practice safety. Watch wildlife from a distance and avoid hazardous plants.
  - **Some Badges To Explore:** Welcome to the Daisy Garden Journey, Brownie Bugs, Junior Animal Habitats, Junior Flowers, Cadette Trees, Senior Sky, Ambassador Water
- **Learn About The Park's History and Future:** Many parks include historical markers, statues, buildings, and more. Research the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) who helped build many of our state's parks. Visit [native-land.ca/](http://native-land.ca/) to gain a better understanding of the Indigenous people who lived on these lands. Research new improvements to the parks, such as the new Autism Nature Trail at Letchworth.

Enjoy your time in the parks!