



# Vermont State Parks 2017 Venture Vermont Outdoor Challenge

This is your Venture Vermont scorecard! Keep track of the activities that you complete by checking the box next to the activity. Make sure you take a photo (or have someone else take a photo) of you completing each task. When you reach **250 points**, you win free day entry into Vermont State Parks for the rest of the 2017 season and the entire 2018 season and a VIP gold medal!

\*All activities and photos must be taken between April 1, 2017 & October 15, 2017\*

### Three Main Rules:

1. Take photos of all activities
2. One scorecard per person
3. HAVE A BLAST!

Entries must be received by October 15, 2017

How to submit your entries:

1. Mail your completed scorecard, photos (high resolution, digital preferred on CD or DVD), and other supporting materials to:  
**2017 Venture Vermont Outdoor Challenge  
Vermont State Parks  
1 National Life Drive, Davis 2  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3801**  
-OR-
2. Upload your photos to Dropbox, Google Drive or another online album and send us the link via email at [anr.parks@vermont.gov](mailto:anr.parks@vermont.gov)  
-OR-
3. If you're having a problem uploading your photos online, email us and we can help!

## Get Moving



Please complete at least three of these activities.

\_\_\_ Make an outdoor obstacle course to complete- include both jumping and rolling obstacles! (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Ride your bike on a rail trail (5 pts)  
**Which one?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Go trail running (10 pts)  
**Which trail?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Jump rope (5 points)

\_\_\_ Go for a hike (10 pts)  
1. Use the website [trailfinder.info](http://trailfinder.info) trail to hike on (5 pts)  
**Which trail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Hike to a summit (5 pts)  
**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Hike to a waterfall (5 pts)  
**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Roll down a grassy hill (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Jump off a dock into a lake (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Climb a tree (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Go river tubing (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Try a new game or sport- you can be creative!  
(Examples: bocce, badminton, surfing, volleyball (5 pts)  
**Which one?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Play on a jungle gym or park playground structure (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Go stand-up paddleboarding (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Play a tag game like flashlight tag or blob tag (5 pts)

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Observe



Please complete at least two of these tasks

\_\_\_ Identify a species of butterfly or moth that you find outside and include a picture (10 pts)

**What kind?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Find a painted turtle & take a picture (10 pts)

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Watch the sunrise or sunset from the summit of a hill or mountain (10 pts)

**Where?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Climb a fire tower (5 pts)

**Which one?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Skip stones and watch the ripples (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Identify the full common species name of at least 5 trees around your home (for example: Weeping Birch Tree). Make a journal that includes pressed leaf examples and details about the trees (15 pts)

\_\_\_ **Bonus:** Send us the journal (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Find and photograph animal tracks (10 pts)

**Which ones?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Get up at dawn and go on a bird walk. Attach a list of the birds you saw and heard. (10 points)

\_\_\_ Take a picture with the biggest boulder you can find (5 pts)

**Where is it?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Investigate



Please complete at least three of these tasks

\_\_\_ Find out when a meteor shower is taking place this summer, and find a dark place to watch it (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Photograph and identify five species of native Vermont wild plants (not flowers that grow in your garden) (5 pts)

**List:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Photograph & identify 3 different amphibians (10 pts)

**List:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Find a spider web outside and look up close. There are several types of webs, what type is this one? (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Catch and identify two different types of fish (10 pts)

\_\_\_ **Bonus:** Practice catch-and-release fishing (5 pts)

**What did you catch?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Find frogs' eggs or tadpoles and take a picture (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Make a fact sheet about your favorite Vermont bird. Include an illustration (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Find and photograph 3 wild animal homes (10 pts)

**Which ones?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ ID two different invasive species outside. [Vtinvasives.org](http://Vtinvasives.org) is a great resource (5 pts)

**List them:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Discover



Please complete at least three of these tasks

\_\_\_ Go geocaching or letterboxing (5 points)

**Where?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Draw a detailed map of your neighborhood or yard (5 pts)

\_\_\_ **Bonus:** Create a map of your favorite park and send it to us (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Visit a local farm or fish hatchery (5 pts)

Where did you go? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sleep under the stars without a tent (10 pts)

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Create a state park song or poem and send it to us (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Create your own nature scavenger hunt and photograph your friends completing it. Attach your score sheet (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Build a boat out of natural materials and see if it floats (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Learn to change a bike tire (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Dig your own worms for fishing (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Go on a day-long outdoor adventure. Take pictures of all that you do! (10 pts)

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Camp Crafts



Please complete at least three of these tasks

\_\_\_ Learn to set up a tarp or hammock (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Find and decorate your own hiking stick (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Cook a meal over a campfire (5 pts)

**What did you make?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Make a utensil or accessory for your campsite out of recycled materials (5 pts)

**What did you make?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Build a fairy house (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Build your own kite and fly it (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Make your own hand-sewn ditty bag (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Make a pressed-leaf mobile or bookmark (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Make a bracelet incorporating natural materials (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Weave a camp placemat or sit-upon. You can use yarn, paper, fabric or other natural materials (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Find and whittle your own roasting stick (5 points)

\_\_\_ Make your own musical instrument from natural materials and play it (10 pts)

\_\_\_ **Bonus:** Attend a Make Music Vermont concert on June 21st, and join in with your instrument! (10 pts)

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Pioneer



### Please complete at least two of these tasks

\_\_\_ Learn a new method for collecting water outside or making it safe to drink (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Build a natural shelter (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Find the cardinal directions (north, south, east, west) without a compass (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Learn to tie three new knots (10 pts)

**Which ones?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Build a solar cooker or oven (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Learn 5 different things you can do with a pocket knife (5 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Practice making a splint in case of a broken bone or injury (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Start a fire with just one match (5 pts)

Bonus: use no matches (10 points)

\_\_\_ Dry a load of clothes outside- no using the dryer! (10 pts)

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Know Your Parks



### Please complete at least three of these activities.

*\*True adventurers complete these activities during different park visits.*

\_\_\_ Camp in a tent at a Vermont State Park (10 pts)

**Park:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sleep in a lean-to in a state park (10 pts)

**Park:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Have a picnic breakfast in a state park (10 pts)

**Park:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Write a thank you note to a park ranger (10 pts)

**Park:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Create a short video tour of your favorite park and send it to us (10 pts)

**Park:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Build a sand sculpture at a state park beach (5 pts)

**Park:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check out a REEL FUN kit at Vermont State Park full list here (10 pts)

**Park:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Attend a state park interpretive program (10 pts)

**Park:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Become a Junior Ranger (5 pts)

\_\_\_ Find a historical fact or story about a Vermont State Park and send it to us. (10 pts)

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Bonus Activities



Visit the Vermont State Parks Facebook page for special weekly bonus activities.

Bonus Activity	# of Points
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

\_\_\_ Submit your high-resolution photos (300 x 300) on CD or DVD (15 pts)

\_\_\_ Upload and tag yourself in a photo on the Vermont State Parks' Facebook page (10 pts)



### Where should we send your prize?

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vermont State Parks**

**1 National Life Drive, Davis 2**

**Montpelier, VT 05620-3801**

Or upload your pictures to an online album & email us the link: **anr.parks@vermont.gov**

For Venture Vermont updates, visit: [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com)



### Can we use your photos?

Thanks for participating in Venture Vermont! We would like to share your experience to inspire others. Please fill out this release form and return with your score card. If you do not wish to share your photos with others you do not have to complete the form.

- (a) To use, re-use, publish and re-publish the same in whole or part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs, artwork, and poetry, or any medium and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not by way of limitation) illustration, promotion, and advertising and trade, and
- (b) To use my name in conjunction therewith if the State of Vermont so chooses.

I hereby release and discharge the State of Vermont from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the photographs, artwork, poetry and any other submission, including any and all claims for libel.

I am over the age of twenty-one. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. (If you are under 21, see below for signature of parent or guardian).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If under 21 years of age, please have parents read and sign below.

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the terms of this release.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_