

Read & Explore in Wisconsin State Parks!

Books help us become better explorers! This list of books is organized by season and features books filled with poetry, fiction and science linked to your favorite state parks. While some parks have books and exploration tools that you can borrow during your visit, we suggest you borrow books from your local library before your next camping trip.

You can find out more about the books in this list by visiting dnr.wi.gov and searching for "read." You're going to have a great time exploring all of them!



Winter

- The Bald Eagle* by Debbie Yanuck
—Council Grounds State Park
- Big Tracks, Little Tracks* by Millicent Selsam
—Hartman Creek State Park
- Birds* by Kevin Henkes
—Richard Bong State Recreation Area (SRA)
- Cloud Dance* by Thomas Locker
—Blue Mound State Park
- In the Snow: Who's Been Here?*
by Lindsay Barrett George
—Chippewa Moraine SRA
- Night Tree* by Eve Bunting
—Copper Falls State Park
- Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen
—Willow River State Park
- The Robin Makes a Laughing Sound: A Birder's Journal*
by Sallie Wolf
—Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit
- Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
—Havenwoods State Forest
- Under the Snow* by Melissa Stewart
—Interstate State Park
- The Voyageur's Paddle* by Kathy-Jo Wargin
—Wyalusing State Park
- Winter Eyes* by Douglas Florian
—Wildcat Mountain State Park
- Winter Trees* by Carole Gerber
—Copper Culture State Park



Spring

- Are You a Ladybug?* by Judy Allen
—Big Foot Beach State Park
- At Grandpa's Sugar Bush* by Margaret Carney
—Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit
- City Hawk* by Meghan McCarthy
—Lakeshore State Park
- Earthdance* by Joanne Ryder
—Governor Nelson State Park
- Fawn at Woodland Way* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld
—Kinnickinnic State Park
- Flute's Journey* by Lynne Cherry
—Lake Wissota State Park
- Paddle to the Sea* by Holling Clancy Holling
—Kohler-Andrae State Park
- Poetrees* by Douglas Florian
—New Glarus Woods State Park
- Snakes Are Hunters* by Patricia Lauber
—Natural Bridge State Park
- What in the Wild?* by David Schwartz and Yael Schy
—Mirror Lake State Park
- A Wood Frog's Life* by John Himmelman
—Kettle Moraine State Forest - Pike Lake
- Zippering, Zapping, Zooming Bats* by Ann Earle
—Yellowstone Lake State Park
- Zoo in the Sky* by Jacqueline Mitton
—Peninsula State Park





Summer

- Are You a Dragonfly?* by Judy Allen
—Point Beach State Forest
- Around the Pond: Who's Been Here?*
by Lindsay Barrett George
—Newport State Park
- Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night*
by Joyce Sidman
—Perrot State Park
- Fireflies at Midnight* by Marilyn Singer
—Mill Bluff State Park
- Growing Patterns* by Sarah Campbell
—Roche-a-Cri State Park
- Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*
by Paul Fleischman
—Rock Island State Park
- The Legend of Sleeping Bear* by Kathy-jo Wargin
—Whitefish Dunes State Park
- Look Out for Turtles!* by Melvin Berger
—Merrick State Park
- Muskrat Will Be Swimming* by Cheryl Savageau
—Lake Kegonsa State Park
- Once There Was a Tree* by Natalia Romanova
—Rocky Arbor State Park
- The Raft* by Jim LaMarche
—Brunet Island State Park
- Song of the Water Boatman* by Joyce Sidman
—Governor Dodge State Park
- Waterfall Watchers* by Pam Rosenberg
—Pattison State Park

Fall

- Archaeologists Dig for Clues* by Kate Duke
—Aztalan State Park
- Autumnblings* by Douglas Florian
—Rib Mountain State Park
- The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich
—Big Bay State Park
- The Gift of the Tree* by Alvin Tresselt
—Nelson Dewey State Park
- If You Find a Rock* by Peggy Christian
—High Cliff State Park
- A Log's Life* by Wendy Pfeffer
—Tower Hill State Park
- The Moon Book* by Gail Gibbons
—Buckhorn State Park
- The Salamander Room* by Ann Mazer
—Governor Thompson State Park
- Spider's Lunch* by Joanna Cole
—Devil's Lake State Park
- The Sky is Full of Stars* by Franklyn M. Branley
—Harrington Beach State Park
- A Tree is Nice* by Janice May Udry
—Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak
- Underfoot* by David Schwartz
—Potawatomi State Park
- Where in the Wild?* by David Schwartz and Yael Schy
—Amnicon Falls State Park
- Wisconsin Forest Tales* by Julia Pferdehirt
—Heritage Hill State Park



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