

## 11. KAYAK/CANOE PADDLE ADVENTURE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paddle Peninsula's scenic shore. Wear a life jacket. Peninsula protects eight miles of undeveloped shoreline.

## 12. CHIPMUNK COUNT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 30 minutes.  
Stroll the campground or just relax at your campsite. Count the number of chipmunks you see scampering about in your camping area. Watch for other wildlife as well, such as squirrels, song birds, frogs and snakes.



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# LIKE TO HIKE



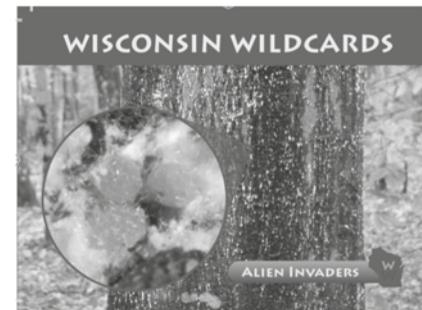
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## How It Works

1. Complete five or more activities in this Like to Hike log. Trail maps are available at the Nature Center, campground host sites, and Park Headquarters. Those with special needs may modify activities.
2. Pins (Friends of Peninsula State Park merchandise) are available to anyone for \$6. Those who complete five or more activities can purchase a pin for just \$3!
3. Record activities in this log. Bring it to Park Headquarters or the Nature Center. Park staff will stamp the log so you can purchase the pin at a discount.
4. The Like to Hike program encourages silent sports (hiking, snowshoeing, biking, skiing, paddling) which promote health and resource appreciation.

Ask for a **NEW** Beech Bark Disease Wildcard at the Nature Center or Park Headquarters!



## American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)



The American Beech has smooth, grey bark. Leaves are alternate with long pointed tips and widely toothed edges. In fall, leaves turn yellow and brown. Young trees typically "hold" leaves through winter. Nuts, important wildlife food, are produced within a bur-like structure.

### Beech Bark Disease (BBD)

Beech bark disease kills trees, changing the forest and impacting wildlife. Birds lose nesting habitat and chipmunks lose a critical food source. Look for BBD signs on Sentinel and Eagle trails. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keywords "beech bark disease" to find out more!

**Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*)** A chip, a low pitched "chuck-chuck", or a startle call signify chipmunks are nearby. Chipmunks burrow in the ground, digging separate chambers for food, sleeping, and scat. True hibernators, they are also omnivores that eat a variety of food including nuts



from beech, fruit, insects, and small snakes. Chipmunks reach 12 inches in length (including the tail) and weigh 3 to 5 ounces. They have reddish-brown fur with a white stripe and two dark stripes on each side. Less showy stripes mark the face. Offering bread or other human food is unhealthy for chipmunks. Never leave food or seed on a picnic table. Chipmunk scat is unhealthy for YOU.

## 1. BIRDING AT PENINSULA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 30 minutes.  
Look for birds at Weborg Point, along Peninsula's 8-mile coast, or at Nature Center feeders. Watch for Ruffed Grouse on forest hikes. These game birds depend on the "mast" (fruit) of beech trees for food. **BONUS:** What is another definition of the word mast?

## 2. HEMLOCK TRAIL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1.8 miles one way. Access near Weborg or Tennison Bay campgrounds. See lake iris along the edge of a cedar-hemlock woods. Listen for the musical trill of the Winter Wren.

## 3. WHITE CEDAR NATURE TRAIL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 0.5 mile loop. Access at the Nature Center. Signs (new in 2016) highlight deer and forest ecology.

## 4. SENTINEL TRAIL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 0.6 mile section of 2-mile loop trail is surfaced. Gently rolling. Signs identify trees, including grey-barked beech. Learn about beech bark disease, too!



## 7. PENINSULA GEOCACHES (April—November)

Visit the Nature Center for basic information and coordinates for all park geocaches or go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). NEW geocaches listed below contain FREE eco-charms for kids. Provide your own GPS unit. **NOTE:** Bluffs, cloud or leaf cover may interfere with GPS. Coordinates are estimates within 20 feet.

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_



Ruffed Grouse

<b>Tremendous Tree Hunt</b> Hint: Red Oak on Sentinel	N45° 09.570' W087° 12.067'
<b>Compass Rose - NEW!</b> Hint: Old Winter Warming House	N45° 09.448' W087° 13.716'

## 8. EAGLE TRAIL

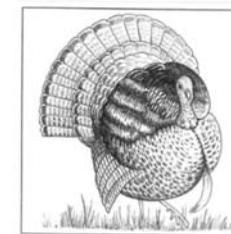
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ This 2-mile loop showcases 150-foot bluffs along a cobblestone trail. Note abundant beech trees on the upper ridge, with fewer beech along the shore. The DNR's 2017 survey documented 18 eagle nests in Door County. Eyes to the sky!

## 9. PEDAL POWER

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pedal all or part of Sunset Bike Route (10 miles) or the Mountain Bike Trails (mileage varies, trail pass required). Watch for forest wildlife like turkeys and frolicking chipmunks that benefit from the American beech tree.

## 10. SAY CHEESE!

Venture over to Eagle Panorama to view Chambers, Horseshoe, and the Strawberry islands. Learn how the state park system was developed. While there, take a selfie with the Bay of Green Bay as the backdrop.



Wild Turkeys favor beech nuts.

## DO YOUR PART TO PROTECT THE TREES

Diseases, like Beech Bark Disease, and insects, like Emerald Ash Borer, hide in firewood. Diseases and insects can travel in wood without you knowing.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Get firewood where you use it.**

*Wisconsin State Parks and Forests only allow firewood to be brought into properties from within a 10 mile radius.*

**Use firewood where you buy it.**

**NEVER remove wood from the park!**

*Illegal movement of wood may result in fines. NR 45.045(2)a-c. Moving wood out of the park puts your yard and neighborhood trees at risk for disease and forest pests. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword "firewood rules" to find out more!*

**DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD.org**

Complete at least five activities to be eligible for a discount on your Like to Hike pin.