



CANAAN VALLEY RESORT STATE PARK

Kids Scavenger Hike: Wild Wonders of Canaan

Recommended ages: 5–12 (with family supervision). Choose a short, kid-friendly trail like Blackwater River, Deer Run, or Cabin Trail.

Wildlife Signs

- ☐ Animal tracks (any kind — deer, raccoon, rabbit, etc.)
- ☐ A deer or signs of deer (scat, hoof prints, rub marks)
- ☐ A squirrel or chipmunk gathering food
- ☐ A rabbit near brush or hopping through grass
- ☐ A bird of prey (hawk or turkey vulture soaring overhead)
- ☐ A beaver lodge or gnawed tree

Trees & Plant Life

- ☐ A maple tree (opposite branching and lobed leaves)
- ☐ A birch tree (white or peeling bark)
- ☐ A hemlock tree (flat, soft needles)
- ☐ A spruce tree (sharp, square needles)
- ☐ A unique fallen leaf (any color or shape)
- ☐ Acorns or other nuts

Bonus Challenges

- ☐ Hear a bird call and try to mimic it!
- ☐ Spot a colorful mushroom or wildflower (Parents: please do NOT let kids touch mushrooms.)
- ☐ Find a feather on the ground
- ☐ Take a family 'Explorer Selfie' at your favorite trail stop!

Safety note: Please do NOT let children touch mushrooms — many are poisonous.

Families: text your favorite photo to **Recreation Manager Justin Samples at 304-940-6845** for a chance to be featured on our social media!

Enjoy exploring Canaan Valley — take only pictures, leave only footprints!