



Welcome to the NRT's Nature Scavenger Hunt!

Difficulty: Hard

This project was done by Reilly Clark from Girl Scout Troop 65049.

Age Range: 11+ but any age is welcome!

Directions: Follow this scavenger hunt for an adventure! Please be respectful to others and protect the environment around you. Be safe and have fun! At the end of the scavenger hunt, please post photos of your adventure to the hashtag: #nrtscavengerhunt and tag @sheeppasture on Instagram!

Adventure Packs: Adventure packs, with extra tools like magnifying glasses and binoculars, can be accessed through the Ames Free Library. While not necessary to do the scavenger hunt, this pack will help you further explore the world around you. If using an adventure pack, please take care of it, and do not damage it or the items inside. You will be asked to fill out a quick form giving your email address, which numbered bag(s) you are using, and confirmation that the bag will be returned to the Ames Free Library immediately after use. If it is not returned within the day, you will be emailed asking you to return the bag. Enjoy!

Group Name: _____

- ❑ **Task:** Come up with your group name! Make sure that everyone is happy with it. This is your team!



- ❑ **Task:** Throughout your adventure, each group member should pick up at least seven pieces of trash and properly throw them away.



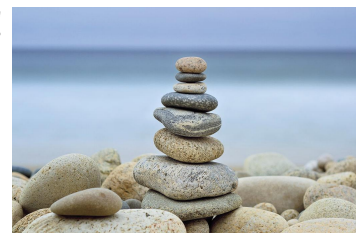
- ❑ **Challenge:** Now we are going to play a game called two truths and a lie! Each person will say two truths about themselves and one lie, without saying which is which. Once you are finished saying all three things, your group members will have to guess which ones are the truth, and which one is the lie. Example: 1. My name is Reilly 2. I am 1,786,224 years old, and 3. I have a dog named Tootsie. Can you guess which one is the lie?



- ❑ **Task:** Find something round!



- ❑ **Task:** Find an area with rocks and build a small rock sculpture, also known as a cairn! This tradition originated in Scotland, and is used for navigation. First set a flat rock on a flat surface to serve as your base and then start balancing other rocks on top. Have fun!



❑ **Discuss:** What is your passion?



❑ **Task:** Find a white pine! To identify, look for needles that grow in clusters of 5. A fun way to count them is to spell out W-H-I-T-E for white pine (5 letters, 5 needles per grouping).



❑ **Task:** Take a listening walk. Pause for 1 minute. Stop and listen to the sounds of nature, what do you hear? Do you hear birds chirping, trees rustling, or water running? Have each group member name at least three things that they heard.



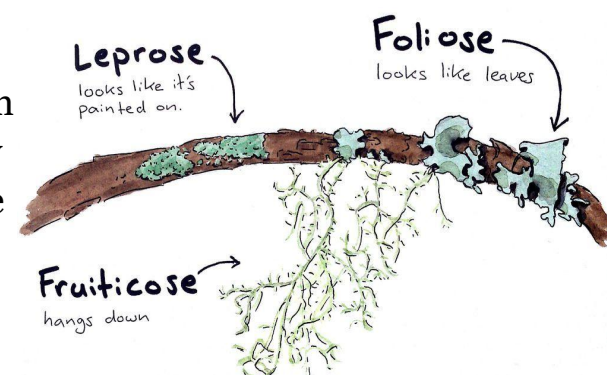
❑ **Discuss:** What are three words that others would use to describe you?



❑ **Task:** Make some music! Grab some rocks and sticks, clap your hands, stomp your feet - make a song with your group!



❑ **Task:** Find some lichen! Lichen forms when fungi and algae come together in a mutually beneficial relationship. Lichens can often be found on tree trunks, branches, and twigs.



- ❑ **Challenge:** Name at least one aspect that you like about yourself, and at least one thing you like about each of your group members. Try to stay away from only physical aspects like clothing, and give your group members thoughtful compliments. For example: I really love my sense of adventure, and it is a big part of who I am as a person. Group member Carrie, I love the way you stand up for others, and give the best advice. Group Member Steven, you always know just what to say, and always make me smile.



You did it! You made it to the end of the scavenger hunt! Thank you for going on this adventure, I hope you had fun! Please post photos of your adventure to the hashtag: #nrtscavengerhunt and tag @sheeppasture on Instagram! Make sure to check out the other scavenger hunts and fill out the feedback form on the NRT Website!

