

# Centennial Challenge Checklist



New York State  
Parks, Recreation and  
Historic Preservation

## Are you ready to take on the Challenge?

As you head off on your next adventure to a New York State park or historic site, take on the Centennial Challenge! Complete 24 of the 100 listed activities to win a commemorative sticker and be entered into a promotional giveaway for a three-year Empire Pass and Centennial swag!

*Additional details on page 6. For each additional 10 activities you complete, you'll receive one extra entry into our promotional giveaway.*



### Festival Fun

Attend a festival at any state park or historic site throughout the year.

### Say, "Parks!"

Find a Park Ranger at one of our state parks and take a selfie with them!

### Splish, Splash

Go swimming at one of our nearly 70 beaches or pools!

### DISC-over Disc Golf

Visit one of our 17 disc golf courses at state parks throughout New York.

### Waterfall Wonders

Explore the more than 50 wonderful waterfalls located throughout our state parks!

### Ready, Set, Run!

Find a race at your local state park and join in on the fun!

### Go for a Spin

Visit one of our four carousels at state parks throughout the system!

### Say, "Historic Sites!"

Learn something new from a historic sites interpreter.

### Bring Your Swing!

Play a round of golf at one of our 19 courses across the state!

### Take a Hike!

Find a hike at a state park near you.

### Gorge-ous Views

Explore a gorge park throughout our system.

### Snow Much Fun!

Bundle up and take on winter by going snowshoeing at one of our state parks.

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## Snow Much MORE Fun!

Bundle up and take on winter by going cross country skiing at one of our state parks.

## Picture Perfect Picnic

Visit a new state park or historic site and bring a picnic for fun!

## Bright Lights

Visit one of our seven magnificent lighthouses!

## New Year, New You!

Participate in a 2024 First Day Hike at one of the 80+ host sites across the state!

## For the Birds

Go birdwatching at any of our state parks and historic sites.

## Surf, Sun, and Sand Castles

Build a sand castle at one of our beaches located at state parks across New York.

## Go Green

Bring your re-usable water bottle on a hike or walk at one of our state parks or historic sites.

## Cool Campers

Join the Camper Loyalty Rewards program and start collecting points!

## Spooky Stories

Tell a ghost story by flashlight around a campfire!

## Sleep Under the Stars

Make a reservation at one of our more than 8,500 campsites!

## Attend a Performance

Attend a concert or performance hosted at one of our state parks or historic sites.

## Sharpen Your Blades

Pack your skates and head off to visit one of our ice rinks throughout the state!

## Yak about it

Bring your own or rent a kayak or canoe for a water-themed adventure.

## Stay Connected!

Download the Parks Explorer app and favorite some of your local state parks and historic sites.

## Reunite with the Revolution

Visit a Revolutionary War battlefield at one of our historic sites.

## Fabulous Forests

Try forest bathing to decompress at one of our state parks or historic sites.

## Host Book Club!

Hold your next book club meeting in a state park or historic site.

## Art in the Park

Sketch a wildflower or wildlife you see at a state park or historic site.

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## Spot a Rainbow

Spot a rainbow in a state park or historic site!

## Snowy Days and Snowy Angels

Make a snow angel at a state park or historic site.

## Visit a Farmers Market

Check out a Farmers Market at a state park or historic site.

## Dog Days

Enjoy a walk with your leashed dog at a state park (where allowed).

## America's Oldest State Park

Visit the oldest state park in the system (Niagara Falls State Park)!

## Smallest New York State Park

Visit our smallest state park (the State Park at the NYS Fair) and make a wish by the reflecting pool!

## Time for a Tour

Take a tour at one of our historic sites!

## Bike the Hudson Valley Greenway Trail

Bike on the Hudson Valley Greenway Trail - which is a portion of the Empire State Trail!

## Bike the Champlain Valley Trail

Bike on the Champlain Valley Trail - which is a portion of the Empire State Trail!

## Explore the Empire State Trail

Bike, walk, or run on the Empire State Trail!

## Covered Bridge Creations

Walk across a covered bridge at one of our state parks or historic sites.

## Here for the S'mores

Make s'mores over a fire at a state park campground!

## Be a Bookworm

Read under a tree at a state park or historic site.

## Largest New York State Park

Visit the largest state park in our system (Allegany State Park)!

## First New York State Historic Site

Visit the first NY State historic site in our system (Washington's Headquarters)!

## Wildlife Watch!

Keep your eyes out for wildlife while you're in a state park or at a state historic site.

## Bike the Erie Canalway Trail

Bike on the Erie Canalway Trail - which is a portion of the Empire State Trail!

## Unlock Adventure

Use your Empire Pass to visit one of our participating state parks!

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## Welcome!

Take a friend or family member who has never been to a state park or historic site to your favorite one.

## Connect Kids

Check out our Connect Kids program!

## Cast A Line

Take part in a free 'Learn to Fish' event in a park or cast a line at one of over 130 parks where you can go fishing.

## Totally Awesome

Experience a Total Solar Eclipse at a state park on April 8, 2024.

## Serve It Up

Play tennis or pickleball at one of 15 parks with tennis courts.

## Ladders to the Outdoors

Learn something new about our Ladders to the Outdoors program.

## Visit an Urban Park

Stop by one of our urban parks located throughout New York City.

## North Country Trail

Hike a portion of the North Country Trail and enjoy nature!

## Natural Communities

Visit a new natural community in a state park or historic site near you.

## Fall Foliage Fun

Visit one of our state parks or historic sites in the fall.

## Happy Holidays

Attend a holiday tree lighting or decorated historic site.

## Find a Statue

Find one of our statues dedicated to a historic figure throughout our state parks.

## Share Your Story

Share a park or site memory for our Share Your Story project with #NYStateParksStory

## Cache It In

Take on a geocaching challenge at one of our state parks or historic sites.

## Head off on an Adventure

Take a ride on one of our Nature or Adventure buses throughout the state to visit a state park or historic site.

## Finger Lakes Trail

Hike a portion of the Finger Lakes Trail and enjoy nature!

## Float like a Butterfly

Visit a butterfly garden at one of our state parks.

## Seasonal Beauty

Visit the same place in a state park or historic for all four seasons of the year.

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## Polinator Power!

Notice a pollinator in action at a state park or historic site.

## Wild Water Plants

Identify an aquatic plant at a state park or historic site.

## Sunset/Sunrise

Experience a sunrise or sunset at your favorite state park or historic site

## Look to the Stars

Go stargazing at your local state park or historic site.

## Boat Safe, Boat Smart

Take a safe boating course!

## Leave No Trace

Learn the seven Leave No Trace principles and apply them on your next visit to a state park or historic site.

## You've Got Mail!

Sign up for the ParkConnect newsletter to learn about what's happening at your New York State parks and historic sites!

## Ah, the Golden Days

Tell any two seniors (age 62+) about the Golden Park program's free weekday access.

## Pulse of the Parks

Read the "Pulse of the Park" Report.

## New York Native

Identify a plant native to New York at a state park or historic site.

## Centennial Celebration

Join us for a special Centennial event at a state park or historic site!

## Sweet Sugar Maple

Find New York State's official tree at a state park or historic site - the sugar maple!

## Snowmobile Safety

Prepare for winter by taking a snowmobile safety course.

## #SeeYouOutThere

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Tag us in a post!

## Nature Center Knowledge

Attend a nature center program.

## Navigation Know-How

Learn how to use a compass on the trail.

## Knowledge is Power

Attend a lecture or program at a state historic site.

## Take a Stroll

Take a self-guided nature walk to learn about insects, plants, fungi, birds and more.

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## Parks & Sites Blog

Check out our blog and read a post about something that interests you!

## Experience History

Attend a historical re-enactment at one of our historic sites!

## What's Your Sign?

Use the Explorer App interactive maps along a trail.

## Explore NY Black History

Explore black history in New York State at a state park or historic site.

## Explore Indigenous History

Explore indigenous history at a state park or historic site.

## Engage in Education

Attend an environmental education program at a state park.

## Give Back on I Love My Park Day

Volunteer for the 2024 I Love My Park Day at any of the 100+ sites!

## Hello, Friend!

Join a friends group!

## Heritage Trails

Embark upon one of our heritage trails to explore significant New York State history you visited and what you learned.

## Tree I.D.

Take a walk at a state park or historic sites and identify a tree native to New York State!

## Wildlife Tracking

Look for signs of wildlife in a state park such as tracks in the mud or the snow.

## Explore NY Women's History

Explore women's history in New York State at a state park or historic site.

## Explore LGBTQIA+ History

Explore LGBTQIA+ history at a state park or historic site.

## Takin' Out the Trash

Pick up any litter at a state park for 30 minutes!

## Lend us a Hand!

Join a volunteer event at any of our parks and historic sites!

## Take to the Trails

Volunteer as a trail steward, talking to other hikers about Leave No Trace and how to best protect our parks.

Mail in your checklist to the address below once you've earned as many points as you can.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
625 Broadway | Albany, N.Y. 12207 | Attn: Centennial Challenge

Challenge submissions will be accepted from January 1, 2024 to January 10, 2025. Winners of the promotional giveaway will be announced the week of January 13, 2025.

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