

## Outdoor Survival

Learn what it takes to survive in the wild, how to pack for a trip, and to use the resources around you to make it on your own in the outdoors. Leave No Trace is a big component of this program.



## Archeology



Scouts will learn how to be resourceful and use the materials around them to accomplish everyday tasks. Scour the beaches for fossils from the ancient seas that once covered Pennsylvania while learning the history of the Presque Isle State Park or Erie Bluffs State Park.

## Service Projects

Scouts and groups looking for service projects can contact the education staff at Presque Isle State Park for opportunities. Examples include trail maintenance and beach clean-ups. Eagle Scout Projects must have a proposal submitted and approved before any work may be started.



## Team Building & Problem Solving



Learning how to problem solve in an outdoor setting can prepare you for tasks in the future. Challenge your students to work together with obstacles of nature to complete an outdoor problem.

Get Outdoors PA is a program to promote the diverse array of recreational opportunities available in Pennsylvania's State Parks and Forests. For more information on other Get Outdoors PA programs, please visit:  
[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/getoutdoorspa](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/getoutdoorspa)

## How to Schedule:

Due to the nature of these activities the group sizes vary depending on program and available staff. Contact the park to discuss your visit. Programs can be combined over the course of a day to offer a greater variety of programs.

For more information and to schedule contact:

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# SCOUTING IS WILD!

## Presque Isle State Park & Erie Bluffs State Park

### Outdoor Education & Recreation Programs designed for Scouts

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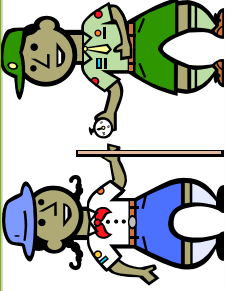
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Get  
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Let us help you plan a day of fun, hands on learning for your Scout group. The programs that are available vary by season and staff. There is a minimum fee of \$30.00 for most programs. There is a minimum requirement of 10 Scouts to schedule a program. After the requirements have been met, each additional Scout will be \$3.00 per person. Some program costs will be figured after planning the event, once the material cost and number of educators required has been determined. Many badge requirements can be met; please discuss with the educators what you would like to achieve. Scouts will be with a professional naturalist and have time to explore the parks and the Tom Ridge Environmental Center.

## BIG Green Screen Movies

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Leaders in **uniform** can purchase a Big Green Screen movie ticket for \$4.00 per person during the months of November through March.



## Map and Compass

Never be lost again once you have mastered a map and compass. Learn how to use a compass, take a bearing, read a map, and navigate with a topographic map and compass.



## GPS and Geocaching

Scouts learn about GPS and Geocaching. This program is part inside and part outside. Participants learn the history of GPS and Geocaching, how GPS works, and what geocaching is. Following the classroom session, participants will travel to the park to find several geocaches.



## Tracks of the Trail

This program will help you to become a better tracker and learn how to read tracks. Each participant will create a track of one of the many animals native to Pennsylvania using plaster and track casts.



## Aquaponics

The wetlab at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center holds the Aquaponic systems and fish from Lake Erie. Learn what Aquaponics is, how it is used and what a sustainable system is. Scouts will see many fish found in Lake Erie and learn to identify, handle, and care for them. Feed the fish and you will get WET!!



## Skins and Skulls



You never know what the naturalist will pull from this trunk full of skins and skulls of animals native to Pennsylvania. The stories can be just as wild as the animals! This program is great for learning about different animals that live on and around Presque Isle State Park.

## Interpretive Hikes

Interpretive hikes occur at Presque Isle State Park or Erie Bluffs State Park. Each site offers different experiences and opportunities for participants. Hikes include the Leave No Trace Principles and iConserve Message. Subjects can be suggested or the educator will cover a wide variety and take advantage of what the location offers. Sample topics are Plant ID, Succession, Beach, Forest and Snowshoeing.



A new experience can be had once the sun sets at Presque Isle State Park and Erie Bluffs State Park while on a night hike. Learn how to walk at night without a flashlight, hear night sounds, and see terrific views while hiking the trails of either park.

## Interpretive Kayak Paddle



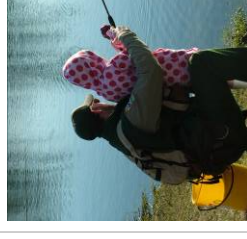
Kayaking is a great way to get up close and personal with the flora and fauna of Presque Isle. Beginners learn the basics of kayaking in this introductory course. No previous experience or equipment is required. Topics include safety, basic strokes and a paddle through the lagoons to try out your new skills. Space is limited to 10 participants. Special fees may apply. Available from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

## Interpretive Pontoon Boat Ride

Enjoy an interpretive pontoon boat ride through the lagoons of Presque Isle State Park. View the many species of wildlife and plants as you float through the interior waterways of the park. Space is limited to 18 passengers. Rides are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



## Fishing



Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay offer excellent fishing opportunities. Programs are offered from beginners to seasoned anglers. Fish for bass, bluegill, yellow perch, channel catfish, or even steelhead. Night fishing adds a whole new experience to the sport of fishing. Different species of fish can be caught because they are active at night instead of during the day.

## Camping

Camping is one of the most enjoyable activities a Scout can experience. Join the educators at Erie Bluffs State Park for a primitive camping experience. This program requires planning and must be scheduled at least 4 months in advance. Minimum of 20 participants. Fee is determined during planning.

