

2016 Hoosier Get Outdoor Challenge

Let's Have an Adventure

Below are a series of outdoor sites around the area that you can visit. If you visit **12 sites in the next 60 days**, (before August 31, 2016) you are eligible for a prize. * Admission prices, if any, are listed.

To document that you were at the site, you can take a selfie at the site or you can answer the question that is linked to the site's question. We'd like to see your photos as well. If you wish, send them to @HoosierNF or post them on our Facebook page. Use the hashtag #GOHoosierNF.

When you complete your challenge – bring your answer sheet to the Hoosier National Forest office at 811 Constitution Avenue, Bedford, IN. An assortment of prizes is available donated by Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Hoosier National Forest.

SITES TO VISIT

1. Hike a portion of the original buffalo trace, once traveled by hundreds of thousands of buffalo. Hike or ride the Springs Valley Trail (\$5 trail permit required for mountain bikes or horses) and find the section which follows the route of the buffalo trace.
Question – Describe what the section of the buffalo trace which the Springs Valley Trail overlaps looks like today? _____.
2. The Stonegate Art Center at 405 I Street was once the headquarters of Indiana Limestone. Inside the walls are lined with photos from the limestone industry. The public is welcome inside to check out the photos. In back of the building is a walled parking lot. The wall is a series of examples of limestone block patterns that clients could select for building materials.
Question - How many selections are there? _____ Which one would you have chosen? _____
3. Breckenridge Cemetery (1-199 Madison Street, Bedford, IN Lat/long-38.8814426,-86.4910528) The cemetery is near the site of a Civil War camp and 25 Confederate soldiers and 7 Union soldiers are buried there.
Question: What is the difference in the Union and Confederate grave stones?

4. Visit the Gus Grissom house at 715 W Grissom Ave, Mitchell, IN. It is open every Saturday or the Chamber can open it on request. Gus Grissom lived here as a boy and always loved the outdoors.
Question: In the house is a shotgun he bought with money he earned _____;
and a knife he made where? _____.
5. Hike the Milwaukee Trail to the 37 overpass across Spider Creek. It will be about 2.5 mile from L or U Street.
Question – What is the bridge number on the bridge just past the 37 overpass? _____
6. Visit the Otis Park Golf course and find the old caddy shack near Tee #1.
Question: How much money did a caddy make per loop when Otis Park first opened (answer is inside the old caddy shack).
7. Martin State Forest (Between Bedford and Shoals) has a Tree ID Trail.
Question: What tree, _____ grows near the creek because it prefers moist areas, and has varying colors of peeling bark and the fruit is a round ball.
8. At Blue Springs Caverns, just west of Bedford, just inside the entrance to the property is a shelter house and trail. Take the short nature trail from the shelter house that makes a loop and returns. After the trail, you may

want to take the cave tour and explore the underground cave at Blue Springs Caverns. (Admission price for cave tour)

Question: The trail goes down into and around what type of geologic feature? (_____)

9. Volksmarchs are a German tradition which encourage families to walk 5 or 10 Kilometer (6.2 mile) walks. Generally the walks are laid out through historic or scenic areas. There are three volksmarches in the area that people can do at any time: Spring Mill State Park (sign up at Spring Mill Inn), Pate Hollow Trail (on the Hoosier NF – sign up at the Paynetown office), or the Bedford Limestone Walk (sign up at Hardees Restaurant on 16th Street). The walks are free unless you're walking for credit from the American Volkswalking Association. Check in, get a map, and enjoy the walk. (\$7 in-state gate entrance fee if you choose to go to Spring Mill State Park)

Question: Which volksmarch did you do and what did you enjoy most about the hike?
_____.

10. Visit the Lick Creek Hiking Trail SE of Paoli. Read the interpretive signs and as you hike or ride this trail, envision how this area once looked when small farms dotted the landscape. (\$5 trail permit required for mountain bikes or horses)

Question: How many free African-American settlers once lived in this area at one time? _____

11. Visit the Pioneer Village at Spring Mill State Park and learn about life in the late 1800s and early 1900s. (\$7 in-state gate entrance fee for the park)

Question: How many children were raised in the Sheeks Cabin (also known as the Weaver's Cabin). _____.

12. Trail #4 at Spring Mill State Park past the Hamer Cemetery. Visit the cemetery. (\$7 in-state gate entrance fee for the park).

Question: There is a grave of a young girl who died in 1877 at the age of 1 year and 5 days. What was her name? _____

13. Visit the Connelly Cemetery on Clark/Smith Road (GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 38.76557, Longitude: -86.54770). The cemetery is about 1.5 miles east of the Bryantsville Church. Take Bryantsville Road off US 50 to Clark/Smith Road south about 0.1 mile. A circuit-riding minister named David Elkins is buried in this cemetery who preached a sermon at the burial of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Question: He is buried with a military stone. What unit and war did he serve in?
_____.

14. In the small town of Huron is a memorial to the Vietnam War. Park in the small pull off between 2 posts just off US 50. The names of the men and women from Indiana who died in the Vietnam War are listed on this memorial.

Question: Who built and maintains this memorial? _____

15. Visit the Joe Palooka, Champion of Democracy statue next to the Town Hall in Oolitic.

Question: What year was the statue originally dedicated to the Bedford, IN, the Stone City of the World? _____.

*One prize per child.