



**BONUS
ACTIVITY!**

Recite a finger play with your favorite little camper to practice language skills. Date: _____

Chorus

Chickadees, chickadees happy today.
Chickadees, chickadees fly away.

5 little chickadees by the camper door.
One flew away and then there were 4.

Chorus

4 little chickadees in a pine tree.
One flew away and then there were 3.

Chorus

3 little chickadees looking at you.
One flew away and then there were 2.

Chorus

2 little chickadees watching you run.
One flew away and then there was 1.

Chorus

1 chickadee alone at Sven's Bluff.
It flew away because it had enough!

Chorus

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LIKE TO HIKE



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PENINSULA STATE PARK

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HOW IT WORKS

1. Complete five or more activities in this Like to Hike log. Trail maps are available at the Nature Center, campground host sites and Park Headquarters. Those with special needs may modify activities.

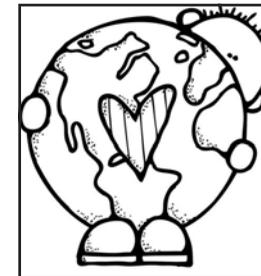


Art by Mark McCollough (US Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine) inspired the 2017 pin design.

2. Pins are available to anyone for \$6. Those who complete five or more activities can purchase a pin for just \$3!

3. Record activities in this log. Bring it to the Park Headquarters or the Nature Center. Park staff will stamp the log so you can purchase the pin at a discount.

4. The Like to Hike program encourages silent sports (hiking, snowshoeing, biking, skiing, paddling) which promote health and resource appreciation.



The Cheerful Acrobat
Black-capped Chickadee



Look! A ball of feathers pops out of the greenery of a white pine. It wings its way to a bird feeder, snatches a sunflower seed, then quickly returns to the safety of needled branches. A black cap and black bib, a round head, and a petite bill, all reveal the bird's identity, even before you hear its territorial call. Chicka-dee-dee-dee! Extra "dees" tell others, "Beware!" The more dees, the more threat the bird feels.

Chickadees (*Poecile atricapillus*) are year-round residents at Peninsula State Park. In winter, they form loose flocks with a dominance hierarchy. Chickadees pair off in spring and summer. They line a nest cavity with moss and perhaps rabbit fur.

Each autumn, some neurons in their tiny brains die off so that new neurons, with new information, can grow. This helps chickadees adapt to changes in their flock and environment.



White Pine needles grow in bundles of five.

Though chickadees prefer birch for nesting sites, they glean insects from the needles and bark of White Pine (*Pinus strobus*). A White Pine is identified along Sentinel Trail and behind the Nature Center.



1. BIRDING AT PENINSULA

Date: _____ 30 minutes.
Look for birds at Weborg Point, Middle Road or along Peninsula's 8-mile coast. Kids binoculars and field guides are available for free loan at the Nature Center.

2. NICOLET BAY TRAIL

Date: _____ 2.2 miles one way. Generally running north to south, this trail features giant pines and hemlocks that survived early logging days. Stone fences indicate old farm sites.

3. LONE PINE TRAIL

Date: _____ 0.5 miles one way. Access on Shore Road near Nicolet South Campground. Ascend a bluff then look for the remains of the original "lone pine." It lies on the forest floor, slowly turning into soil.



4. SENTINEL TRAIL

Date: _____ 0.6-mile section of 2-mile loop trail is surfaced. Gently rolling. Signs identify trees including gray-barked beech. Learn about beech bark disease, too!

PENINSULA GEOCACHES

New to geocaching? Visit the Nature Center for basic information or go to www.geocaching.com.

Date(s): _____



Pileated Woodpecker

5. So Many Memories Hint: Tennis. Counts as two activities. 3 miles.	N45° 08.687 W087° 14.359
6. Ash Tree Hunt Hint: Kodanko.	N45° 09.014 W087° 13.057
7. Beech Tree Hunt Hint: Middle.	N45° 08.809 W087° 13.049

8. EAGLE TRAIL

Date: _____ This 2-mile loop showcases 150-foot bluffs along a rocky trail. The DNR's 2016 survey documented 21 eagle nests in Door County. Eyes to the sky!

9. PEDAL POWER

Date: _____
Pedal all or part of Sunset Bike Route (10 miles) or the Mountain Bike Trails (mileage varies, trail pass required). Watch for forest wildlife like pileated woodpeckers and frisky squirrels.

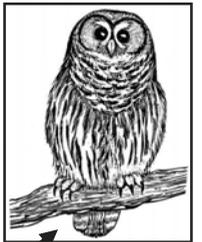
10. CHICKADEE CLUB (October thru March)

Try feeding the chickadees for a membership card. Ask how at the Nature Center. No dues, no perks, no meetings!



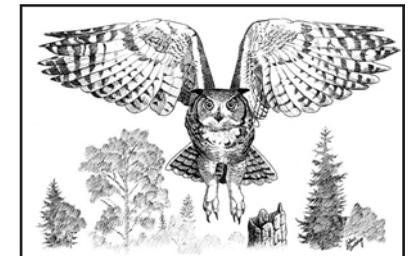
11. BAT WATCH

Date: _____ 30 minutes.
Peninsula's bat population has declined by as much as 90% due to white-nose syndrome. Species once common are now listed as state endangered. Venture to the Welcker's shelter building about 30 minutes after sunset to see if you can still spot these amazing flying mammals.



12. OWL PROWL

Date: _____
30 minutes. Stroll the campgrounds at dusk and listen for the "who cooks for you" hoot of the Barred Owl or the "hoot-hooty-who" of the Great Horned. Watch for fireflies, too!



Complete at least five activities to be eligible for a discount on your Like to Hike pin.