

After you complete your adventure, log in to www.KidsInParks.com and register the Rx code below to earn a free prize in the mail. Then, visit other TRACK Trail locations and log your adventures online to earn even more free prizes!

Rx Code: TRACKRXNC

TRACK your hike at kidsinparks.com and get FREE prizes!



The next generation of stewards will help preserve the world's plants, animals, natural lands and our heritage. What will you do to make a difference?

> Kids in Parks ... Providing a network of fun-filled adventures that get kids and families active outdoors and connected to nature.

> > Kids in Parks Founding Partners





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Hi kids. I'm KIP... this is my pal, Dr. TRACK.

Spending time outdoors is good for you. When you go for a walk, ride a bike, or simply play in the yard, you get healthier.

That's why doctors all over the country have begun prescribing nature to kids... it's better than medicine!

KIP and I created a network of trails designed for kids and families called TRACK Trails. Each trail has self-guided adventures you can do to make discoveries and have fun! This is our TRACK Rx Adventure. It combines several of our trail brochures into one. You can do it in your backyard, schoolyard, park, or along an official TRACK Trail.

Cognitive Health: Train Your Brain

Petal

When you spend time outside, you see, hear and smell things. You make discoveries: crystals in a rock, a bird singing a song, or wildflowers blooming... and you improve your cognitive health! (you become smarter!)

> Let's make some discoveries about flowers! Find a flower... Smell it. Look at it closely. Can you find the different parts of the flower?

Doctors know that spending time in nature can help your muscles grow stronger, your brain become smarter, and make you feel better about yourself. This brochure has activities to strengthen all three areas of health.

GNITIVE

Filament

Pistil

All three areas of health work together to help you feel your best. Best of all, you can take these health benefits with you to any part of your life!

PHYSICAL

Physical Health: Active Lifestyle

When you go for a walk, hike, bike ride, or run around, your heart beats faster, your muscles work... and you improve your physical health!

During your adventure, discover how athletic animals train by doing a few of their exercises:



Studies show that simply viewing pictures of nature can reduce stress levels and improve emotional health... Imagine what spending time outdoors can do!

Red Maple

In this activity, take fifteen minutes to relax and observe the trees around you. Can you find these types of trees? How many other shades of green make up the scene?









Cottontail Dash

White Oak 🗌

Watch for cottontail rabbits feeding in grassy areas. Rabbits are a favorite food of coyotes, foxes and hawks. When being chased, rabbits sprint in a fast zig-zag pattern until they find cover.

Sprint down the trail in a zig-zag until you find a large tree to hide behind.

Stem

Sepa

Hummingbird Hand-swings

Look for ruby-throated hummingbirds feeding on flowers around woodland edges and fields. Hummingbirds flap their wings over 50 times per second!

How many times can you flap your arms in 30 seconds?