



# Venture Vermont

## 2009 Outdoor Challenge

This is your Venture Vermont scorecard—keep track of the activities that you complete by checking the box to the right of the activity. Make sure you take a photo (or have some-one else take a photo) of you completing the task. When you reach 250 points—you win free day entry into Vermont State Parks for the rest of the 2009 season and for the entire 2010 season!

Mail this scorecard, your photographs (high resolution, digital preferred on CD or DVD), any video clips, any written material (poems, stories, etc.), and your signed model release form (the last page of this scorecard) to:

**Vermont State Parks**  
**103 South Main St, 10 South**  
**Waterbury, VT 05671**

**Entries must be received by October 15th 2009**  
**One scorecard per person please**



Take photos of all activities

### Identify Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify and take a photograph of a tree, animal, plant, fossil, animal track, rock, constellation, animal home, or cloud formation. Keep track of them on a separate sheet of paper (1 point each, maximum of 30 points total).

Examples:  
 white pine tree, painted turtle, dandelion, trilobite, moose track, granite boulder, little dipper, beaver lodge, and thunderhead.

Create a nature journal that includes the things you identify (10 points)

### Discover Total: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attend a program or concert in a park (15 points)
- Go on an owl prowl (10 points)
- Attend a Green Mountain Conservation Camp (50 points)
- Tour a Fish Hatchery (15 points)
- Participate in a Let's Go Fishing event (25 points)
- Attend Becoming an Outdoor Family (25 points)
- Attend Becoming an Outdoor Kid (25 points)
- Go for an early morning bird walk (10 points)

### Create Total: \_\_\_\_\_

- Sit in the forest and observe, then write a poem, story, or create an art project about your experience (10 points)
- Draw a map of your favorite outside place (10 points)
- Optional: Email your poem, story, art project, or map to parks@state.vt.us (5 points)
- Build a kite out of stuff you find outside (10 points)
- Build a sand sculpture at a beach (5 points)
- Keep a weather journal (10 points)

### Outdoor Challenge Total: \_\_\_\_\_

- Build a fire without matches or lighter (10 points)
- Build a shelter with natural objects (10 points)
- Build a bat or bird house (10 points)
- Tie a fly (5 points)
- Learn to tie a new knot (5 points)
- Learn to navigate with a map and compass (20 points)
- Have a tent setting-up race (10 points)
- Boil water with stones (10 points)
- Make your own shoes to wear around your campsite (10 points)
- Make your own fishing pole with stuff you find outside (10 points)
- Bonus: Catch a fish with your creation (5 extra points)

### Float Total: \_\_\_\_\_

- Human powered boat on lake (10 points)
- Human powered boat on river or stream (10 points)
- Motor boat (5 points)
- Swim in lake or stream (5 points)
- Learn a new swimming stroke this year (5 points)
- Go wading in water (5 points)
- Construct a model boat with things you find outside and see how far it will float (5 points)
- Skip stones across water (5 points)

<p><b>Enjoy</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total:</b> _____</span></p> <p>Go Fishing (10 points for each location)            Location: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Location: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Location: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Location: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Extra points for fishing catch-and-release (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Extra points for catching a Vermont state record fish (50 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Climb a tree or boulder (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Ride a bike in a park (1 point per mile)            What park: _____ # of miles _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Have a picnic at a park (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Bonus: Use only food made or grown locally for your picnic (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Play a game outside at a park (5 points each)            IDEAS! Catch, Tag, Bocce Ball, Volleyball</p> <p>_____ <input type="checkbox"/>            _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Visit a playground and slide, swing and play (10 points a visit)</p> <p>Playground: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Playground: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Playground: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Experience</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total:</b> _____</span></p> <p>Hike a trail (5 points)            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Hike a trail you have never hiked before (10 points each)            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Bring a friend hiking who has never hiked before (10 points each)            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Trail name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Hike a trail to a summit (10 points each)            Summit name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Summit name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Summit name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Hike to a waterfall (10 points each)            Waterfall name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Waterfall name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Waterfall name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Take a picture from a fire tower (5 points each)            Location: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Location: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>            Location: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Bonus: Did you hike in a State Park or State Forest? (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Share</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total:</b> _____</span></p> <p>Take someone under 15 fishing (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Teach someone about invasive insect forest pests (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Make a Difference</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total:</b> _____</span></p> <p>Ride a bike, carpool, or walk to work or school for at least a week (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Hang your laundry outdoors to dry instead of using a drying machine (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Plant a tree (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Make a waste free lunch for a week (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Grow a garden (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Remove invasive plants (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Plant a native plant (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Recycle some roadside litter (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Get Involved</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total:</b> _____</span></p> <p>Participate in the 2009 Environthon (25 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Organize a neighborhood clean-up (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/>            Go on a screen-time diet: watch no television for at least a week (30 points) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	





### Can we use your photos?

Thanks for participating in Venture Vermont. We would like to share your experience to inspire others. Please fill out this release form and return with your score card. If you do not wish to share your photos with others you do not have to complete the form.

- (a) To use, re-use, publish and re-publish the same in whole or part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs, artwork, and poetry, or any medium and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not by way of limitation) illustration, promotion, and advertising and trade, and
- (b) To use my name in conjunction therewith if the State of Vermont so chooses.

I hereby release and discharge the State of Vermont from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the photographs, artwork, poetry and any other submission, including any and all claims for libel.

I am over the age of twenty-one. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. (If you are under 21, see below for signature of parent or guardian).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If under 21 years of age, please have parents read and sign below.

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the terms of this release.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_