



Into the Wild

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Into the Wild lets you study a wild animal up close. You'll watch how it behaves, build a model of its home, and learn how people affect it. You'll come away seeing nature in a new way.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/into-the-wild/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

- ☐ **1** Visit a place with many kinds of wild animals; pick one and watch how it behaves, then use that animal for the rest of the requirements

Tip: Visit a zoo, nature center, or park and watch one animal for a while. Write down what it does.

Example: Watch a squirrel for 15 minutes and keep notes: "Ran up the oak, buried an acorn, chased another squirrel, flicked its tail when a dog walked by." Then guess why it did each thing.

- ☐ **2** Make a model of your animal's ecosystem

Tip: Use a shoebox and craft supplies to show your animal's home, food, and neighbors.

Example: In a shoebox, show your animal's home: a pond with cattails for a frog, insects to eat, a heron that hunts it, and logs where it hides. Label food, water, shelter, and space.

- ☐ **3** Investigate how your animal lives alongside other animals in the wild

Tip: Find out what animals it eats, competes with, or lives alongside.

Example: A deer shares the woods with rabbits that eat the same plants, coyotes that hunt fawns, and birds that eat ticks off its back. Draw a web showing who eats, competes with, or helps your animal.

- ☐ **4** Describe how people interact with your animal's ecosystem

Tip: Think about roads, buildings, and pollution, plus ways people help, like parks.

- ☐ **5** Find out how wildlife management helps your animal

Tip: Ask a ranger or wildlife worker how they manage habitats to help your animal.

Example: Wildlife managers might protect nesting areas, plant food plots, set hunting or fishing seasons to keep populations healthy, or build road crossings so animals don't get hit.