



AWARD WORKSHEET

National Outdoor Badge: Hiking

Venturing

Name

Started

Completed

The National Outdoor Badge for Hiking celebrates miles on the trail. It recognizes Scouts and Venturers who hike a lot and build strong navigation skills. Every step adds up.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/noa/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

- ☐ **1** Earn First Class rank or Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or finish Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1–6

Tip: Make sure you've finished First Class, Sea Scout Apprentice, or the listed Ranger requirements first.

- ☐ **2** Finish one of these: Hiking merit badge, Backpacking merit badge, or the Venturing Ranger Backpacking elective

Tip: Choose Hiking, Backpacking, or the Ranger Backpacking elective. Pick the one that matches the trips you love.

Example: Choose based on your trips: Hiking if you love long day hikes, Backpacking if you want overnight trips with everything on your back, or the Ranger Backpacking elective if you're already working on the Ranger Award.

- ☐ **3** Finish one of these: Orienteering merit badge, Geocaching merit badge, or the Venturing Ranger Land Navigation core

Tip: Choose Orienteering, Geocaching, or the Ranger Land Navigation core. All build confidence finding your way.

Example: Orienteering builds map and compass skill on timed courses, Geocaching uses GPS to find hidden caches, and Land Navigation fits if you're working on Ranger. All three make you the person who knows where the group is.

- ☐ **4** Hike, backpack, snowshoe, or cross-country ski a total of 100 miles in Scouting America activities; miles from requirements 2 and 3 count

Tip: Log each Scouting hike or ski trip with the date and miles until you reach 100. Hike with a group and tell someone your route.

Example: Entries like "Oct 12, troop hike, state park ridge loop, 8 miles" and "Jan 18, crew snowshoe trip, 4 miles" add up. A 50-mile trek plus a handful of long day hikes gets you most of the way.