For Kids Who Like Messing Around Outdoors in Maine

Fun stuff for kids to learn and do in Maine’s great outdoors.
SPRING

What if?
Circle the one right thing to do if you find a baby animal without its mother.

1. What if you find a fawn without its mother?
   a. Leave it alone - mom will come back.
   b. Call a veterinarian.
   c. Take it home.

2. What if you find a nest of baby raccoons?
   a. Take them all home.
   b. Call a game warden.
   c. Wait from a safe distance to see if mom comes back.

3. What if you find a baby bird on the ground?
   a. Take it home.
   b. Look up. Find the nest. Put it back in nest.
   c. Leave it alone.

4. What if you see a baby turtle crossing the road?
   a. Take it home.
   b. Put it on the side of the road it came from.
   c. Put it on the side of the road it was heading for.

Get outside to look for the arrival of migrating birds, plus new baby animals everywhere!

Name This Bird

This bird always catches big worms in the rain. Starting at the top, find the letters that appear in the raindrops touching the worm. Write them in order on the dotted lines above to name this bird. Then have fun coloring it!
Letter Fun

Discover the names of the animals hidden in the blank boxes below using the alphabet/number chart above.

1. I swim to Greenland, and return to Maine to lay eggs when I am 4 years old.

2. I have 4 wings and love to eat mosquitoes.

3. There are more of me in Maine than any other state except Alaska.

4. I am a predator and lay eggs in my nest as early as February.

5. I scream loudly and eat porcupines.

6. I make a loud drumming noise with my wings during spring mating season.

Backyard Bingo

Go out in your backyard and find as many items on the bingo card as you can to get 4 in a row. You may find 4 in a row across, 4 in a row down, or 4 in a row diagonally.
This is a great time to fish, boat, hike, and do other activities outside!

**How Many Fish Can You Catch?**
See if you can identify the fish using the list on the right. Next, connect these Maine fish using just 4 lines without lifting your pencil. Hint: You can cross 1 or 2 lines if you want!

1. [Fish Image]  e __ __ __ __  
   __ __ __ __  
2. [Fish Image]  a __ __ __ __  
   c __ __ __ __  
3. [Fish Image]  H __ __ __ __  
   M __ __ __ __  
4. [Fish Image]  r __ __ __ __  
   __ __ __ __  
5. [Fish Image]  T __ __ __ __  
   __ __ __ __  
6. [Fish Image]  B __ __ __ __  
   __ __ __ __  
7. [Fish Image]  W __ __ __ __  
   __ __ __ __  
8. [Fish Image]  S __ __ __ __  
   __ __ __ __  
9. [Fish Image]  Y __ __ __ __  
   __ __ __ __  

**Let’s Go Fishing**
Discover what all these ‘fishy’ things are by unscrambling the word to the right!

1. EYE  SHANK  BARB  Are parts of a OKHO  H __ __  
2. PROPELLER  THROTTLE  SHAFT  Are parts of a TOORM  M __ __ __ __  
3. FIN  TAIL  GILL  Are parts of a SHIF  F __ __  
4. FERRULE  HANDLE  EYELET  Are parts of a SIHFIGN  F __ __ __ __ __  
5. LURE  WORM  SMELT  Are kinds of ATIB  R __ __  
6. RIFFLES  POOL  BANKS  Are parts of a MEATRS  B __ __ __ __ __  
7. STERN  BOW  GUNNEL  Are parts of a ABTO  B __ __  
8. HACKLE  BODY  WINGS  Are parts of a YLF  F __ __
Where In Maine?
The scrambled words below are places in Maine named after wildlife. Help chickadee unscramble the words, then draw a line to its place on the map.

1. ohoedemsa

2. reekCttOre

3. eDreIels

4. veoGeSla

5. evBaCeorev

6. KpuDctra

7. aCriuob

8. HswdlaeD

9. eALkaElge

10. lowolHartKMsu

11. sBsa rbrHao

For more fun, here are some ponds in Maine with animal names

1. xFo __________ Pond

2. oLno __________ Pond

3. KuDc __________ Pond

4. iPcerekl __________ Pond

5. rleiurqS __________ Pond

6. aerB __________ Pond

7. tTruo __________ Pond

8. Brook Trout

9. Lake Trout

10. Yellow Perch

11. Rainbow Smelt

12. Largemouth Bass

13. Chain Pickerel

14. Black Crappie

15. Pumpkinseed

16. Sunfish

17. American Eel

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Maine is called “The Pine Tree State” because of its many pine forests. Maine’s State tree, the white pine, is the largest conifer in the Northeast U.S.

For fun, first see how many of the **Maine State symbols** listed below you can find. Next, see how many more Maine critters you find in the scene. Now color it in!

- Animal • Moose
- Tree • Eastern White Pine
- Berry • Blueberry
- Bird • Chickadee
- Cat • Coon Cat
- Fish • Landlocked Salmon
- Flower • Pine Cone
- Gemstone • Tourmaline
- Herb • Wintergreen
- Insect • Honey Bee
FALL

It’s fun to hunt, hike, and ride ATVs in the fall. You can study leaves of the trees and see animals in the woods and fields more easily.

Crowds of Critters

What’s it called when a bunch of fish get together? See if you can correctly match the group name with the critter it belongs to.

1. Shoal
2. Murder
3. Cast
4. Crash
5. Wisp
6. Knot
7. Plague
8. Army
9. Flock
10. Skulk
11. Herd
12. Pack
13. Gaggle
14. School
15. Pod
16. Raft
17. Covey
18. Colony
19. Drift
20. Parliament

Oh Nuts!

Match the nut, fruit, or cone to the tree on which it grows!

1. catkin
2. acorn
3. nut
4. cone
5. fruit

Oak ___
Beech ___
Birch ___
American Chestnut ___
Pine ___
Maine Maze

Directions to chickadees’ nest box
1. Go north at muskrat
2. Go east at caribou
3. Go south at duck
4. Go west at crow
5. Go east at woodcock
6. Go south at frog
7. Go east at otter
8. Go west at hawk
9. Go north at grasshopper
10. Go east at moose
11. Go north at fox
12. Go east at goose
13. Go west at beaver
14. Go north at wolf
15. Go west at quail
16. Go north at owl

Chickadee is lost! By using the compass and directions above, please help chickadee find the way back to its home.
This is the best time of the year to look for and identify tracks in the snow.

Big Wildlife Words

Here are three big words that describe when animals are most active. See if you can guess if each animal below is nocturnal, diurnal, or crepuscular by putting N, D, or C next to the proper animal below. Hint: a raccoon is nocturnal.

nocturnal • N
Animals most active at night

____ snowshoe hare
____ vulture
____ moose
____ songbird
____ beaver

diurnal • D
Animals most active during the day

____ skunk
____ raccoon
____ fox
____ opossum
____ deer

crepuscular • C
Animals most active during dusk/dawn (twilight)

____ hawk
____ mouse
____ woodchuck
____ squirrel
____ wild turkey

Dot-2-Dot
See if you can find the animals in this winter Maine scene. Connect the dots to find out what these winter animals are!

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Snowmobile Safety Course

Alfred is meeting his friend Erica to go riding. Help him start his trip well prepared, and ride safe and smart!

Animal Tracks
The tracks below are found in places these animals like to hang out. Put the number of the animal next to its tracks.

1. lynx
2. coyote
3. moose
4. otter
5. deer
6. dog
7. bobcat
8. red fox
9. house cat
10. fisher
11. gray fox
12. wild turkey

A. ____ is often seen in an apple orchard
B. ____ is seen on a remote dirt road near water
C. ____ might be seen on path in the woods
D. ____ is often seen on trail around a field
E. ____ is often seen in a hay field
F. ____ is often seen in the mud on river bank
G. ____ might be near farm fields
H. ____ might be seen on a trail in the forest
I. ____ is seen in a remote northern forest
J. ____ is often seen in a driveway
K. ____ is often seen in a corn field
L. ____ is often seen in a flower garden
**ANSWERS to PUZZLES**

**SPRING**

**What If?**
1. a 2. c 3. b 4. c

**Name This Bird**

**Letter Fun**

**SUMMER**

**Find The Fishway**
- Yellow Perch
- Black Crappie
- Chain Pickerel
- Lake Trout
- Pumpkinseed Sunfish
- Brook Trout
- American Eel
- Largemouth Bass
- Rainbow Smelt

**Let’s Go Fishing**
- A. hook
- B. motor
- C. fish
- D. fishing rod
- E. bait
- F. stream
- G. boat
- H. fly

**Where In Maine?**

**Ponds With Animal Names?**

**FALL**

**Crowds of Critters**

**Oh Nuts!**
- Oak 2 (acorn)
- Beech 3 (nut)
- Birch 1 (catkin)
- Chestnut 5 (fruit)
- Pine 4 (cone)

**WINTER**

**Snowmobile Safety Course**

**Safe & Smart**
1. Leave a note
2. Take a first aid kit
3. Stay off posted private land
4. Stay off thin ice
5. Go slow over bridges
6. Stop before you cross a roadway
7. Never chase wildlife

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- diurnal
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- songbird
- skunk
- vulture
- mouse
- squirrel
- opossum
- snowshoe hare
- crepuscular
- wild turkey
- deer
- woodchuck
- moose
- fox

**Animal Tracks**
- A. 5 (deer)
- B. 3 (moose)
- C. 7 (bobcat)
- D. 2 (coyote)
- E. 8 (red fox)
- F. 4 (otter)
- G. 11 (gray fox)
- H. 10 (fisher)
- I. 1 (lynx)
- J. 6 (dog)
- K. 12 (wild turkey)
- L. 9 (house cat)

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