

Make 2020 a year filled with outdoor fun!

# New Year's Resolutions

A new year is coming soon. It's the time when many people—and at least one raccoon—come up with resolutions, or goals, for making their lives better.

In 2020, I pledge to enjoy the great outdoors even more than I did in 2019! Would you like to do that, too?

The lists on these two pages can help you come up with your very own resolutions for having lots of fun outside. Put a check mark next to each activity you promise to do during the coming year. And maybe even write in some activities of your own! After you complete an activity, add a second check mark.

Sincerely,

Ranger Rick



## 4 SUBJECTS I WILL PHOTOGRAPH

	PROMISE TO DO	DONE
Lichen on a rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A flower up close	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raindrops on leaves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal with stripes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tree bark with an interesting pattern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A beautiful sunset	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A weird-looking mushroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 3 ACTIVITIES I WILL DO NEAR HOME

	PROMISE TO DO	DONE
Plant flowers that attract bees and butterflies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify as many insects as I can in my backyard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Look for mushrooms or moss.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Find a bird's nest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hang a birdfeeder.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 3 SKILLS I WILL LEARN

	PROMISE TO DO	DONE
Find my way to a friend's house using GPS (tracking app).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skip a stone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Call a bird closer to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cast a fishing line.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify different kinds of animal scat (poop).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use binoculars to zoom in on wildlife.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify poison ivy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 3 ANIMALS I WILL WATCH FOR 5 MINUTES

	PROMISE TO DO	DONE
An ant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A bird	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A spider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A squirrel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A cricket	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A bat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SHOW US!

**Rangers:** Once you complete one or more of the activities you checked off, tell us about your experiences or send photos!

—R.R.

Write to

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We may publish a small selection of photos in a future issue.

## 4 ACTIVITIES I WILL DO WITH FAMILY

	PROMISE TO DO	DONE
Camp out in the backyard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read a book in a hammock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make a nature map of our neighborhood.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go on an owl prowls at night in winter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collect wild berries that are safe to eat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go kayaking or canoeing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make an obstacle course and ride bikes around it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listen for frogs at night in spring.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listen for insects at night in summer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## 3 WILD PLACES I WILL EXPLORE WITH FAMILY

	PROMISE TO DO	DONE
A cave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A boardwalk in a wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A high-up place (for a bird's-eye view)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A river or creek near my house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A wide-open field or meadow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A nearby wildlife refuge or park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 3 WACKY THINGS I WILL TRY

	PROMISE TO DO	DONE
Sculpt a 2-foot raccoon out of mud.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Find the official animals of my state in the wild.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build a secret den or fort.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go on a picnic in the snow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turn cartwheels in the rain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Howl at the moon!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

