

Badger Challenge



Looking sleek in his stripes, say hello to Bertie the badger!
Joining the Woodland Collection Bertie's challenge is packed with over 40 ideas to get you out exploring your surroundings and experiencing adventure.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Badger' board over on
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Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK – solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

Share your adventures and join us over on our social channels for even more adventures and a nosy behind the scenes at Pawprint HQ!



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Craft

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-  Create your own woodland bunting.
-  Make your own badger footprints and have a treasure hunt/trail.
-  Earthworms make up to 80% of a badgers diet. Make a wormery or compost bin for the garden.
-  Cut, collage or paint a badger mask.
-  Make your own paint brushes from natural materials and paint a picture of a badger.

Why?

Badgers are often trapped for their pelts (skins) to make shaving and paint brushes and trims for traditional Scottish clothing.

-  Create a needle-felted badger.
-  In 2018 Apple introduced the badger emoji. Have a go at creating your own emoji, what would it mean and why?
-  Badgers are nocturnal creatures coming out at night. Create some shadow or finger puppets and tell a story including a badger.
-  The Rorschach Test uses the interpretation of black and white ink blots to determine people's personality and characteristics. Create your own black and white ink blots and see what you can see...any badgers in there?
-  Go on a walk and create a badger picture from found objects and natural materials.
-  Badgers can run or gallop up to speeds of 30km/h (19mph) for short periods of time. Use a broom handle and create yourself a hobby horse style badger (or a hobby horse) and enjoy galloping around.
-  Fruit, nuts and seeds are all favourite foods of badgers. Have a go at printing with fruit to make your own patterned wrapping paper or create a picture with different seeds.
-  Badgers are very sociable and live in groups called a cete (usually containing 2-15 badgers). They are the woodland's ruling clan. Get creative with your family tree to show your clan and how you fit in.



Food

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- Make your own badger face biscuits.
- Badgers are known to eat chickens and eggs of other animals, learn to boil an egg or make an omelette.
- Berries are a favourite food of badgers. Collect berries and make your own cordials. Over 18? Why not have a go at making your own wine?

Why?

Badgers can often get drunk from eating rotting fruit...we're certainly not suggesting you do the same but there's a lot to be learnt about the fermentation process (it's really quite science don't you know!). Take this activity further with an 'other' activity about alcohol awareness.

- Badgers eat earthworms, beetles, insects and grubs. Take part in a bush-tucker trial style tasting event. Leaders, these items can be purchased online.
- Badgers were eaten in Britain during WWII and are still eaten today in Russia, most commonly in smoked or dried form. Try other smoked or dry cured meats.
- Build your own food smoker (see above).
- Badgers are expert foragers and eat a wide variety of foods including nuts, seeds, acorns, crops (such as wheat), apples, pears, plums and elderberries. Go foraging and see what you can find. Remember: some things in nature may look edible but can be poisonous. Be sure to be accompanied by an experienced forager.
- Blindfolded, smell different foods and see if you can identify them. Why? Badgers have a strong sense of smell.
- Taste different foods with a peg on your nose and then without. Did they taste different without your sense of smell? How?
- Make your own jelly worms and chocolate soil.
- Gather berries and bake a seasonal treat such as crumble or pie.
- Badgers are the largest land predator in the UK, find out about the food chain they sit in and more about their diet.
- Make your own berry smoothies for a badger style beverage!



Games

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- Use your own keen sense of smell to hunt that sniff.

What?

Badgers have a keen sense of smell which helps them to find grubs and burrows of small mammals under the soil. Use your nose in a treasure hunt with a twist and see if you can track down the source of that smell! Use strong cheese or potpourri hidden in your meeting place or house and use only your nose to track it down.

- Male badgers are called boars and females are sows. Baby badgers are called cubs. Test your knowledge of other animals male/female names with a quiz.
- Badgers are nocturnal so play a wide game or have a treasure hunt in the dark.
- Test your senses and have a go at a night line.

What?

Negotiate a variety of obstacles without relying on your sight. Follow a string/line through, under and over obstacles while blindfolded. Alternatively you can create blackout goggles using heavy duty tape and lab specs.

- Do you have acute hearing like a badger? Find out with a game of Chinese Whispers or Queen's Keys.
- Apple launched the badger emoji in 2018. Play guess the film/book title using emojis.
- Play a game that uses black and white pieces like Draughts/Checkers, Othello or Chess.
- Test your physical strength. Badgers jaw bones are especially designed to resist dislocation which increases the strength of their bite.
- Badgers are defensive and brave. Play a game of capture the flag.
- How fast can you run? Badgers can run up to speeds of up to 30km/h (19mph). Compare how fast you can run with badgers and then compare with other animals.
- Badgers setts can be like mazes, have a go at solving some mazes or create your own maze for someone else to solve.



Other

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-  Badgers dig burrows called setts/dens; these are a network of tunnels with various entrances. Some of the largest setts can be home to 15 or more animals with up to 300 meters of tunnels and more than 40 entrances/exits. Build your own den.
-  Be brave like a badger and complete an adventurous activity.
-  Find out how to track badgers and see if you can find any in your local area. Perhaps you could set up a night vision camera and see if you could catch a glimpse of some of these nocturnal beasts.
-  Complete an alcohol awareness activity and learn about the dangers of alcohol abuse. Why? Badgers often get drunk from eating rotten fruit.
-  Learn what badger baiting is and find out about the legislation surrounding it. Hold a debate on this issue or on the culling of badgers.
-  Badgers gallop. Have a go at horse riding and see what it feels like to gallop.
-  There are 11 species of badger. Find out where they come from and find those places on a map. What are the differences between the species?
-  A badger is the symbol for one of the houses in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books. Find out about other badgers in literature.
-  Have a go at playing the piano or keyboard and create a tune to represent a badger using the black and white keys.
-  Badgers are nocturnal...take a night hike and see if you can spot any badgers along your journey.
-  Read the story of Badger's Bring Something Party by Hiawyn Oram. Mole amazes all the other animals with his best dance moves, share your best dance moves with someone else, hold a disco or host your own 'bring something party'.
-  Badgers can live up to 26 years but typically only 4-10 years in the wild. Look back at what's happened in your lifetime what's the best and the worst thing that's happened?
-  Hold a black and white party for your friends, why not dress up in your badger masks and eat your badger face biscuits?
-  Watch a black and white film.

Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Badger Challenge badge to **mark their achievements!** Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



Create a Keepsake!

Experienced **adventure**? Made **memories**? Then it's time to create a **keepsake**! Our Pawprint Family camp blankets are the perfect place to **sew your badges** and look back on them for years to come.



Personalise it!

Got your camp blanket? Then it's time to make it yours! Our alphabet badges are **big, bright and bold**...the perfect addition to your camp blanket, hoodies, bags and more. What will you personalise first?



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