

Northern Ireland Challenge



Grab your passport and jet set to Northern Ireland!

Explore Northern Irish culture, traditions, taste the food and maybe pick up a phrase or two as you adventure your way across the globe.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Northern Ireland' board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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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.

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Craft

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- 📍 The cliffs of Rathlin Island are home to puffins and can be spotted during the months of April and August. Draw a picture of this coastal creature.
- 📍 Design your own front cover for one of the Chronicles of Narnia novels, written by C.S. Lewis.

Why?

C.S Lewis was born in Belfast and The Chronicles of Narnia are said to be inspired by the Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland.

- 📍 Use marshmallows dipped in green paint or chocolate to print shamrocks onto paper, both three and four leaf shamrocks onto paper.
- 📍 Did you know the Titanic was built in Belfast? It was the biggest ship in the world when it set sail in 1912. Today, Belfast is home to the Titanic Museum. Make your own Titanic boarding pass and decorate it to look like a real 1912 Titanic ticket. Add your name, class of travel, and destination.
- 📍 Create a silhouette painting of The Dark Hedges.

What?

The Dark Hedges is a tunnel of trees that have become one of the most photographed spots in Northern Ireland. This location has been referenced and featured in several TV shows and films over the years.

- 📍 Stormont and Dunluce are both castles in Northern Ireland. Build a castle of your own out of junk model materials.
- 📍 Irish dancers wear bright, colourful outfits often with swirly patterns that stand out on stage. Design your own Irish dancing outfit. Why not add gems or sequins to make it extra special?
- 📍 Build a 3D model of Giant's Causeway using recycled egg cartons or toilet paper rolls.

Here's an idea!

Giant's Causeway is made up over 40,000 columns of ancient volcanic rock, known as basalt. It started forming around 60 million years ago! Why not add some real rocks or stones to your model to make it more realistic?

- 📍 Beautiful beaches such as Benone and Portstewart Strand can be found in Northern Ireland. Make some sea glass or shell jewellery.



Food

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- 📍 Bake and decorate some shamrock biscuits using green icing.
- 📍 Whip up a traditional Irish stew.
- 📍 Research why an Ulster Fry differs from a full English breakfast.
- 📍 Fifteens are a popular tray bake in Northern Ireland made using digestive biscuits, marshmallows, glacé cherries, condensed milk and desiccated coconut. Have a go at making some for yourself.
- 📍 Find out what 'Champ' is and give it a try.
- 📍 Host a buffet serving traditional Northern Irish dishes. Why not invite friends and family to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the 17th of March?

Here's an idea!

Green is traditionally worn on St. Patrick's Day for a number of reasons including the connection to the shamrock, leprechaun folklore and Ireland's nickname, 'The Emerald Isle'. Make some green fruit skewers to serve at your buffet using kiwi, green grapes, green apple and honeydew melon.

- 📍 *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* was one of the Chronicles of Narnia novels that was inspired by Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland. In the story, Edmund gorges himself on Turkish Delight. Have a go at making your own or taste test different flavours.
- 📍 Make some Irish soda bread.
- 📍 Use potatoes to make a Northern Irish dish such as boxty or potato bread.

Why?

Potatoes have been an incredibly important source of food in Ireland for many years. In 1845, a disease called blight spread across the country, causing the potatoes to rot in the ground meaning they could not be eaten. This led to a period of time known as the Irish Potato Famine (1845 - 1852). Due to so many people relying on potatoes as their main food, millions were left with nothing to eat. Many people became very sick, and families were forced to leave Ireland to find a better life.

- 📍 Build an edible model of Giant's Causeway using chunks of chocolate or honeycomb to make column-like shapes.
- 📍 Have a go at making barmbrack, a traditional Irish fruitcake.



Games

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- 📍 Rory McIlroy is a professional golfer from County Down in Northern Ireland. Make your own indoor golf game using household items or spend the day at a mini golf course to test out your golfing skills.
- 📍 The North West 200 is a major motorcycle road race held annually in Northern Ireland. Set up a racetrack using masking tape or chalk, and race toy motorcycles or bikes across the floor. Who will reach the finish line first?
- 📍 Play a game of 'Fruit Salad' but swap the names of the fruits for the six counties of Northern Ireland 'Antrim', 'Armagh', 'Down', 'Fermanagh', 'Londonderry', and 'Tyrone'. Instead of 'Fruit Salad' call 'Northern Ireland'.
- 📍 Play the story or chair game with the story of St. Patrick.

How?

Read a simple version of the St. Patrick's Day story. With everyone sitting in a circle, go round and give people the names of the characters. As you read the story out again, each time you read the character's name out everyone with that name must get up and swap seats. For more competition have one less chair than people so that the person left standing at the end of the swapping is out. Keep removing chairs until you have a winner/ until the story has finished!

- 📍 Did you know the 2023 film *Dungeons & Dragons: Honour Among Thieves* was partly filmed in Northern Ireland? Have a go at playing a beginner-friendly version of Dungeons & Dragons and create your own adventure story and characters with friends, family or members of your group.
- 📍 Take part in a shamrock leaf hunt.

For leaders!

Hide paper shamrocks (and a few rare 4-leaf clovers) around the area. Players must race to collect as many as they can within a set time. Players that find the rare 4-leaf clovers win extra points.

- Shamrock = 1 point each
- Four leaf clover = 4 points each

The player with the most points after the time is up is the winner.

- 📍 Make your own leprechaun beetle drive.
- 📍 The Gaelic Games are popular in Northern Ireland. Play your own versions of some of the traditional games such as Gaelic football, hurling, rounders and Gaelic handball. You could even set up a mini tournament with friends or classmates to see which team comes out on top!



Other

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- 📍 Irish dancing is a traditional and much-loved part of Northern Ireland's culture. Attend an Irish dance class or learn some steps at home by following an online tutorial.
- 📍 Visit the Titanic museum in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- 📍 Northern Ireland has six counties: Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, and Tyrone. Print out or draw the shape of the map of Northern Ireland and label each of the counties.

Here's an idea!

Why not take it a step further and highlight famous landmarks in each one - for example, Mussenden Temple is located in Londonderry.

- 📍 Northern Ireland does not currently have its own official flag. Have a go at coming up with your own idea for a Northern Ireland flag.
- 📍 Liam Neeson is a famous actor from Northern Ireland. Watch one of the films that he stars in such as *The Lego Movie* (rated U), *A Monster Calls* (rated PG-13) or *The Nut Job* (rated U).
- 📍 Lough Neagh is the biggest lake in the UK by surface area. Find out the measurements of this lake and compare it to a lake in your local area.
- 📍 Create a short play, song or freeze frame based on the St. Patrick's Day story.
- 📍 Visit a library to find out more about how Northern Ireland was formed.
- 📍 The Ulster Orchestra, founded in 1966 and based in Belfast, is Northern Ireland's only full time professional symphony orchestra. Listen to some of their music and explore their unique sound.
- 📍 Find out the difference between a shamrock and a four leaf clover. Why are both linked to/associated with St. Patrick's Day?
- 📍 Organise a trip to Northern Ireland to see some famous landmarks such as The Walls of Derry, Giant's Causeway or The Mourne Mountains.
- 📍 Learn some words of Ulster-Scots or Irish Gaelic.
- 📍 Create a timeline of major events in Northern Ireland's history.
- 📍 Listen to some traditional folk music from Northern Ireland.

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