

Raccoon Challenge



All the way from North America, welcoming Ralph the Raccoon!
This cheeky chappy is here to help you explore and enjoy. With a mischievous reputation and a thirst for adventure, Ralph is ready for adventure... are you?

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Raccoon' 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.

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Craft

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-  Make your own Raccoon mask. Each animal's mask is unique and helps them to identify each other.
-  Raccoons make dens in trees or caves. Build your own den.
-  Create something from recycled materials. Raccoons are often found scavenging in rubbish bins...one man's trash is another man's treasure!
-  Try finger or hand painting. Raccoons have 5 toes on each foot and with 4 times more sensory receptors in their front feet than the back they're just like us.
-  Go on a woodland walk and create a nature mobile with found objects, leaves and twigs.
-  Create your own Native American totem pole.





Why?

The word raccoon takes its origins from the Powhatan word 'Aroughcun' meaning an animal that scratches with its hands. The Powhatan people are indigenous to North America and Pocahontas was a descendant.

-  Create your own Pocahontas-style headband using beads and feathers.
-  Have a go at whittling or carving your own talking stick.

What?




A talking stick or speaker's staff is used by the leaders of the tribes indigenous to North America. Whomever holds the stick may talk and others should listen. They often resemble totem poles and are still used today.

-  Create a dream catcher using a method of your choice: cutting the centre from a paper plate and using a hole punch to create the holes for your yarn is good for younger groups while more traditional methods are better for older groups.
-  Make a mini wigwam and test your knotting and pioneering skills using sticks and string.
-  Cut and collage your own fuzzy felt raccoon.
-  Build or decorate a wigwam.











Food

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-  Create a dish using only leftovers. Racoons are known to be scavengers and are often found looking for scraps in bins.
-  Racoons are omnivores meaning they eat meat and enjoy fruit. Create your own seasonal fruit crumble.
-  Make your own pecan pie or chocolate chip cookies - traditional Thanksgiving food.

Why?

Rebecca the Raccoon was a pet at the White House during the presidency of Calvin Coolidge. Rebecca came from Mississippi and was originally bought to become the centre piece of the Thanksgiving feast, however she was saved by the President and First Lady and kept as a pet.

-  Racoons get their name from the Powhatan word 'Aroughcun'. The Powhatan people lived off corn, squashes and beans; make your own corn bread, soup from squash or vegetarian bean based chilli.
-  The Powhatan people came from Virginia which is famous for apples, maple syrup, peanuts, oysters and blue Chesapeake crab. Try one or all of these foods.
-  Learn about food preparation. Why? Racoons wet/douse their food before eating; they do this to gather more sensory information about what they are eating from the nerve endings in their paws.
-  In many languages Racoons get their name from this washing/dousing behaviour (see above). In Italian, orsetto lavatore, translates as "little washer bear". Host an Italian evening.
-  Racoons enjoy berries, fruits, nuts, grains, and vegetables, along with insects, eggs, poultry, rats, squirrels, small livestock, birds, fish, snakes. Use berries, fruits, nuts and grains to make your own granola or trail mix. Why not go foraging in the Autumn?
-  Frogs are a favourite of racoons. Try eating frogs legs.
-  Racoons will eat whatever is readily available, often affected by the seasons. Go foraging at different times of year or look at seasonal fruit and vegetables.
-  Often perceived as cute and cuddly, create your own cute and edible racoon faces.



Games

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🦨 Raccoons are very intelligent; try your hand at some skills games or brain teasers.

🦨 Play Kim's Game.

What?

Remember the game where you look at a series of items on a tray, then have to decide which one has been removed just using your memory? That's Kim's Game! Raccoons can remember solutions to problems for up to 3 years. See how good your memory is with this traditional game.

🦨 Name that tune! Raccoons are deterred by strange noises or radios. Test your knowledge of different sounds by having a go at a music quiz or naming that tune/sound.

🦨 Raccoons are nocturnal. 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.

🦨 With their black mask raccoons are often typecast as thieves. Play a game of Queen's Keys or Capture the Flag OR do some detective work to fine the thief with a scavenger/treasure hunt.

🦨 Hold an egg throwing competition. In pairs, one throws, the other catches and gradually you increase the distance between you. Best done outside is our advice! Why? Raccoons love eating eggs!

🦨 Raccoons experience the world mainly through their sense of touch. Can you identify different objects while blindfolded only using your sense of touch?

🦨 With the nickname 'ring tale' what game would be more appropriate than hoopla?

🦨 Raccoons don't make good pets as they can be very destructive. Enjoy a game in a tin-can alley and enjoy doing some destruction of your own!

🦨 Play pin the mask on the racoon, you could create your own game or find a picture of a racoon online. Print two pictures and cut just the black mask from one to create your game. How close can you get?



Other

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- 🍃 Pocahontas is a descendant of the Powhatan people - watch the film.
- 🍃 Raccoon are expert tree climbers. Try a tree top adventure or take a trip to your local climbing centre.
- 🍃 Christopher Columbus, the Italian explorer, was the first to write about Raccoons. Learn some Italian.
- 🍃 Sing 'I'm a Little Raccoon' to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot.

How?

I'm a little racoon, prowling around (make paws with your hands and pretend to prowl), I hunt for food without a sound (look left and then right and make a shhhhhh motion with your finger to your lips). A mask on my face and a bushy tail (point to your eyes and then swish one arm behind you like a tail), Let's see if you can spot my trail! (point at someone and then put hand on forehead and look at the floor like you're looking for paw prints).

- 🍃 Raccoon communicate using over 200 different noises; sing, rap or beat box and see how many sounds you can make. Perhaps you could invite a professional beat boxer to visit you and show you how.
- 🍃 A group of racoons is known as a nursery; learn about childcare, particularly if you have younger siblings or a new baby on the way.
- 🍃 Baby racoons are called 'kits'. Put together a woodland survival 'kit' of essential equipment to help you survive in a Raccoon's habitat.
- 🍃 Raccoon are very good teachers. Teach a skill to someone else or learn a new skill from another.
- 🍃 Often racoons will make their homes in hollowed out trees or disused burrows. Go potholing/caving underground and see what a burrow might feel like. Remember! This can be very dangerous so make sure you are supervised by someone with the necessary experience.
- 🍃 Rebecca the Raccoon was a pet at the White House. Learn about pet care for different animals.
- 🍃 Read a Chester Raccoon book by Audrey Penn.
- 🍃 Discover more about a Raccoon's natural habitat in North America and share your findings in a fun and interactive way.

Adventure Complete?

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