

Percy the Park Keeper Challenge



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For even more programme ideas check out our 'Percy the Park Keeper' 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!

SPAWPRINT TALES

Labrador) on his adventures around the UK – solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With

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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Welcome to the Percy the Park Keeper Challenge!

We've teamed up with Pawprint Family to bring you all things Percy! Get ready to earn your Percy the Park Keeper Challenge Badge with this Challenge Pack, full of 40 free activity ideas all based around the Percy the Park Keeper books.



Percy the Park Keeper is a modern classic, loved and trusted by generations of children, parents, grandparents, carers and teachers. Created by best-selling author and illustrator, Nick Butterworth, it is now more than 30 years since the publication of the first book, One Snowy Night. The book was an instant hit and the Percy the Park Keeper books have since gone on to sell over 10 million copies in more than thirty-five languages.

Don't forget to share photos of your Percy the Park Keeper adventures with us on social media! facebook.com/percytheparkkeeper @percytheparkkeeper.official

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HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack



This Challenge Pack has been divided in to 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other. In order to help you provide a balanced and varied programme for your young adventurers we recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:



TOP TIPS

- 🛟 Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- 🛟 Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- Cone challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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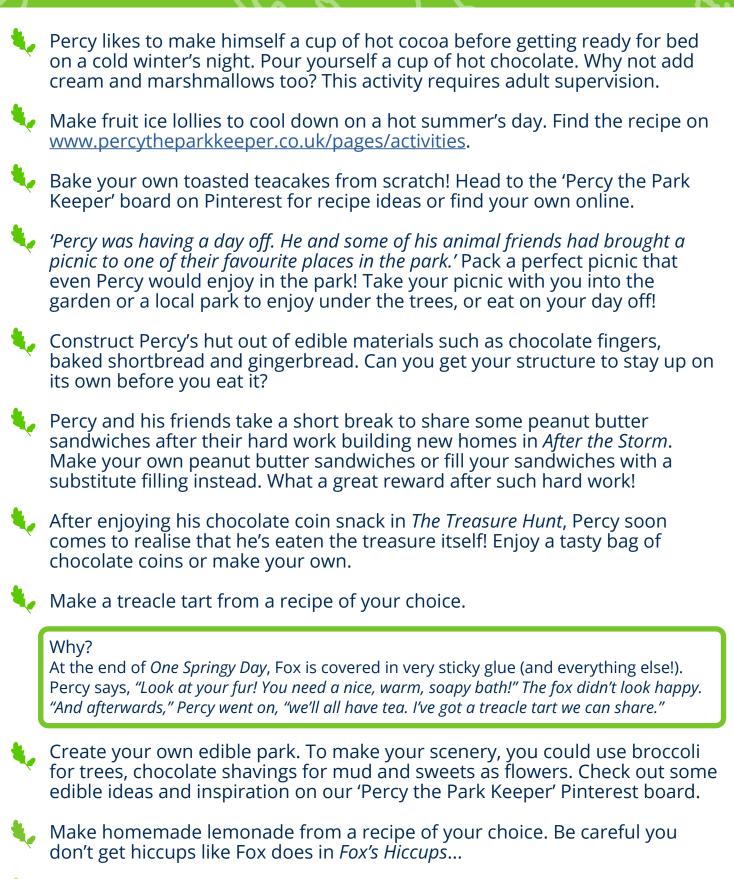
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& Craft

Make your own Percy the Park Keeper character stones to retell the Nick Butterworth stories with. Paint each character on a stone or decorate with craft materials of your choice.

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- Percy's lawn mower in *Percy's Bumpy Ride* wasn't quite the invention he thought it would be! Download and print our free resource 'Lawn Mower Magic' from the website to transform the lawn mower into a brand new invention that doesn't cut grass but does something wild and wonderful instead! Will your lawn mower fly into the air too?
- Bring each animal from the Percy the Park Keeper stories to life! Transform them into toilet roll tube characters. Check out our 'Percy the Park Keeper' Pinterest board for more details on how to make these!
 - Have a go at drawing Percy the Park Keeper himself! Not sure where to start? Head over to the official Percy the Park Keeper Youtube channel at <u>www.</u> <u>youtube.com/watch?v=MGOovuQ9CXc</u> for a video tutorial.
 - Build Percy's little hut in the middle of the park. What will you build it with? Lego? Wooden lollipop sticks? Recycled cardboard? Be as creative as you can!
 - Percy likes to share his lunch with the birds in the park. Make your own homemade bird feeders out of lard and seeds and hang them in your garden or local park. Head over to our 'Percy the Park Keeper' Pinterest board for tutorials and bird feeder inspiration.
 - 'The sheep had now arranged themselves into the shape of a face. It looked very much like a face they all knew.' From above, Percy and the animals notice the sheep forming Percy's face on the field below them in *Percy's Bumpy Ride*. Make Percy's face out of cotton wool balls.
 - Make your own hat to look like Percy's. Use craft materials of your choice. Will you transform an old hat that you already have at home? Why not sew or crochet your hat for a more challenging craft activity?
- Construct a cosy home for an animal of your choice and place it in a local park or woodland. Don't forget to make your home out of natural materials!
- Create some posters to advertise your treasure hunt activity from the Game section of the Challenge Pack, just like Percy does in *The Treasure Hunt*.
 - Design a brand new park full of adventure for Percy the Park Keeper. Get imaginative with the play equipment, animal houses and scenery in your park. Print our free 'Percy's New Park' resource from the website.



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Animal track snack! Bake a batch of biscuits imprinted or decorated with 'animal tracks' made by Percy's friends: fox, badger, rabbit, and more.

Games



- 'It's cold in the park in winter. But Percy the park keeper doesn't mind. He puts on his warm coat and his big scarf and wears two pairs of woolly socks inside his wellington boots.' Go head to head with a partner or family member to dress as quickly as you can for the park in winter.
- In One Snowy Night, Percy lets all of the animals sleep in his bed to stay warm and out of the snow, but there's just not enough room. See how many family members, friends or cuddly toys you can squeeze into your bed before someone falls out! Surround your bed with pillows first for a soft landing.
 - Percy and the animals might not have been able to find their way out of the maze, after squirrel bundled up the string, in *The Secret Path*, but can you? Make a string trail around your house for a family member or friend to follow.

For leaders...

Set out a string trail in local woodlands for your young people to follow, winding the string in, out and around the trees. Make the trail harder by blindfolding the followers! Why not have some toasted teacakes to enjoy when they reach the end of the trail, just like Percy and his friends?

Head across to <u>www.percytheparkkeeper.co.uk/pages/activities</u> to download and print the Percy the Park Keeper Treasure Hunt.

Make up your own actions and gestures to represent all of Percy's animal friends, acting them out when the leader shouts out each animal.

How?

Scurry around the room like mouse. Hide like mole. Leap across the room like rabbits. Quack and waddle like a duck. The actions and animals are endless, but do the wrong action and you're out of the game!

Put together a treasure hunt for someone else to enjoy. In *The Treasure Hunt*, Percy leaves picture clues as directions to the treasure for the animals to follow. Use printed pictures and old magazine cut outs to lay picture clues to your treasure. Maybe don't eat the treasure before they find it though...



In *The Rescue Party*, the rabbits have great fun competing against each other in a jumping competition. Hold your very own jumping competition, seeing who can jump the longest, the fastest and the highest!

Other

Write your own adventures for Percy and his animal friends. Where will they go and what will they get up to? Don't fancy writing your own story? Draw a story board or act out your Percy the Park Keeper story instead.

BADGE

Take a gentle stroll through a local park and look out for signs of wildlife.

- Listen to Nick Butterworth himself read his Percy the Park Keeper stories on <u>www.youtube.com/@PercyTheParkKeeperOfficial/videos.</u> Which story is your favourite?
- Put together a woodland tuff tray or sensory box for younger children. Take the opportunity to discuss texture, shape, size, colour, and where you might find each natural item.
- Take a trip to a maze or hedged garden just like Percy and the animals do in The Secret Path. Is there a stone lion-shaped bench that 'talks' in the centre of your maze too?!
- Enjoy a nice, warm soapy bath. *"Well, why not?"* Percy made the most of the bath he ran for Badger in *The Badger's Bath*, and you can too.
- With Percy's help, the animals use his garden tools to build brand new homes for each other in *After The Storm*. Have a go at building or fixing something with handy tools such as a screwdriver or hammer. Young people should always be under adult supervision when handling tools!
- Enjoy a Percy the Park Keeper book of your choice. Which will you choose?
- Get your hands dirty with a bit of gardening! Percy loves time in the park, cleaning up the hedges and loading up his wheelbarrow.
- Search a local park or woodland for animal tracks. Which tracks can you identify? If there are some you're unsure of, identify them using the Internet or books from a library to broaden your knowledge of woodland animals.
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Visit <u>www.percytheparkkeeper.co.uk</u> to take a look at the entire Percy book collection, activities, home ware and more!

- *The animals scrambled up the tree as fast as they could.* Get adventurous and have a go at tree climbing with adult supervision. Test your strength and confidence but know your limits and stay safe!
- Try your hand at knot-tying. Percy and the animals tried to pull rabbit up from the bottom of the well with a long piece of rope in *The Rescue Party*.

Adventure Complete?

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



Create a Keepsake!

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Personalise it!

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