

# Wild West Adventures



**Howdy partner. It's time to get Wild!**

Get on your horse and ride into a Wild West Adventure. Discover cowboys, Indians and everything western.

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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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-  Get creative and design a Wild West neckerchief or bandana. Make your necker more realistic by using paisley print and other intricate patterns like cowboys used to.
-  WANTED - Dead or alive. Make your own 'Wanted' sign to display on your fridge. Who will be your criminal be and how much is the reward for catching them?
-  Native Americans are often shown wearing spectacular headdresses. Put together your own Western Indian Headdress using feathers, beads, string and a card headband. The bigger the better!
-  Create your own sheriff's badge to wear on your Wild West Adventure. You could make your badge out of cardboard and cover it in foil for a shiny finish, or even use air dry clay so that you can paint and decorate your badge afterwards. Don't forget to attach a safety pin to the back so that you can wear your badge once it's finished.
-  Make a Wild West picture out of straw or hay, and other natural objects you can find in the park or around your home.
-  Prickly playdough plants... construct a family of cacti using playdough and toothpicks. Display your cacti in mini plant pots and place on a shelf or windowsill. They don't even need watering!
-  Make your own effigies to represent human figures out of stones, sticks and rocks. Why not role play a Wild West scene with your new western characters.

## What?




An effigy is a sculpture or a model of a person. Effigies were created by Native Americans out of stone, wood, bone or clay to represent human or animal forms.

-  Design a pair of Wild West boots. Why not add some spurs to the back of your boots? Old cowboy boots used to have spurs on the heel that were used to urge the horse forward when riding. Yee-hah!
-  Get down with the cows and have a go at painting with straw or hay. What textures and patterns can you create?
-  Create and construct a Papier-mâché or clay bowl and decorate with detailed paint patterns like Native American people used to.








# Food

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-  Go wild and try the different flavours of Wagon Wheel. You can't go wrong with marshmallow sandwiched between two chocolate layers of biscuit.
-  Construct your own edible wagon to carry goods and be pulled by horses. Make your wagon out of chocolate fingers, icing and chocolate biscuits.
-  Enjoy a fresh salad, using vegetables of your choice, and top with a healthy squirt of ranch dressing.



## Why?

A ranch is a large farm, usually in North America or Australia, where cattle and other animals are bred. Cowboys are known for riding around on their ranch, herding cattle all day.

-  Bake a batch of cactus cupcakes. Make them spectacularly spiky by piping green icing onto the top of your cakes.
-  Got some spare ice cream cones lying around in your cupboard? Turn them upside down and stick two pretzel sticks in the top to make your own edible Western-style tee-pees. For extra flavour, dip the top of your cone into melted chocolate and cover in sprinkles.
-  Wahoo lasso! Boil a pan of spaghetti and have a go at turning a strand of spaghetti into a food lasso. We wouldn't advise eating the spaghetti afterwards...
-  Mix your own bag of 'horse feed' with sultanas, nuts, biscuit chunks, popcorn and any other tasty treats you can find at home. Pretend to feed to the horses on your ranch (for human consumption only).
-  Bake and cut out some crumbly sheriff star cookies. You could decorate your star cookies with icing and golden balls for each point of the star, just like a real sheriff's badge.

## Did you know?

Back in the day, cowboys used to consider the cook or 'cookie' the most important member of the camp.

-  Make a tray of honeycomb and break into small golden nuggets.
-  Create cowboy hats using Rolos®, strawberry laces, and Pringles®. Why not go for the Texas BBQ flavoured crisps to keep with your Wild West theme?



# Games

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- 🐾 Play a game of 'Knock out', a well-known old-style western game involving knocking over a tower of metal tins with a ball.
- 🐾 Milking mayhem! Fill a rubber glove with milk and poke a needle-sized hole in the end of the middle finger and the ring finger. Race against each other to milk the 'cow' as fast as you can. Who can fill the cup the fastest?
- 🐾 Go head-to-head in a game of Horse Hat Cowboy... a twist on the classic Rock Paper Scissors.

## How?

Based on the classic game Rock Paper Scissors, Horse Hat Cowboy is a western themed game that needs no resources. The rules are as follows: the horse beats the hat because he tramples on it, the hat beats the cowboy because it goes on top of his head, and the cowboy beats the horse because he rides horses. Have even more fun thinking of creative hand actions to represent each one.

- 🐾 Herd the cattle. Blow up a bundle of balloons to represent cattle and find an empty cardboard or plastic box, that they will all fit into, to represent the pen. Spread the balloons out around the room and race against the clock to herd the 'cattle' back into the pen.
- 🐾 Get your saddle on with a simple stick and broom horse race. For extra crafty fun, why not give your stick horse a fluffy mane and tail?
- 🐾 "There's a snake in my boot." Toss a rubber or jelly snake into an old boot.

## Did you know?













Woody, Andy's trusty cowboy from Toy Story, is named after a famous actor called Woody Strode, who was known for taking on many roles in Western films. However, the director of Toy Story, Lee Unkrich, says Woody's full name in the films is actually Woody Pride.

- 🐾 Find the needle in the haystack! Rather than using a needle, choose a small shiny object to find in a pile of straw. Don't have any straw? Fill a box with shredded tissue paper, clothes or feathers instead.
- 🐾 Play a game of Wild West Top Trumps. Create player cards based on iconic Wild West figures such as Billy the Kid and Buffalo Bill.
- 🐾 Sheriff says "shout 'Howdy Partner!' ". Change the game Simon Says by giving western themed instructions such as "put your cowboy boots on" or "herd the cattle", but only completing them when the Sheriff says so.



# Other

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-  Pew-pew! It's time for a shoot Out! Have a water pistol fight in the garden on a nice sunny day.
-  Visit a local farm with horses and learn about how to care for them. Horses were very useful in the Wild West. They were used to pull wagons, round up livestock and even used for hunting.
-  The California Gold Rush started when gold was discovered in Sacramento Valley in 1848. Sift for golden nuggets in a tray of sand using a sieve.
-  Think up a Wild West name for you and your partner. Are you a Dangerous Dan or a Cowboy Carl?
-  Cowboys used to ride around in circles to keep their cattle herds in place. See how many times you can run or spin around in circles before getting too dizzy. Make sure you're in a spacious area such as the garden before you begin to spin.
-  Visit the Totem Pole Sculpture at the British Museum. Totem poles were created by Native American people out of large trees, and were often carved with figures that represent faiths and beliefs. The carvings, colours and symbols on a totem pole have spiritual meanings and significance.
-  Have a go at growing your own food or crops. The Pueblo people of the American Southwest were said to be the earliest Native Americans to cultivate corn.
-  Watch a classic Wild West film. For children, enjoy watching Rango, an animated Western Comedy film. What key western features can you spot throughout the film?
-  Get your groove on and have a go at a hoedown. Don't know how to dance the hoedown? Listen to 'Hoedown Throwdown' by Miley Cyrus and learn the moves as you go along.
-  Ancient Indians used to use broken pot shards as games tokens and markers. Cut out jagged cardboard shapes and make up your own game with them.
-  Discover key Wild West figures that made history. Billy the Kid, Calamity Jane and Buffalo Bill are some of the most famous outlaws in American history.
-  Find out about cowboys and horsemen as part of other countries and cultures, i.e. Gauchos in Argentina

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