

Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit

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Michigan Try It

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Water, it's the reason European explorers and fur traders arrived in Michigan long before they got to many other parts of the Midwest. With shoreline on four of the five Great Lakes it's also the reason it attracts travelers today. Michigan also has vast forests, farmland, large cities, and small towns. The state is a paradise of recreation in both the summer and winter months. Michigan is a great place to live or a great place to visit!

Complete 4 activities to earn your Michigan Try-It.

1. Michigan State Symbols

Every state has symbols to represent them. Learn about Michigan's symbols. Search on the

web, write to your representative, or research about them at your local library. Try to find at least

two in your local surroundings. Can you find any in your backyard? At your local park?

While

you're on a fieldtrip or vacation?

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| 1. State bird | 2. State flower | 3. State tree |
| 4. State fish | 5. State reptile | 6. State stone |
| 7. State wildflower | 8. State gem | 9. State game mammal |
| 10. State soil | 11. State song | 12. State fossil |

2. Michigan State Flag

Search the web to find information and a picture of the flag to print and color. Try to color your flag as true as you can.

3. Michigan Industry

The three largest income-producing industries in Michigan are manufacturing, tourism, and

agriculture. Make a list of 10 products grown or made in Michigan. Try a few new to you.

4. Michigan Legends and Stories

The legend of Paul Bunyan grew out of the logging area in Michigan. The legend of the Sleeping

Bear Dunes was told before the lumber industry began. Find a book on one of these or find

another on your own and read it with your family or troop.

5. Origin of the name Michigan

Every name has a history, how was ours derived? The state also has several nicknames, find out

what they are. Which do you like? Share your findings with your parents, friends, and troop.

6. Michigan Great Lakes

Did you know that Michigan is the only state bordered by four of the five Great Lakes?

Learn about

them...you can use the acronym H. O. M. E. S. to help you remember their names.

7. Michiganian or Michigander?

Which do you like better? Why? Draw a picture or write a story, poem, or song about Michigan.

8. Fast Facts

Find out five interesting facts about the State of Michigan. Share them with your family and troop.

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