



NY State of Mind Try It

New York - the Big Apple - is our home. It is a great State with diverse geographic features, industry and people. Many important historical events took place in New York State . Now Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts can have fun learning about New York State and earn an award written by a Girl Scouts of Nassau County volunteer.

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Complete four activities to earn this Brownie Try-It, including activity number 1.

1. **Maps are fun.** On a globe or world map, find the United States. Look for New York. Be able to identify it on the map. Look to see what states surround New York and be able to name them.

Looking at the map of New York, try to find all of the following:

The state capital

The county, city or town where you live

The Atlantic Ocean, the Hudson River, the Finger Lakes, St. Lawrence River, Lake Erie, Niagara Falls, Lake Champlain

Long Island Sound, Erie Canal

Adirondack Mountains

Catskill Mountains

New York City, Buffalo, Albany, Syracuse

Draw your own map of New York—you can copy the outline of the state. Draw in all of the places above.

2. **Find a book about New York** or go to your local Chamber of Commerce or Visitors Bureau for information about New York. Find out all of the following about our state:

The State bird

The State tree

The State flower

The State nickname

The State motto

The State flag

The State song

Be able to tell what they are. Draw or cut out pictures of each.

Share what you have learned with your troop.

3. There are many historical places in New York. Visit one of them with your troop or family or school. Share what you learned with your troop or family.

4. Find out five interesting facts about New York and share them with your troop or another troop.

5. Recognize the New York State flag and what it symbolizes. Are there special colors or symbols in your flag? What do they represent? What year was New York admitted into the Union?