

SAFETY FIRST

Spending time in nature is great fun, but always keep an eye out for the following hazards:

POISON OAK AND POISON IVY: Avoid these plants or you may get an itchy rash. You can recognize these plants by their clusters of three leaves: Remember the old saying, "Leaves of three, let it be."

BEEHIVES: Bees are busy making honey. Stay back or you may get stung!

WASP AND HORNET NESTS: Wasps and hornets are protective of their homes, and have a painful sting.

SNAKES: Stay away from woodpiles and long grass where venomous snakes could be hiding.



FIRE ANT MOUNDS: Avoid standing on these anthills. Fire ants bite and then sting!

WILD ANIMAL HOMES: Use caution when exploring caves and large holes, because an animal could be living inside.

UNIDENTIFIED BERRIES AND MUSHROOMS: Some berries and mushrooms are edible, but many are poisonous. Always check with an adult!

TICKS AND MOSQUITOES: Ticks and mosquitoes can carry diseases. Especially during warm months, wear bug spray and check yourself for ticks after playing outside.



DEEP, FAST-MOVING WATER: Always have an adult nearby when exploring bodies of water.

