

# *Get Outdoors, It's Yours!*



## **What is *Get Outdoors, It's Yours!*?**

**Get Outdoors, It's Yours!** is a national campaign focused on getting America's youth outside and engaging with nature. The campaign will raise awareness of the opportunities for America's youth to connect with nature on Federal public lands and waterways.

The way children understand and experience their natural world has changed radically over the past several decades. Children spend more time inside on the computer, playing video games, or watching television, and less time outdoors. Their physical contact with the natural outdoors has diminished greatly, and their inability to connect with nature is now a national issue of concern impacting their sense of stewardship for the earth and their psychological and physical health.

## **Who is behind the initiative?**

Currently, all eight Federal land and water management agencies (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Geological Survey) are participating in the ***Get Outdoors, It's Yours!*** initiative. State and local land managers, nonprofit organizations, and conservation groups have also joined these Federal agencies to help spread the word about outdoor activity and its benefits to the health and education of future generations, and the stewardship of America's natural resources.

## **What are the goals of the initiative?**

The goal of this interagency initiative is to encourage children and their families to spend more time participating in outdoor activities whether through educational programs, simple recreation, and/or stewardship activities.

## **Who benefits from *Get Outdoors, It's Yours!*?**

Everyone. The ***Get Outdoors, It's Yours!*** web site is a comprehensive and unified resource for learning about opportunities to get involved in outdoor recreation, education and stewardship. This resource provides information about opportunities for water sports, hiking, biking, birding, wildlife viewing, hunting, horseback riding, fishing, camping, climbing, and other outdoor activities on public land and water units. Although the primary emphasis of the initiative is to encourage children to spend more time exploring the great outdoors, these activities also have tremendous benefits to the health and well being of adults!

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