



Ways to Enjoy Natural Sound

Close Your Eyes

Stop. Listen to what's around you.
Do you hear more with your eyes closed?

Count Sounds

Lift up a finger for each sound you hear. Use your left hand for natural sounds and your right hand for human-made sounds.

Walk and Listen

Do you hear your footsteps? Do you hear your clothes rustle? Can you walk without making any sound?

Appreciate Sounds

What is the most beautiful sound you hear? What sound is the least appealing?

Listen to Landscapes

How does the shape of the land affect the way sound travels to your ear? Where is the source of each sound? Are there any echoes? What is the closest sound you hear?

Walk in the Wild

Walk as though a predator were after you. Walk as though you were a predator.

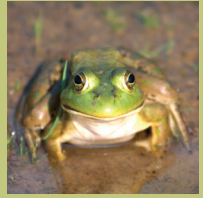
Chat Like an Animal

Listen for an animal. What sound does the animal make? Can you make its sound?

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Sound Language

Find a sound you like. How would you spell that sound on paper?



Sound Tally

Keep a tally of every kind of sound you hear on your walk. What sound do you hear the most?

Sound Size

Listen around you. Do you hear movement in a bush or tree? Can you guess the size of an animal from its sound?



What Can You Do?

- Be a quiet hiker – you will see more wildlife! If you listen to music while you hike, use headphones or ear buds.
- Silence your cell phone and look for mute options on other electronic equipment such as watches and cameras.
- Drive slowly. If you pull over, turn off your vehicle.
- Use alternative transportation such as shuttles.
- Respect campground quiet hours.
- Disable car alarms and sounds on electronic door locks.
- Be considerate of others. The sounds you make will affect the experience of other visitors. Encourage friends and family to do the same.

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