

# Determine My and My Family's Needs

Walk My Land with My Family



# Your woodlot is full of memories.

**Camping in the pines,  
Swimming in the pond,  
Toasting marshmallows,  
Fishing with Grandpa. . .**

So much can come up while walking your land, far more than just thinking about it indoors. Going for a walk gives everyone on the hike a chance to relive old memories, share stories, and come together.

A walk is also a great chance for your family to talk about how everyone feels about the land, what it means to them, and what they hope for its future.

This slideshow will give you some ideas for places to visit on your hike. It will also pose questions that can serve as conversation starters. Consider bringing a notebook to write down family members' thoughts. Most important, though, is just to get out there and enjoy your land as a family.

What's your favorite place on  
your land?



**A scenic view?**





The pond?





**Your trails?**





A waterfall?



A stream?





**A spot to rest and enjoy nature?**





A really big tree?

What memories do you have of  
your land?



Picking berries?





Fishing?



Canoeing?





Picnicking?





Toasting marshmallows?





Cooling off by the water?





Camping?



Sledding?





**Spending time with a loved one?**

What history does your land  
have?



Stone walls?





Old farm equipment?



A cemetery?





**A memorial to a family pet?**

When is your favorite time to  
visit your land and why?





Spring?





Summer?





Fall?





Winter?



What are your concerns about  
your land and its future?



**Insects and diseases?**





Having to sell?





Development?





**Trespassers?**



**Fires and storms?**



What do you value about your  
land?



Seeing wildlife?





Peace and quiet?





**Timber income?**





Recreation?



Maple syrup?





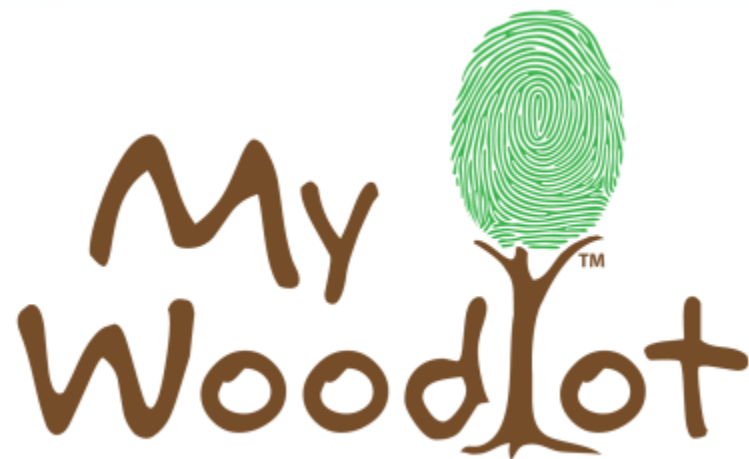
**Scenic beauty?**

# Keep the conversation going!

After your hike, odds are you'll have questions. See if different family members will volunteer to look into the answers. After a month or so, reconnect and talk about what everyone found out.

At the same time, talk about your land and how everyone is feeling about it. Have their feelings changed or deepened because of the time you all spent exploring?





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