

# Daisy Eco Learner Badge

**Pillar:** Outdoors

**Purpose:** When you've earned this badge, you'll have learned three ways to protect the environment when you go outdoors.



**Girl Scout Daisies will follow these steps to earn their badge:**

## 1. Be prepared to protect nature before you go outdoors (Discover)

- When you walk outside, nature is all around you! Nature is the insects, animals, plants, trees, stars, clouds, sun, water and everything else not created by humans.
- It is important to be prepared when going outdoors. Gather items from around your house and make two piles. One is for "take outdoors" and one is for "leave behind." Think of things like a toy (leave behind) and water bottle or sunscreen (take outdoors). Then show an adult your two piles and have them guess what each is for. Discuss what you can add or remove from your "take outdoors" pile.
- With a notebook or fun paper, create a checklist of items that you should bring outside with you to be prepared. Use this checklist to prepare for going outside in the future! For inspiration, check out these recommendations: [www.outdoors.org/trip-ideas-tips-resources/gear-advice/outdoor-gear-list-for-kids](http://www.outdoors.org/trip-ideas-tips-resources/gear-advice/outdoor-gear-list-for-kids)

## 2. Keep living things safe when you walk in nature (Discover, Connect)

- When you walk on a trail, stay on the path. This rule is important because when you walk off a path you might trample plants, flowers, insects, and other living things. On a trail or sidewalk, create a nature circle by using string (3 feet in length) or a hula hoop. Lay a hula hoop or string into a circle next to the walk or path. Look in the circle and count how many things you find living there, like plants or bugs. What would be injured if you stepped off the path onto what is living in the circle?

## 3. Learn how to protect nature from trash (Discover, Take Action)

- Discover a way to protect nature from trash by following the Leave No Trace Principles! Watch a short GSUSA video to learn the principles: <https://vimeo.com/172739251>
- Trash is dangerous for plants and animals outdoors. Trash may damage plants and soil and cause health problems for creatures that eat it. Go on a walk with your family and take action by picking up trash you see and disposing of it properly. Be sure not to touch anything sharp without help and wear gloves if needed!
- Create a story, "Trash Tale," that tells why it's important to not leave trash in nature. Share your story with your friends and family. Here's a fun Mad Lib Trash Tale you can complete with an adult: <https://oceanconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/talking-trash-the-journey.pdf>

For inspiration and instructions, check out our Daisy Eco Learner Pinterest Board: <https://bit.ly/32sR0cU>

**When you're finished:** Congratulations, you have earned your Daisy Eco Learner badge! You can purchase it online at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/Daisy-Eco-Learner-Badge>

You can purchase your Virtual patch and bars at <https://www.gsksmo.org/orderpatches>

