



Marshall County Museum

Autumn Trail Romp

READ:

As the weather gets cooler, it is too tempting to stay indoors and play video games, but that's what WINTER is for! While there are still some bright, sunny autumn days, put on a jacket and go outside for a trail hike.

DO:

- ◆ Grab an adult to go with you and find a local greenways trail (there is one in Centennial Park in Plymouth), or make a day of it at Pottawatomi Wildlife Park (south of Bourbon on Hwy 331), or a state park (such as Potato Creek). Be sure to wear good walking shoes and take along a backpack, some water and maybe a snack.
- ◆ As you walk, enjoy the scenery and use the **Autumn Trail Romp** checklist to find things to do. You can find the checklist on the next page.
- ◆ Have your adult take a picture of you doing each thing on the list.
- ◆ Spend some time imagining how the native Potawatomi people lived in the area 200 years ago. How were their lives the same as yours? How were their lives different from yours?

SHARE:

- ◆ Tell somebody at least one thing that you found interesting on your hike.
- ◆ Post a picture or two of your **Autumn Trail Romp** adventure on social media with the hashtag #MCMuseumFromHome.



Autumn Trail Romp Checklist

- Find a good hiking stick.
- Walk across a fallen log.
- Climb a tree (not too high!).
- Jump over a puddle.
- Throw a rock into a pond or river.
- Climb a hill.
- Roll down the hill (if it is clear and grassy).
- Skip down a path.
- Run around a field.
- Jump off of a small bolder.
- Rest beneath a shady tree, and...
- Pretend you are a Potawatomi child 200 years ago. Make up a story about your adventures in the woods.
- Collect a few leaves of different colors.
- Collect some pine cones to take home.
- Keep an eye out for small animals like squirrels and birds.
- Take turns playing Follow the Leader down the trail.