

A Memorable Camping Trip to Pennsylvania

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For memorial weekend, my family and I went to Francis Slocum Park in Pennsylvania to go camping. It was a weekend where they're so many memories.

Once I got there, I greeted all the people I knew. For example, my cousins, friends, aunts, and uncles, and so many more people. The thing I always do before we play any games with Auntie Liz was to ride our bikes around our campsite with my cousins and friends to explore the park a little more in case we get lost. Another reason we did that was to just exercise our muscles.

I also helped Auntie Liz set up her tent so we can get started playing all the games that she had planned. We played a lot of games on the first day because we were all very eager to play. The game that I had the most fun was kickball because I was good at it. Though, it's best to play it on an open field.

At night, we set up the fire, sat around it, and roasted marshmallows. You should bring metal sticks to roast marshmallows because if you use the sticks from the wilderness, it can be quite dirty.

The next day, we went hiking to see incredible features. This time, we saw waterfalls, which I found pretty cool because we saw the water falling down naturally. On the hike, I noticed that the terrain was muddy and I didn't have hiking boots, so I got frustrated. Mud dirty my sneakers in and out. My mom learned a lesson to buy me hiking boots, so I would feel more comfortable. Once we came to a sign that had a map, I noticed we were on the difficult trail, so no wonder it was tiring and long. We hiked about

five miles, but it seemed eight because of the steep trails. After the hike, we all felt like we couldn't move our legs. Even though I was tired, the hike was fun and challenging.

Once we got back to the campsite, I saw a lot of people packing their tents and leaving because it was going to rain the next day. I was depressed about that. When you go camping, you can never predict the weather, so you need to be flexible. Overall it was a fun weekend going camping in Frances Slocum Park.