




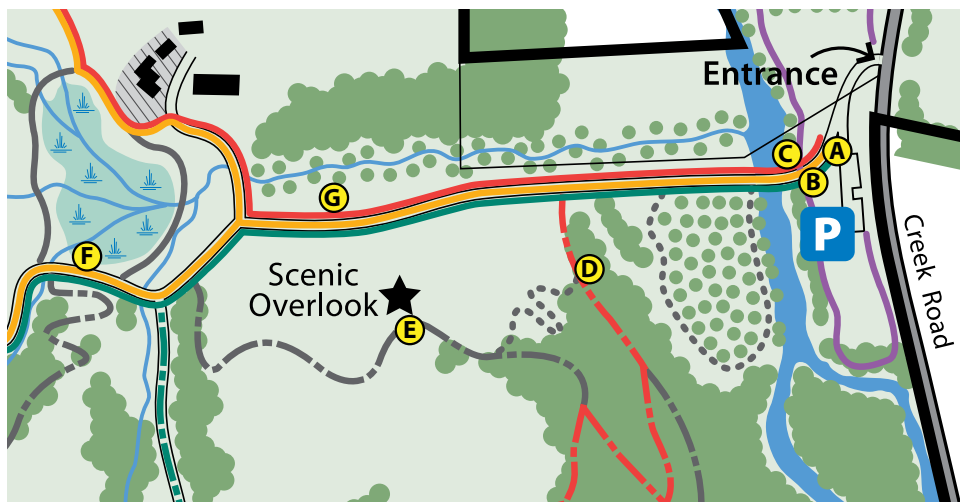
## Parents' Guide

The Natural Lands Trust SCVNGR Challenge is a fun new way for kids to explore Natural Lands Trust's Stroud Preserve. Along the way, they'll learn about watersheds, woodlands, conservation, and can even **earn a free t-shirt**.

SCVNGR will encourage children to see, hear, and think about their surroundings in ways they may never have before.

## Get Started

1. Download the free SCVNGR app onto your iPhone, iPad, or Android device from the Apple App Store or the Android Market. 
2. Visit Natural Lands Trust's Stroud Preserve at 454 North Creek Road, West Chester, PA 19382.
3. Open the SCVNGR app on your smartphone or tablet and click the "Trek" button. Nearby treks will appear, including "Stroud Preserve -NLT." If you don't see it, just search for Stroud (make sure you're searching Treks).
4. Click on Stroud Preserve - NLT. Then click on **Main Info Kiosk** for the first stop. At the top of the screen, you'll see two "challenges." Try each one. There will be one or two challenges at each stop along the way. Challenges can include questions, tasks, fun games, and more.
5. If the child answers a question correctly or completes a task, they'll earn points toward their free t-shirt. Don't worry; they get three tries with each question. We even offer hints to help them along.
6. When you're done with the challenges in one location, move on to the next and so on. Do them in the order listed or however you like.
7. When all of the challenges are completed, you'll be presented with a "badge" that says "NLT SCVNGR Challenge." Email the code phrase that appears with the badge to [info@natlands.org](mailto:info@natlands.org). We'll be in touch to ask about t-shirt size and mailing address. (*Limit 1 shirt per completed trek.*)
8. If your child had fun, **tell a friend**. And, if you're not already a member, we'd appreciate your financial support, too. (Visit [natlands.org](http://natlands.org) for more information.)



### Challenge Locations

You can view this map in SCVNGR. Click the globe icon in the upper right corner of the screen and then choose "View additional maps."

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## FAQ's

### **What is SCVNGR?**

SCVNGR is a free app for iPhones, iPads, and Android devices that offers a variety of fun and challenging ways to explore cities, museums, colleges and universities, and more. You can download it in the Apple App Store or the Android Market.

### **What age group will enjoy the Natural Lands Trust SCVNGR Challenge the most?**

The challenges were written with ages 6–10 in mind but many can be fun for just about any age group.

### **How long does it take to complete?**

Depending on how much extra exploring you do, it will take about an hour.

### **Why encourage using a smartphone in nature? Shouldn't we be trying to get kids away from electronic devices?**

There's no question that most kids spend too much time in front of a screen. The NLT SCVNGR Challenge is designed to use the virtual world where children are so comfortable and facile as a bridge to the natural world. While the lessons that can be learned from completing the challenges are valuable, it can be effective as simply a way to entice kids to get outside.

## Tips

### **Let them get distracted.**

Once kids are out on the preserve, they may get distracted and start running up and down a hill, looking for bugs, or watching a bee on a flower. Wonderful! Research has proven that unstructured exploration is a great way to learn. If you run out of time to complete the challenges, you can always come back and finish another time.

### **Get older kids involved.**

There is plenty for older siblings, cousins or friends to do, too. Several of the challenges are based on informational signs on the preserve. Most of them are written for an older audience, so feel free to come up with your own quiz questions for them. Plus, even a teenager can enjoy running a race through the woods to find different types of leaves.

### **Put the phone/tablet away when you're done.**

Be sure the kids don't move on to Angry Birds when they're done with the challenges. The walk back to the car is an opportunity to just take in the surroundings and have fun. This means you, too!