

The Special Connections



Pathfinder Program

10-Week Hiking Adventure in the Carolina Piedmont

About the Program

- *The "Pathfinder Program" is more than just a schedule of hikes; it is a shared expedition.*
- *Designed to foster connection, build confidence, and cultivate a love for the outdoors*



- *#10 Sundays*
- *Hiking starts 10:00 - 10:30 AM*
- *Explore at your own pace*
- *Make memories, take pics and share on social media (tag @thespecialconnections, #pathfinder2025)*
- *Complete Explorer Log to get a **prize** during Chirstmas event*

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Trails

Date	Location	Trail Name	Est. Time	Difficulty
Aug 17, 2025	Twelve Mile Creek Greenway, NC	H.C. Nesbit Park to SC Border	45-60 min	Easy
Aug 24, 2025	McMullen Creek Greenway, NC	McMullen Creek Greenway	45-60 min	Easy
Sep 7, 2025	McDowell Nature Preserve, NC	Pine Hollow/Four Seasons Loop	45-60 min	Easy
Sep 14, 2025	Andrew Jackson State Park, SC	Garden of the Waxhaws Trail	45-60 min	Easy
Sep 28, 2025	Latta Nature Preserve, NC	Buzzard Rock & Laura's Trail	60-75 min	Easy
Oct 12, 2025	Kings Mountain NMP, SC	Battlefield Trail	60-75 min	Easy-Moderate
Oct 19, 2025	Crowders Mountain State Park, NC	Turnback Trail	90-120 min	Moderate-Strenuous
Nov 2, 2025	South Mountains State Park, NC	High Shoals Falls Loop	90-120 min	Strenuous
Nov 9, 2025	Anne Springs Close Greenway, SC	Prairie Loop Trail	90-120 min	Moderate
Nov 16, 2025	Crowders Mountain State Park, NC	Pinnacle Trail (to the top)	120+ min	Strenuous

*Be flexible; schedule is a guide, not a rigid mandate
Dates may change based on Weather or other reasons*

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- If interested, join Special Connections Community WhatsApp group ([Pathfinder2025](#))
- *Printout Trail Passport (Explorer Log)*
- *Create a "social story" for the adventure*
- *Prepare your hiking bag (water, snacks, sensory stuff, etc.)*

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