

# Terrain Type!

## Story 1

Susie passed her hunter's safety test, and she was so excited for her first hunting trip with her dad. She had her new orange vest packed but wasn't sure what else she would need. Her dad told her not to worry about packing her raincoat because it was unlikely to rain while they were there. However, he told her not to forget the sunscreen because there would not be trees for shade. Susie also packed long pants because they would be doing a lot of walking through tall grass. Before they left, Susie and her dad looked carefully at a map to make sure they knew where they could hunt. Susie and her dad left for the big trip before the sun came up. When they arrived, Susie's dad realized he forgot his hunting license, but Susie had hers. They walked miles searching for the perfect buck. They didn't see anything, but her dad told her hunters have to be patient, and they would try again tomorrow.

**Terrain Type:** Grassland (Source 2)

**Good Stewardship Examples:** Susie has her hunter's safety card. They both wore orange vests. They reviewed the area where they would hunt.

**Poor Stewardship Examples:** Susie's dad is hunting without his license.

## Story 2

Ben and Casey had been best friends since Kindergarten. They both loved the outdoors and often went exploring together. One sunny, August day, the boys set out to hopefully get their biggest catch of the summer. Casey had cast only once when he yelled downstream to Ben, "HELP! HELP!" Frightened, Ben dropped his pole and ran towards Casey. Casey was struggling to hold on to his fishing pole as he tried to reel in his big catch. Ben grabbed his pole and helped Casey hold tight. After a few minutes, the boys realized they just caught a fish bigger than ever before. They quickly took a picture and carefully returned the fish back to the water. Because even though it was their biggest catch, the boys were unsure if it was big enough to keep. The boys packed up their things, decided to leave their lunch scraps for the wildlife, and skipped on home.

**Terrain Type:** Body of Water

**Good Stewardship Examples:** The boys carefully returned the fish to the water because they weren't sure of the rules on keeping the fish, and the boys picked up all of their belongings.

**Poor Stewardship Examples:** The boys left food scraps.



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## Story 3

Marissa was nervous but ready for her first ski trip. She was in awe as they drove. Everything was white and covered in snow. When they arrived at the slopes, her mom paid the entrance fee, and they were ready for the day of fun. There were many people in their snow gear, helmets, snow suits, and winter boots. Most people there made sure to be respectful of one another and followed the rules of the ski resort. Even though skiing was challenging, Marissa was enjoying the scenery as she skied. She especially liked when she rode the tram and was able to see the entire area from high above. While she was skiing, she noticed that there seemed to be a short-cut through the trees. She was getting tired and wanted to take a break. She ignored the "Private Property: Keep Out" sign and took the shortcut to the lodge. It was a fun day, and Marissa slept the whole way home back to her hometown.

**Terrain Type:** Mountain (Source 1)

**Good Stewardship Examples:** Marissa's mom paid the entrance fee, and most people followed the rules.

**Poor Stewardship Examples:** Marissa ignored a posted sign and decided to take a shortcut through private land when she got tired.

## Story 4

Connor had never seen so many trees before. The aspen and pine trees were beautiful shades of green and swaying ever so gently in the wind. Connor and his brother were going on a hike and were hoping to see some birds with their new binoculars. Connor wondered how many different animals were hiding in those thick groups of trees. Connor had gotten a new pocket knife and carved his name in one of the trees. He saw many trees, rabbits and a fox, and he heard an elk bugling in the distance. Half way through their trip, they even saw a great horned owl! He was so excited to see it spread its wings and make its beautiful sounds. He would remember that moment for a long time. Connor and his brother stopped to have a picnic. They brought sandwiches, water and fruit. When they were done, Connor's brother reminded him to pack up their trash in a bag they had brought. Connor and his brother headed home very happy and were going to tell their parents about everything they had seen.

**Terrain Type:** Forest

**Good Stewardship Example:** Being respectful of the wildlife and packing up their trash.

**Poor Stewardship Example:** Carving name in tree.

