

## **Adaptive Hiking**

Moving beyond the pavement and surrounding oneself with nature is refreshing and fun! Use this worksheet to prepare for your adaptive hiking trip.

## Find an appropriate trail Where are you going? Paved Trails (accessiblenature.info, traillink.com) Mountain Biking Trails ("Green" & "Double Track") Ski Trails ("Green" or "Cat Walks") Frisbee Golf Courses Equestrian Trails Public Parks Have the right adaptive equipment What equipment do you need? Depending on where you decide to hike, you might already have all the equipment you need! If the road is going to be a little too rough for your current equipment, you'll need to think about a different tool to get the job done. Perhaps you know an individual or organization that has a hiking wheelchair or handcycle you can rent or borrow for the day. Ask around so you can get the gear you need to make sure to have your ideal adventure. Don't forget to take a helmet! Safety First. What "fuel" will you bring? Stay fueled Water is first and foremost when planning a hike, but don't forget to pack some snacks to keep your energy up! Besides, food always tastes better in nature. Take a buddy Who is your trail buddy? Solitude has its place, but it can also be a lot of fun to share a hike with friends and family! Time spent together in nature can strengthen relationships. It's also a nice safety precaution, especially if you are just starting out. If you need a little help, then you'll have someone right there.