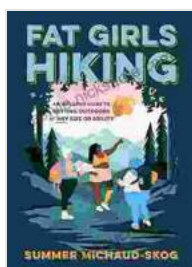


An Inclusive Guide To Getting Outdoors At Any Size Or Ability

Spending time outdoors is one of the best ways to improve your physical and mental health. But if you're not used to being active, or if you have a disability, getting outdoors can seem daunting.



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That's why we've put together this inclusive guide to getting outdoors at any size or ability. We'll cover everything you need to know, from choosing the right gear to finding accessible trails and activities.

Choosing the Right Gear

The first step to getting outdoors is choosing the right gear. This includes everything from clothing to footwear to assistive devices.

If you're not sure where to start, we recommend talking to a doctor or physical therapist. They can help you choose the right gear for your specific needs.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when choosing gear:

- **Comfort:** Make sure your gear is comfortable to wear and move around in.
- **Fit:** Your gear should fit properly. If it's too tight or too loose, it can be uncomfortable or even dangerous.
- **Functionality:** Choose gear that is designed for the activities you plan to do. For example, if you're going hiking, you'll need hiking boots that provide support and traction.
- **Cost:** Gear can be expensive, so it's important to set a budget before you start shopping. There are a number of ways to save money on gear, such as buying used gear or renting it from a local store.

Finding Accessible Trails and Activities

Once you have the right gear, you need to find accessible trails and activities. There are a number of resources available to help you do this.

One resource is the National Park Service's website. The NPS has a database of accessible trails and activities in all 50 states.

Another resource is the American Hiking Society. The AHS has a website that includes a list of accessible hiking trails in the United States.

If you're not sure where to start, we recommend talking to a park ranger or other outdoor professional. They can help you find trails and activities that are appropriate for your abilities.

Getting Started

Once you have the right gear and you've found some accessible trails and activities, it's time to get started!

Here are a few tips for getting started:

- **Start small:** Don't try to do too much too soon. Start with short walks or hikes and gradually increase the distance and difficulty as you get stronger.
- **Find a buddy:** It's always more fun to get outdoors with a friend. Find a buddy who shares your interests and is willing to go at your pace.
- **Be prepared:** Make sure you have everything you need before you head out, including water, snacks, and first aid supplies.
- **Listen to your body:** If you're feeling tired or sore, take a break. Don't push yourself too hard.

Benefits of Getting Outdoors

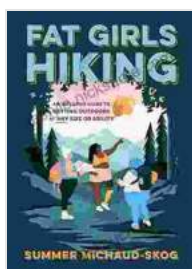
There are many benefits to getting outdoors, including:

- **Improved physical health:** Getting outdoors can help you improve your cardiovascular health, strength, and flexibility.
- **Improved mental health:** Spending time in nature can reduce stress, improve mood, and boost creativity.

- **Increased social interaction:** Getting outdoors can help you meet new people and make new friends.
- **Improved sense of well-being:** Spending time in nature can help you feel more connected to the world around you and improve your overall sense of well-being.

Getting outdoors is a great way to improve your physical and mental health. With the right gear, planning, and support, anyone can enjoy the benefits of spending time in nature.

So what are you waiting for? Get outdoors today!



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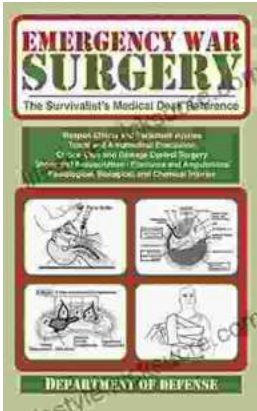
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