

# Making a Wading Staff

A wading staff is a great way to feel what you are about to step on, and it can help you get safely through rough stream bottoms. You can purchase one at a local

tackle shop or, **with the proper adult supervision**, you can make one from materials you have at home. Here's what you'll need:



## Materials

- Wooden broom handle or 1-inch dowel rod, 4 to 5 feet long
- Rope
- Paint (optional)
- Permanent marker

## Tools

- Power drill and 1/4-inch drill bit
- Tape measure



## Steps

- 1.** Cut both ends of the broom handle or dowel rod, so they are clean and square.
- 2.** Drill a 1/4-inch hole through one end of the staff.
- 3.** String and tie off a loop of rope through the hole in the staff.
- 4.** Paint or decorate the staff (optional).
- 5.** Mark one-foot measurements on the staff with the tape measure and a permanent marker or paint. The marks will allow you to measure the depth of the water before you take your next step in the water.



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