

Outdoor Hour Challenge

High Desert Ebook

Sample Challenge

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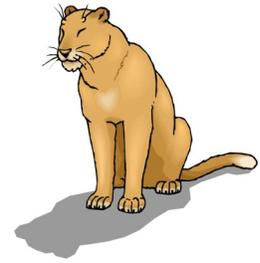
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Inside Preparation Work:

- ◆ Choose your resource for learning about the mountain lion ([Puma concolor](#)).
- ◆ In addition, you can see page 5 of this ebook for additional suggestions for field guides and books to use in your study. Don't forget to look at your public library for books on mountain lions.
- ◆ For younger children, [listen to chapter 30](#) in the *Burgess Animal Book for Children*, featuring the cougar (mountain lion).
- ◆ For older students: Here is an online book you can read: [Cougar, The American Lion](#).

Names for the *Puma concolor*

- ◆ Mountain lion
 - ◆ Puma
 - ◆ Cougar
 - ◆ Panther

Outdoor Hour Time:

- ◆ Most of us do not have access to a live mountain lion to observe as part of this study, but you may have a smaller feline to study instead, the house cat. Use the [Outdoor Hour Challenge for cats](#) to make a comparison between the mountain lion and a domestic cat.
- ◆ **Please note:** You can still take some outdoor time this week to look for any mammals you may have living in your neighborhood. Look for signs of mammals like tracks and scat. Here is a link to all of the mammal nature study lessons on the [Handbook of Nature Study website](#).

If you are creating your own nature journal page, here are some things to record.

Size	Home
Color	Young
Weight	Tracks
Habitat	Scat
Diet	Behavior

Follow-Up Study:

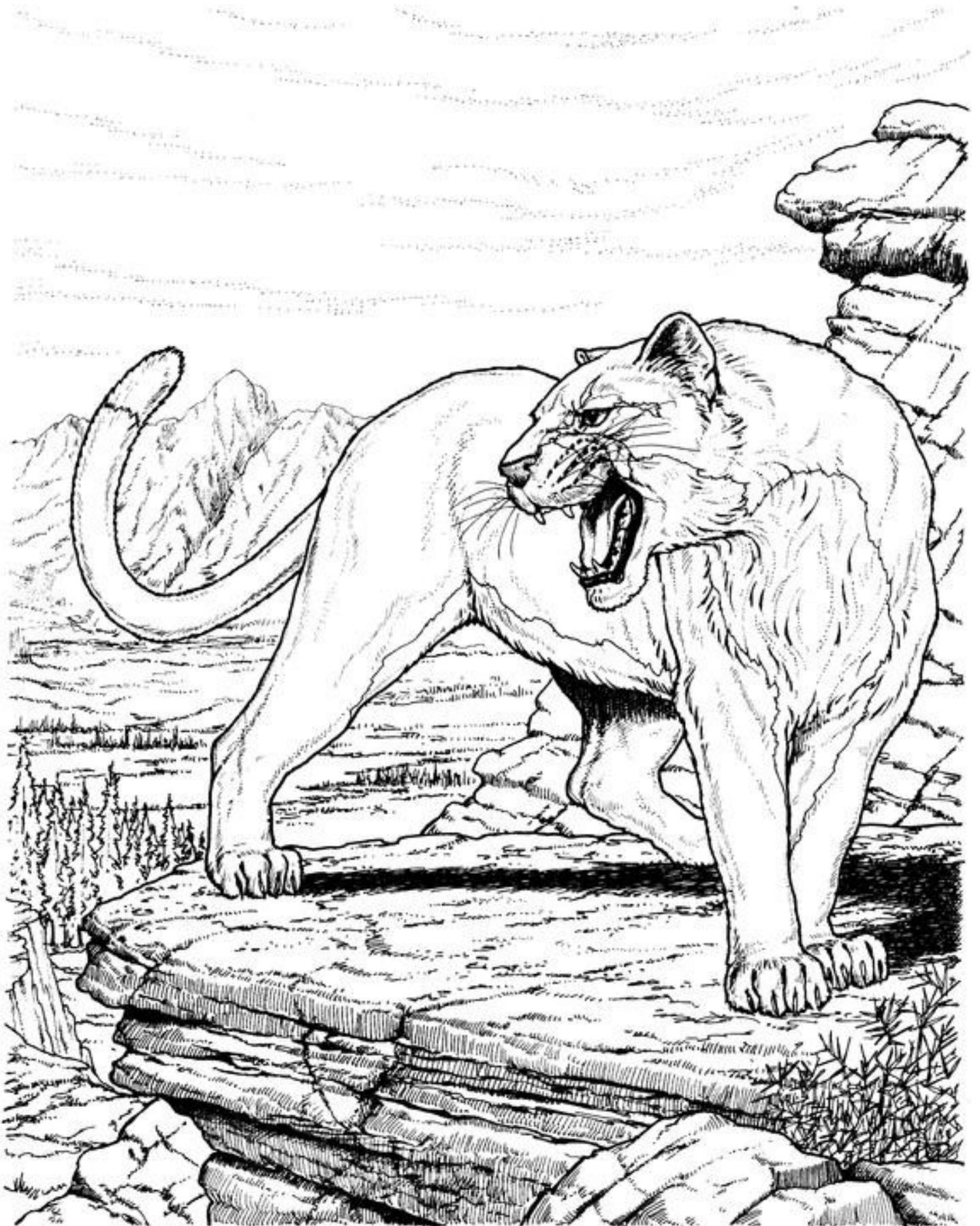
- ◆ Create a nature journal entry using the notebook page provided in this ebook. There are both regular and advanced notebooking pages available.
- ◆ Advanced study: Research what you should do if you encounter a mountain lion. Here is a link to get you started: [Mountain Lion Foundation](#).
- ◆ Advanced study: Research the [felidae family of animals](#). Create a nature journal page with your findings.

MOUNTAIN LION

Sketch a mountain lion.

Facts about mountain lions (color, size, behavior, diet).

Kingdom:	Phylum:	Class:	Order:	Family:
Animalia	Chordata	Mammalia	Carnivora	Felidae



Mountain Lion