

WILD FAMILIES



Nature activities for families with younger children

Each box in the table below contains a suggestion for something to do in nature with your very young children. These activities are about encouraging the scientific skills of close observation, questioning and interpreting of nature. They can record their success with a drawing, a tick, a photo or whatever works for your group. The important things are to explore, discuss and remember.

1. Find something very little.

2. Move like a bug.

3. Find something rough and something smooth.

4. Watch an animal. What did it do?

5. Find something that smells good or bad.

6. Stop and listen. What can you hear?

7. Find a place where an animal would be happy.

8. Stop and look around. Name the different colours you can see.

9. Find something that moves fast and something that moves slowly.

10. Look under some leaves. What do you see?

11. Look at the sky. What do you see?

12. Make a noise like a bird.

