

10 Things to Do in Your Own Backyard

Spring Activities

1. Start a Nature Journal

Keep track of the things you see in nature. What is happening? How is it moving? How does it look smell, sound, or feel? Be sure to include the date.

2. Animal and Bird Tracks

Can you identify which animal or bird it was made from? Check a bird or animal guidebook, or look it up online. Draw and label them in your nature journal.

3. Nest Building

Create a nest from items you find in nature that is big enough to fit you and some friends.

4. Rainbow of Color

Find natural objects for each color of the rainbow. Have paint strips? See if you can find colors in nature to match each color on the card.

5. Flower Pressing

Press spring flowers by placing them between two pieces of paper and flatten with a heavy book. Once dry, make a card.

6. Rock Painting

Find a rock with personality and paint it. Once dry, glue on nature items for features and accessories. Place it in the flowerbed.

7. Knot Tying

Practice tying different types of knots. Use your skills to make a climbing rope, rope net, or tire swing.

8. Camouflage Hide & Seek

Camouflage yourself, then climb as high as you can in a tree. See how long you can stay there before someone finds you.

9. Create a Crown

Weave the stems of flowers and leaves to create a crown to wear.

10. Magic Stick

Find the perfect stick to create a magic wand. Add ribbon or streamers.