

Exploring with Nature



Search for nature items using this Nature Scavenger Hunt printable.

<https://www.stayathomemum.com.au/prints/nature-savenger-hunt-free-printable/>

Storytelling in Nature

When you are on a nature walk keep an eye out for a story prompt; a hole in a tree, a caterpillar crossing the trail, a stick, a creek, etc. Don't overthink it! You don't need to have the whole story thought out before you start telling it. Only aim to tell three or four sentences at first. Think about where your story prompt may have come from or how it ended up? Who put the nest on the ground? Who made those tracks? What is the butterfly looking for? If you are really stuck and can't think of anything, share a memory from your childhood. Talk slowly as it gives you time to think and your child time to absorb the words and paint the picture in their minds. Telling a story is a wonderful way to add a bit of wonder and magic to a walk through the woods.



Nature Stones

Collect leaves, nuts, seed heads; press into home-made salt-dough and bake in oven. Paint or varnish.

Salt Dough recipe <http://www.busybeekidscrafts.com/Salt-Dough-Recipe.html>

Number Rocks

Using permanent marker write numbers on flat rocks you find outdoors. Use the rocks to count objects out or put in order.



number activities to take outside



Pinecone Counting

Write the numbers 1 to 10 with chalk on the cement and using pinecones count out the corresponding number for each one.

Nature Paint Brushes

While on a walk see what interesting nature items you can find.

Attach a piece of nature to each stick using an elastic band (or a piece of string). Put the elastic bands onto the sticks first and then slide your pieces of nature into the bands. Dip your paint brushes into the paint and see what designs/prints you can make.



Nature Paint Brushes

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