

Things to Do in the Out-of-Doors

If it is warm enough, go wading in a lake or creek (wear old shoes and bring a change of clothes), climb a tree or go on a picnic

Draw a flower or nature scene

Make a chain of dandelions, grasses, or leaves

Make rubbings of leaves, bark, grasses or soil

Pick a collection of pretty leaves or flowers. Press them between pages of a book or iron them between two pieces of waxed paper

Get up early to watch the sun rise, write a description of a sunset.

Go hiking, build a shelter, find your way with a compass.

Look at pond water under a microscope

Go stargazing with binoculars or a telescope

Record a birdsong or other animal sounds

Find a chrysalis and watch a butterfly emerge from it

Go to the zoo or nature center and find a fact about a favorite animal

Keep a nature journal for writing descriptions of activities and drawing pictures

Identify foods eaten by various animals

Play the game -- "Twenty Questions" or "What am I?" with outdoor topics: what was seen on a hike, the plants that can be found in the local area, or animals at the local park or zoo

Take a hike and write a story about what was seen or done

Paint or carve a pumpkin or gourd