Nature Scavenger Hunt

Picture checklists for toddlers, preschoolers and big kids

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- For fall, use the free Thanksgiving nature walk at wellnessmomhub.com.

How to play

- Clip the page to a clipboard or cardboard and bring a crayon.
- Pre-readers follow the pictures. Say each word together as you go.
- Tick each thing you find, or take a photo of it.
- No need to find them all. Twenty minutes is a great first walk.
- Back home, talk about the best find and why.

Safety for little explorers

- Look, don't taste: berries, mushrooms and plants stay out of mouths.
- "Leaves of three, let it be": skip plants that might be poison ivy.
- Spot feathers and nests, but leave them: keeping wild bird feathers needs a permit in the US.
- Watch bees from a distance, and stay together near roads and water.
- After tall grass or woods, check everyone for ticks. Wash hands when you get home.
- Small finds like rocks and acorns can be a choking risk for children under 3.

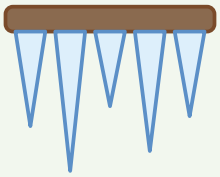
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Winter Nature Hunt

Bundle up and look for these. Tick each one you find.



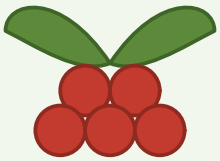
☐ A pine tree



☐ Icicles



☐ Animal tracks



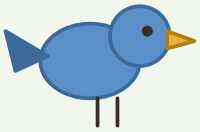
☐ Red berries (look only)



☐ A bare tree



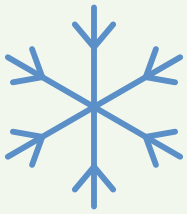
☐ A pinecone



☐ A bird



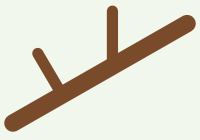
☐ A squirrel



☐ Frost or snow



☐ A big cloud



☐ A Y-shaped stick



☐ Ice on a puddle

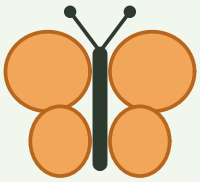
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Spring & Summer Hunt

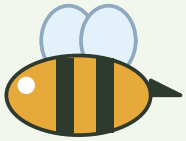
Look closely: some of these are tiny! Tick each one you find.



☐ A flower



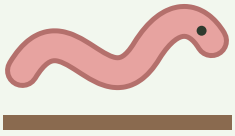
☐ A butterfly



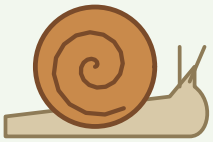
☐ A bee (from afar)



☐ A ladybug



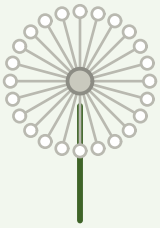
☐ A worm



☐ A snail



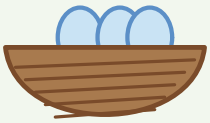
☐ A clover



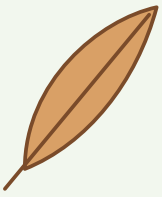
☐ A dandelion puff



☐ An ant



☐ A nest (look only)



☐ A feather (leave it)



☐ A smooth rock

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Five Senses Hunt

Use your ears, hands, nose and eyes. Tick each one you find.



Listen

- [ ] A bird singing
- [ ] Wind in the trees
- [ ] Your own footsteps



Touch

- [ ] Something smooth
- [ ] Rough tree bark
- [ ] Something soft, like moss or grass



Smell

- [ ] A flower or pine needles
- [ ] Damp dirt after rain
- [ ] Fresh air: take a big sniff!



Look

- [ ] Something tiny
- [ ] Something taller than you
- [ ] Something moving

The fifth sense is taste. On a nature walk, that one stays at home: nothing outside goes in mouths.

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Nature Treasure Hunt

Find it, then draw it (or tape a photo) in the box

1. Something round

2. Something with a pattern

3. A leaf bigger than your hand

4. Something that smells nice

5. Something smaller than your thumb

6. Something two colors

7. Something that fell from a tree

8. Your favorite find of the day

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