Spring Nature Activities for Children

Looking for a way to enjoy the outdoors with your child? Try some of these fun outdoor activities and discover the joys of the spring season.

🌟 Listen for nature sounds and draw a map of the sounds you hear. What is your favorite nature sound?

🌟 Go on a scavenger hunt. Click here to download our spring scavenger hunt.

🌟 Explore textures in nature. Take an egg carton and fill each spot with small natural items with different textures. Can you find something soft? Something smooth? Something rough?

🌟 Play in the mud! Use old baking tins, spoons, leaves, flowers and grass to create some mud pies. Mix some mud and water and make mud finger-paints. What else can you make with mud?

🌟 Take a sensory walk in nature. Look for different colors and patterns. Listen for birds and other sounds. Feel bark, leaves, and other textures. Smell some different prairie plants. What are your favorite discoveries?

🌟 Look for bird nests. What are they made out of? Gather some natural materials and build your own bird nest.

🌟 Learn some bird calls online. Go on a nature walk and see how many calls you can identify. Some common birds to listen for: cardinal, chickadee, goldfinch, blue jay, robin, crow and wren.

🌟 Use a magnifying glass to explore nature up close. Look under logs and at trees and plants. What patterns do you notice? Can you find insects hiding? What else can you find?