



Discovery Days

Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area

Discover Your Habitat

Let's discover the world around you, or your own habitat, by making **observations**.

Explore a local park, your neighborhood, or your backyard and use these activities as a guide to discovery.

You don't need to have all of the answers to learn new things!

Materials:

- A pencil
- Print or copy the activities on a piece of paper: Wildlife Observation, Outdoor Scavenger Hunt, Sound Map.

An **observation** is simply something that we notice by using our senses- touch, smell, taste, sight, or hearing.

You can start your observation by saying "I notice..."



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Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

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✓ Find two different types of trees.

I notice_____.

I wonder_____?

✓ Find a plant that smells.

I notice_____.

I wonder_____?

✓ Find the smoothest rock.

I notice_____.

I wonder_____?

✓ Find a plant you have never noticed before.

I notice_____.

I wonder_____?



Sound Map

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Make a record of the sounds in your habitat

- 1) Sit quietly for 5 minutes and draw or write the sounds you hear.
- 2) The X marks where you are. Record the sounds in the direction and distance you hear them from your X. For example, if you hear a bird close in front of you, you would draw a bird near the top of the X.
- 3) You don't need to know exactly what the sound is, just record it!

X



Wildlife Observation

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What I saw and where I saw it

Date: _____ Time: _____

Weather: _____ Location: _____

Description of Animal: _____

Behavior of Animal: _____

Other Notes: _____

Use this space to draw your animal:



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Continue the fun!

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

Pick one “I wonder” question you wrote down on the scavenger hunt and think of a possible answer.

I think that _____
_____.

Could you design a study to test your thought?

Sound Map

Compare sound maps. Did a classmate hear something different than you?

What if you did it again at a different time of day? What about again at a different location?

Wildlife Observation

Share your observation with your classmates to create a database of wildlife near your school. Did weather, time of day, or anything else change which animals were seen or their behavior?

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