









Campbell Creek Science Center

Insect Safari

Grab your safari hat and head outside to discover what the insects in your neighborhood are doing!

Directions

1. Look around for likely places to find insects, then get busy finding them. Here are some places to search for insects:
 -  In soil and sidewalk cracks
 -  Around the edges of buildings
 -  Near water features
 -  Under leaves, rocks, or planters
 -  On tree trunks or flowers
 -  On, under, and in rotting logs
2. When you find an insect, notice where you found it, what it is doing, and if there are other similar insects nearby.
3. For a closer look at what you found, carefully place the insect on an open hand. Remember that insects are living creatures. Be gentle and respectful with them. When you are finished, carefully return the insect to its home. Then go in search of other insects.

Questions

- How many different kinds of insects did you find?
- What was the largest insect you found? The smallest? The most interesting?
- What surprised you about what you found or where you found it?



Some insects can bite or sting. Remember to touch only those insects that you know are safe.

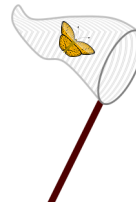
Fun tools for the safari:

Jars with Lids



Uncap the lid and gently brush the insect inside. Replace the cap. Add holes to the lid to help the insect breathe. Let the insect go after a short period of time.

Nets



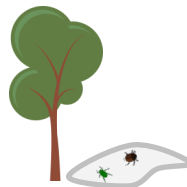
Catch flying insects in the air, then flick your wrist to close the net. Swish the net through grass or other plants; after a few passes, close the top of the net like you would a balloon full of air. Be careful with the insect's wings.

Magnifying Glass

Look through the glass for a closer view. What new details do you notice?



White Sheet



Lay the sheet under a tree or bush. Hit and shake the branches several times so that insects fall onto the sheet.

