



Campbell Creek Science Center

Time Outside Together (TOTs): Insects

Resources to explore the natural world with children under five.



Insect Safari

Get to know the insects who live in your area on an insect safari! As you search for bugs, practice respectful behavior: hold insects gently and release them when you are done.

Try searching in the following places:

- **Fields and meadows.** Keep an eye out for fliers and hoppers.
- **Leaves.** Look on and under leaves for insects and insect evidence, such as eggs or strange bumps, called galls.
- **Fallen trees.** Roll over logs and peel back bark to uncover insects.
- **Soil.** Dig in the dirt to find critters that live beneath the surface.

NOTE: If you encounter bees, wasps, or other stinging insects, remember to “*bee calm!*” Stay still, take deep breaths, and wait until the stinging insect moves away.

Build a Bug

Design an insect with natural materials. For ideas and inspiration, think about the bugs you found on your insect safari!

As you build your bug, imagine:

- Where does the bug **live**?
- How does the bug **move**?
- What does the bug **eat**?
- How does the bug **protect** itself?

Be sure to give your bug a **name**!

