



25 THINGS TO DO IN WINTER

Nature Play
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- 1 Collect fallen leaves & pieces of bark with interesting textures. Place under paper & rub using coloured crayons to create a picture.
- 2 Pick flowers from your garden & press between the pages of a heavy book. Once dried, you can use the pressed flowers in your nature craft.
- 3 Build a mini cairn by collecting flat or smooth rocks, & stack them one on top of the other. How high can you go?
- 4 Break out the craft glue & cardboard to design & create a beautiful nature collage..
- 5 Go on an alphabetical nature walk. Can you find objects with names that start with each letter of the alphabet?
- 6 Make a simple crown to fit your head with paper or card & sticky tape. Stick flowers & leaves upon it & wear your regal creation!
- 7 Dip natural elements into paint & place on paper to create nature prints. What interesting patterns can you create?
- 8 Go on a listening nature walk. How many different sounds can you hear? The wind, leaves in the trees, birds singing?
- 9 Create a sensory basket; pine cones, feathers, shells, rocks & gumnuts for loose parts play
- 10 Create a family of stick people. Choose some sturdy sticks, & use scraps of fabric & wool, craft glue & pens to adorn & decorate them.
- 11 Play in the rain & let it fall on your face. How does it feel? Is it cold? How big are the rain drops, & how fast (or slow) is it falling?
- 12 Use flowers, garden prunings, sand, mud & water to create magic fairy potions.
- 13 Make a rain gauge from a small glass jar. Mark cm measurements with permanent marker on the outside. Place it outdoors in the rain & wait!
- 14 Build a bug hotel from a cardboard box & collected natural materials. **See our blog for full instructions.**
- 15 Wet weather brings out the worms! Does your garden have these wriggly friends in them?
- 16 Try nature weaving. Create a stick frame, tie string across it & weave leaves, sticks, feathers & other natural elements to create beautiful art.
- 17 It's so much fun to jump in puddles - pull on your boots (or go barefoot!) & get splashing!
- 18 Go on a nature photo safari. Pick a subject matter & snap as many pics as your can.
- 19 Use a tarp to build a rainproof fort; you'll soon find out how good a builder you are!
- 20 Build a nature tepee: construct a frame from long garden stakes, plant runner beans or sweet peas around the base & watch your tepee grow!
- 21 Go beachcombing. Wild & windy weather washes up some wonderful treasures.
- 22 Collect fallen leaves & create a picture with craft glue & paper. You could make leaf people or creatures.
- 23 If the weather is just too wild & woolly to get outside, indulge in some indoor rock painting!
- 24 With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, nature play spaces are back open! Discover our favourites of our **free Nature Play WA app.**
- 25 Join our **Winter photo competition**. Each month a **\$300 gift card** goes to the winning photo! **Check our socials & website for details!**