



25 Things to Do in Cold Weather



- 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** Perfect your rock skimming skills! Now ponds and lakes are filling up with rainwater, find some flat rocks and skim them over the water's surface.
- 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** **Use our free Play in WA app** to choose a nature playground, campground or hiking trail to explore with your family.
- 25** Open a mud restaurant! Use dirt from the garden after it rains to create some delightful, muddy delicacies... mud cake, anyone?