

# APRIL

## nature activity ideas



- Collect fallen leaves and make a nature crown.
- Go on a bug hunt! What creepy crawlies can you find in your very own backyard or local park?
- Create a cozy cubby in your backyard with bedsheets, thin rope & clothes pegs.
- Fly a kite.
- Visit the beach to build a sand castle or to take a brave dip in the ocean!
- Blow and chase bubbles.
- Use fallen leaves and sticks to make boats. Find a puddle or stream and test if they float!
- Enjoy a family breakfast picnic at a local park or nature reserve.
- Draw with chalk on the pavement or footpath.
- Get out in the rain! Put on your boots and jacket and play outside. What does the rain look, feel and smell like?
- Make and decorate mud pies.
- Visit a stream, lake or river. Skip stones, spot tiny water insects, or race sticks or leaves.
- Lie back on a blanket and watch the clouds. Can you see animals or other shapes? Tell a story about what you see as the clouds float across the sky.
- Go on a family bushwalk. Check out Trails WA to find family-friendly trails.
- Try bark rubbing. Take a sheet of paper and a few crayons on a walk and rub over the bark of all of the different trees you see.
- Try growing your own vegetables, planting peas, carrots, onion, garlic, silverbeet or spinach.
- Download our free Play Trails app and have fun with our Play Anywhere Trail. It features six interactive nature play activities that you can do anywhere.
- Collect small loose parts such as leaves, petals, gum nuts and pebbles and arrange them to form a mandala or make a picture.
- Explore a local park after it rains. Can you spot mushrooms, fungi or lichen?
- Hunt for leaves representing a "rainbow" of nature colours—brown, red, orange, yellow and green.
- Visit an orchard or market garden to sample new season's fruit.
- Host a family puddle jumping competition - how big can you make your splash?
- Find a tree to climb or a fallen log to balance upon.
- Collect five different sticks. Place them in order from longest to shortest.
- Find a new park or playground to explore with our Play in WA Interactive Map.

