



Today's Featured Activity: A Spring Scavenger Hunt

With spring in full bloom it's a good time to go on a scavenger hunt. There is so much going on around us and so many different types of scavenger hunt you can do, the possibilities are endless! Today we'll provide with you a few ideas for creating your own scavenger hunt in your backyard, neighborhood, at a Public Conservation Areas, or even in your house. Use your nature journal or a few sheets of paper to keep track of your list. It may be helpful to have a clipboard, pencils, and crayons.

Try an alphabet scavenger hunt two ways

- First, write the letters of the alphabet on a page, so you can check off when you see the letters. Head outside and look for where you see the letters in shapes of things in nature, for example: the branching of a tree may look like a Y or V, while the petals of a flower may look like a D or O, or a bent blade of grass may look like an R.
- Next, list the letters of the alphabet with a line next to it so you can write or draw what you saw that started with that letter. Get creative, it doesn't need to just be the proper names of things, for example: if you see a zig zag pattern on a tree bark, that counts for your Z!

Try a city nature scavenger hunt

You might not think there's much nature in the city, but maybe you just haven't been paying attention! Use this [printable checklist](#) or make up your own list based on what you think you might see, and head out for an adventure to see how much nature you can find in the city!

Play a memory scavenger hunt game

One person, the collector, goes outside, collects natural items, and places them in a box with a lid or covered with a towel. Make sure to pick multiples of each item, so that the other player can find matches to them outside - you don't want to pick the only blooming flower in your garden. Items like pinecones, flowers, or interesting bark work well. Place the items in the box, have the other person, the finder, look at each item for a few seconds before going outside to see if they can find them.

A variation on this game is to put an item in the box covered with a towel. Have your child reach in to feel the item, then try to find a match to it just by using their sense of touch.

Try a scavenger hunt indoors

When the rain comes or you just can't get outside, try doing an indoor scavenger hunt and tying it back to nature. Make a list of all the things in your home that are either things from nature or things that remind you of natural items, and then have someone else try to find them too. The alphabet scavenger hunts also works well indoors!

Are you doing the [Hike Five challenge](#) with your family? [CLC has also created a scavenger hunt for hikers!](#)

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