

Mini-BEAST Safari Time!

No need to take a plane for this minibeast safari! Head out to a nearby green space, look closely and get ready to be amazed.

handy things to take along:

- magnifying glass
- notebook & pencil
- shallow container

what to do:

Choose a habitat - the garden, park, lakeside or seashore.

- 1 Find 4 different creatures in that habitat.
- 2 Study them where you find them. It's OK to pick them up gently but put them back exactly where you found them.
- 3 Make a sketch of each 'critter' you find.
- 4 Describe how it moves.
- 5 Describe its habitat - wet/dry, dark/light, hidden/open and so on.
- 6 Try to figure out what it is feeding on.
- 7 Write one extra interesting thing about each 'critter' that you observed or found out about it.
- 8 Did you discover anything else that was new to you on your 'critter hunt'?

REMEMBER!

Handle all mini-BEASTS with care, and put them back into their natural habitats once you've made your observations!

For more ideas on how to give nature a hand visit the Young Naturalists' Club at www.ync.ca. The Young Naturalists' Club of BC is a registered charity that connects children ages 5-12 with nature through a network of volunteer-led nature clubs. Together children and their families discover nature on Explorer Day Field Trips, learn about nature in NatureWILD magazine and take action to help the environment with the YNC Action Awards Quest



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