

# Wild Ideas: Nature Activities for **Family Fun this Summer**

# It is Important to Spend Time in Nature! Here's Why:

- Mental and emotional benefits.
- Physical benefits: opportunity to get active.
- Social benefits: talking and sharing, making connections.

### **Summer Activity Ideas**

- Picnic or BBQ
- Gardening
- Astronomy at home
- Scavenger hunt/Geocaching Go on an Owl Prowl
- Sandboxes and water tables
- Birding
- Mothing
- Moon bathing
- Nature Journaling

## **Resources from Canadian Wildlife Federation**

- WILD Family Nature Club
- Lil Green Sprouts Activity Booklet
- Day at the Beach Activity Cards
- Online Learning Library

#### Resources from Watersheds Canada

- Nature Discovery Backpacks lending library program
- Free grades 1-6 Activity Books
- Greening Projects Toolkit
- **DIY Shoreland Assessment**
- Bio-Blitz Activity



## **Nature-based Apps**

- Stellarium
- iNaturalist.ca
- <u>eBir</u>d
- Geocaching

#### **Additional Resources**

- Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Star Parties
- Let's Roll: Tactile Discovery
- Natural Shape Viewers: Tactile Discovery
- Tree Fort Toys: Tactile Discovery
- Campfire Story Decks: Night Time Discover

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