

Why a Nature Passport?

Connecting kids to animals and nature can have compound, positive affects for today's youth!

Nature enhances:

Relationships

Creativity

Critical Thinking

Problem Solving

Enthusiasm for learning

Focus and attention

Likelihood of a lifelong active lifestyle

Nature reduces:

Stress

Anger

Disruptive behaviors

Risk of Obesity

Interested in learning more? Visit The Children & Nature Network www.childrenandnature.org for more benefits of nature play and exploration.



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NATURE PASSPORT

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

AGE _____

Check off nature activities inside the passport and add up your points.

When you get 100 points, turn in this sheet for one FREE Child Admission Ticket* to the award-winning Fort Wayne Zoo!

NAME _____ AGE _____

EXPLORE ON YOUR OWN - 5 POINTS EACH

- Write your name on the front of this passport
- Splash through rain puddles
- Look up! Find a cloud that is shaped like an animal at the Zoo
- Count the number of rings found on a tree stump
- Watch the sunset with friends or family
- Plant a seed and water it throughout the summer
- Listen to nature sounds with your eyes closed
- Use a branch to draw in the soil
- Find three trees that have different textured bark
- Read a book under a shady tree
- Take a walk and spot objects that start with different letters of the alphabet
- Form your favorite animal out of snow
- Press flowers on paper to create a nature inspired bookmark
- Build a bridge made of items found in nature
- Balance on a fallen tree log
- Find and smell different colored flowers
- Draw a nature picture from an ant's perspective
- Create music using nature items as instruments
- Roll down a grassy hill
- Build a floating raft out of nature items
- Play your favorite sport outside with family or friends
- Track and draw the changing moon phases
- Paint your favorite rock
- Follow a stream of water, where does it lead?
- Enjoy a picnic outside
- Create animal shadows on a sunny day
- Jump in a pile of leaves
- Go for a swim in a pool, lake, or pond!

- Make handprints in the mud
- Create a leaf rubbing using crayons, paper, and fallen tree leaves!
- Go on a bike ride with friends or family
- Find your reflection in a body of water
- Listen and imitate different bird calls
- Go stargazing with friends or family. Do the stars create any pictures in the sky?
- Build a nature fort, big enough for you to sit in
- Go barefoot on natural ground coverings
- Create your own backyard bug hotel by placing sticks and acorns in an outdoor container
- Look under a log, can you find any animals?
- Skip a pebble across a pond. How many times can your rock skip?
- Start your own nature journal and sketch your first entry
- Paint with water on your driveway or sidewalk. Watch your creations evaporate!
- Visit your local park
- Collect and group different rocks based on their color, shape, and patterns
- Put up window hangings to protect native birds from flying into windows

Go on a scavenger hunt! Find and draw something crunchy, something soft, or something smelly.



Listen to the sounds of nature. Draw what you hear!



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Bring your completed Kids for Nature Passport to the Guest Service Building at the Fort Wayne Zoo to receive one FREE Child (Ages 2-12) zoo admission ticket with the purchase of one General Admission ticket. Limit one free Child ticket per purchase. Not redeemable for special ticketed events. Tickets valid during the 2025 Zoo season through December 31, 2025.