

## April 2020 Nature Activities to do at Home: Week Two

**April 5: Take a Shape Walk:** Cut out shapes: square, circle, triangle etc. from paper or old cereal boxes and punch a hole and string it together. Go outside and see how many things in nature have these shapes.

**April 6: Create Rock Art:** Find a few rocks, wash them with soap and water and let them dry. Get out your acrylic paints and start creating! Paint patterns or create animals if you like. Decorate your garden or desk, or write a story or poem about your special rock.

**April 7: Create a Bird Nest via Web Cam:** Google sites for cams that let you have a “bird’s eye” view of their nest. A good site is: [allaboutbirds.org/cams](http://allaboutbirds.org/cams). Monitor how the baby birds develop. Describe what you see. You may wish to visit the same site each day for a while and watch the birds grow up.

**April 8: Draw a Nature Scene with Sidewalk Chalk:** Read about how long an eagle’s wingspan is, the length of a whale, the height of a phragmites (a tall plant) or anything else in nature. Grab your chalk and go outside and see if you can draw the length and height, on your drive way or use string to measure them in your hallway. Don’t forget to bring your tape measure.

**April 9: Nature Journal:** Make your own nature journal. You can use any firm paper for the cover. Decorate it anyway you want. Put some blank paper inside. Fasten it together by punching holes through the cover and paper. Now you can write or draw your nature memories inside.

**April 10: Natural Egg Dye:** Coffee, juice, onions, berries, and spinach all make great dyes. Visit [Coffee, juice, onions, berries, and spinach all make great dyes](http://incredibleegg.org/easter/egg-decorating/naturally-dyed-eggs/) [visit.incredibleegg.org/easter/egg-decorating/naturally-dyed-eggs/](http://incredibleegg.org/easter/egg-decorating/naturally-dyed-eggs/) for more instructions.

**April 11: Find Clues that Animals Live in Your Neighborhood:** Go for a walk and look for clues that animals left behind. Some clues could be chewed acorns sitting on a rock, holes in leaves, nests in trees, or bark rubs from antlers etc. List these items in a notebook, natural journal, or on a piece of paper attached to a clipboard. Remember to stay at least 6 feet away from other people.

**Note:** While doing these activities, we should be practicing social distancing, staying at least 6 feet from the nearest person. Frequent hand washing for twenty seconds or more is advised. These activities are recommended to be done with your immediate family or household. If you want to include other friends or family members, consider a virtual playdate through Zoom, Skype, or FaceTime, so we can share the learning fun.

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