



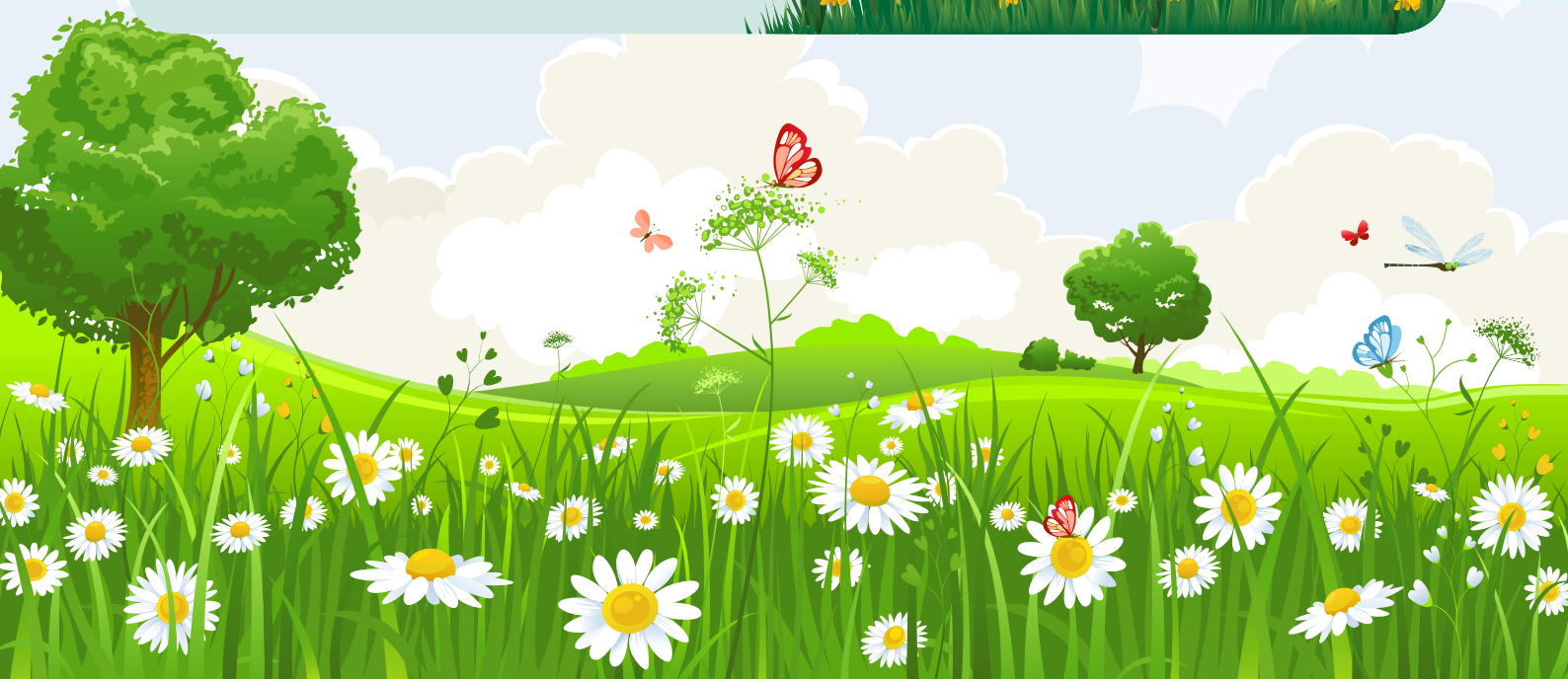
Conservation

In this activity we want you to consider how best to save our wonderful world for the next generations by doing what we can to encourage plant growth, protect animals and discourage waste.

Take your pick from the list of suggested ideas, which may have come from existing resources (e.g. Roundabouts / Handbooks / Badges / GFIs / Octants and other Girlguiding publications) or choose your own activity.

All Age Activity ideas

- > Save seed heads and plant the seeds
- > Plant insect friendly flowers in tubs or pots
- > Make an insect home
- > Take part in an official counting day e.g. birds, butterflies, ladybirds
- > Make bird feeders
- > Grow wild flower patches in the garden or pots
- > Recycle outdoor items
- > Make butterfly feeders
- > Explore a wild flower meadow
- > Plant some trees



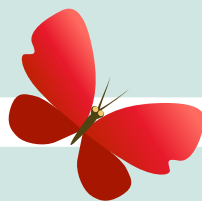
Rainbow ideas

- > Find out about hedgehogs and how you can help them
- > Make fat balls for birds
- > In the autumn make a hedgehog nest in a pile of leaves ready for hedgehogs to hibernate in


Rainbows

Links /Extensions

Roundabouts:
Seasons



Brownie ideas

- > Find out about your local recycling site and arrange a visit
- > Make up an outdoor game about an endangered species and play it
- > Make a rainwater collector and use it to collect rainwater for your garden. Keep a record for two weeks of the amount you have collected
- > Explore a wild flower meadow and see how many flowers you can identify. Are there any rare flowers there?

Brownies

Links /Extensions

Badges:
World Issues
Friend to Animals
Seasons
Environment



Guide ideas

- > Otters are sensitive to water pollution. See if there are any in your area and visit to look for signs of them
- > Make up an outdoor game about an endangered species and play it with Rainbows
- > Marine animals are in danger and people are trying to set up Marine Conservation areas. Find out about them and see how you can help
- > Collect scrap paper and make your own paper outside (as it is a very wet process!)
- > Protect frog and toad spawn by clearing ponds
- > Make bird nesting boxes
- > Make bat nesting boxes
- > Pick wild fruit and make jam

Guides

Links /Extensions

Go For It
Be the Change
Go For It Green
Take Action

Badges:
Community Action
World Issues



The Senior Section ideas

- > Learn how to lay a hedge
- > Bees are suffering at the moment, find out what plants are useful to them and plant some
- > Make a bumblebee nest and place it in a suitable site
- > Red Squirrels are being threatened by Grey Squirrels, find out if there is anywhere near you where you can go and see them
- > Make a solar oven and use it to cook some Eco S'mores
- > Take part in a litter pick
- > Make a compost heap to recycle your waste plant matter
- > Learn how to repair a dry stone wall
- > Use no fuel - go for a cycle ride, walk or paddle to have an enjoyable outing
- > Volunteer at your local nature reserve

The Senior Section





Websites

How to / Activities

- > http://www.plantlife.org.uk/wildflower_garden/section/how_to_grow_wild_flowers
- > https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/makeahomeforwildlife/givenaturehomeinyourgarden/20wayspack/?source=GNBNG30017&utm_source=GNBNG30017&utm_medium=ppc&utm_campaign=gna&gclid=Cj0KEQjAIO20BRCieCSncPlqqMBEiQAOZGMnH-EvhgHtQhWe-h768NKS903vtrXFpKG7fK9mA29hZcaAuSz8P8HAQ
- > http://www.rspb.org.uk/makeahomeforwildlife/advice/gardening/insects/building_homes.aspx
- > <https://www.edenproject.com/learn/for-everyone/how-to-build-an-insect-home>
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- > <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-and-Recycle-Paper/>
- > <http://freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/projects/million-ponds/pond-creation-toolkit/>
- > <http://www.bto.org/about-birds/nbw/make-a-nest-box>
- > http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/bat_boxes.html
- > <http://www.woodlands.co.uk/blog/woodland-activities/how-to-lay-a-hedge/>
- > http://www.shropshirehedgelaying.co.uk/what_is_hedgelaying.php
- > <http://www.opalexplenature.org/Beehotels#/0>
- > http://www.bumblebee.org/nestbox_plans.htm
- > <http://www.ecoearth.com/eco-blogs/eco-parenting/995-kids-environmental-diy-make-a-pizza-box-solar-oven.html>
- > <http://www.ecoearth.com/eco-zine/food-and-garden/334-composting-101-what-you-need-to-know-to-start-composting-now.html>
- > <http://www.theguardian.com/money/2009/aug/08/dry-stone-walling>
- > <https://thestonetrust.org/resources/how-to/> (build a dry stone wall)

Information Websites

- > http://www.plantlife.org.uk/nature_reserves
- > http://www.plantlife.org.uk/explore_nature/id_sheets/
- > <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/encourage-wildlife-to-your-garden/plants-for-pollinators>
- > <http://www.buzzaboutbees.net/bee-plants.html>
- > <http://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/thingstodo/allyearround/nectar-cafe.aspx>
- > <https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/birdwatch>
- > <http://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>
- > <http://www.opalexplenature.org/bugscout>
- > <http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>
- > <http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/otters>
- > <http://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/>
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- > <http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/home/481>
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Let us know what you've been up to
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