



In a Garden

In this activity we want you to have great fun using your gardens which can be attached to your unit meeting place, community home or one of your unit members' garden (permission may be required).

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).

You can gain your badge by challenging yourself to do something new and participating in any activity involving being outdoors in a garden.

All Age Activity ideas

- > Propagate seeds and use them to grow fruit or vegetables which you can prepare and eat
- > Visit an historic garden and find out how they differ from modern day gardens
- > Visit the Garden Museum in Lambeth
- > Visit a garden centre and plan your own garden
- > Try as many games as you can using your garden space, such as hopscotch, croquet and explore games from the past
- > Lie on your back on your lawn and watch the clouds make pictures in the sky
- > Visit a botanical garden and find out about exotic plants from around the world
- > Help design and plant a local authority flower bed





Rainbow ideas

- > Prepare a small area of ground to plant a rainbow flower bed. This may be spring bulbs or summer flowers
- > Have a competition in your unit to see who can grow the tallest sunflower, the largest pumpkin or a covering of marigolds
- > Make simple bird feeders to provide food during the winter

Rainbows

Brownie ideas

- > Conduct a butterfly watch. Plant and care for flowers or shrubs which attract butterflies to your garden space
- > Support the RSPB Bird Watch sessions and send in your results
- > Make bird feeders to provide food during the winter
- > Go on a spider hunt in your garden. See how long it takes them to spin a web
- > Grow root vegetables, onions and leeks to make soup
- > Follow an ant trail

Brownies

Links / Extensions

Badges:
Gardener



Guide ideas

- > Do a good turn by weeding or tidying up a garden that needs it
- > Dig in the earth and find as many creepy crawlies as you can. Identify them and watch how they move without having 'wobblies'
- > Design and plant a scented bed to be enjoyed by someone who cannot see well
- > Use vegetables that you have grown to produce a natural dye and use the dye to make a necker for camp
- > Make paper pots from old newspapers and use them to grow plants
- > Try pruning bushes and trees
- > Discover and remove garden pests
- > Make wind chimes and put them in a suitable place

Guides

Links / Extensions

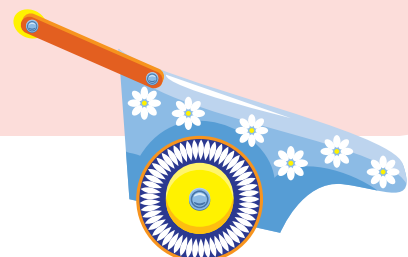
Badges:
GFI: Grrreen
Constructive
Life Wise



The Senior Section ideas

- > Do a good turn by weeding or tidying up a garden that needs it
- > Prepare a tub or flower trough for someone who hasn't one
- > Using herbs you have grown prepare and cook a meal for your father on Father's day or your mother on Mothering Sunday or your Leaders to cheer them up
- > Grow all the vegetables you would need to prepare a salad
- > Grow the vegetables required to make chutney and then sell it for a local cause
- > Carry out a survey to see how you can make your garden more accessible for hedgehogs and put your plan into action
- > Undertake a community project to restore a garden
- > Try out different sorts of lawn mowers

The Senior Section





Websites

How to / Activities

- > www.thompson-morgan.com/seed-sowing-guide
- > www.rhs.org.uk/advice/design (Garden design)
- > www.gardenersnet.com/flower/giantsunflowers.htm
- > www.reneesgarden.com/articles/grow-sunflower.html
- > www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/projects/propagating/how-to-sow-seeds-indoors/313.html
- > www.thompson-morgan.com/how-to-grow-giant-pumpkins
- > www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/families/children/makeanddo/activities/birdfeeder.aspx
- > www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/thingstodo/how-to-make-a-bird-feeder
- > www.diyncrafts.com/3515/home/23-diy-birdfeeders-will-fill-garden-birds
- > www.gardeningknowhow.com/special/accessible/visually-impaired-gardens.htm
- > www.planet-science.com/categories/experiments/chemistry-chaos/2012/06/dye-your-clothes-with-food.aspx
- > www.instructables.com/id/How-to-make-organic-planting-pots-using-old-newspa/
- > www.woohome.com/diy-2/30-brilliant-marvelous-diy-wind-chimes-ideas
- > www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/basics/techniques/plant_container1.shtml
- > www.thompson-morgan.com/how-to-grow-herbs
- > www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=679 (Growing herbs)
- > www.bbc.co.uk/food/herb (Herb recipes)
- > www.saga.co.uk/lifestyle/gardening/masterclass/grow-your-own-mixed-salad-leaves.aspx



Information Websites

- > www.gardenvisit.com/gardens/in/england
- > www.gardenmuseum.org.uk/en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_traditional_children's_games
- > www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/Fun-Outdoor-Activities-for-Kids+9.htm
- > <https://cloudappreciationsociety.org/cloud-tags/cloudalikes/#p=1&t=cloud87&i=0>
- > www.cloudman.com/look_up.htm (Cloud watching)
- > https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_botanical_gardens_in_the_United_Kingdom
- > www.bhg.com/gardening/design/nature-lovers/welcome-to-plan-a-garden/
- > www.smallblueprinter.com/garden/planner.html
- > www.bigbutterflycount.org/about
- > www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/identification.php
- > butterfly-conservation.org/?gclid=Cj0KEQjw7_mrBRDH4Y2UjLHEmfcBEiQA80THf2jtdB-UoQaKSY07zFHUsYyGU-31wdg8mflx_1WeUQoaAhhu8P8HAQ (Information re butterflies)
- > www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/birdwatch/?utm_source=bbcweb&utm_medium=online&utm_content=bgbwlink&utm_campaign=birdwatch (Big Garden Bird Watch)
- > www.haworth-village.org.uk/nature/how/spider-web.asp
- > www.uksafari.com/spiders.htm
- > www.suttons.co.uk/Gardening/Vegetable+Seeds/When+to+Sow+Vegetables/
- > mute-net.sourceforge.net/howAnts.shtml
- > www.pestworldforkids.org/pest-guide/ants/
- > www.uksafari.com/creepycrawlies.htm
- > www.nomorepests.co.uk/
- > hedgehogstreet.ptes.org/ (make a hedgehog hole)
- > www.hedgehogstreet.org/pages/helpful-garden-features.html



Let us know what you've been up to on the **Growing Up Wild** website!

