



## Urban Area

In this activity we want you to explore a local town or city and find as much natural life as possible.

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 activities involving being outdoors in urban areas.

### All Age Activity ideas

- > Get prepared for an adventure to a new part of town
- > What would you carry with you in order to keep yourself safe?
- > Take a trip on a town bus or tram from one terminus to the other.  
Record any natural objects/wildlife you see on route
- > Follow a river or canal path through an urban area and look out for different types of wildlife





## Rainbow ideas

- > Go on a listening walk and record what you hear
- > Go on a colour trail and see how many shades of green and brown you can find
- > Find a quiet place in your town and listen and watch for birds. Are they nesting?
- > Show you know how to choose a sensible place to cross a road safely
- > Visit a park or green space in your town and look for insects on tree trunks
- > Feed ducks on a town pond. Remember to give them sensible food!
- > Follow a picture trail of the local area
- > Go on a short walk and explain where you have been to an adult
- > Take part in a picnic in your local park or garden. Discuss how this is different from tea at home

## Brownies

### Brownie ideas

- > Go on a street trail and find as many different shaped windows as you can
- > Go on a night walk through the town
- > Go on a walk and look out for signs of foxes and squirrels living in the town
- > Go on a Coin Toss walk in a new area and on your walk look for signs of nature
- > Take part in a Shop Window Kim's Game organised by your Leaders
- > Find a parkland pond in your town or city and identify the birds and ducks which inhabit the pond. Are there any other creatures making their home in this pond?
- > Make a picture trail and get another Six to follow it
- > Go on a short walk of the local area and then produce a map for others to follow
- > Make a brown and yellow tea to eat outside with your friends
- > Survey a churchyard for different types of lichens

### Links /Extensions

#### Badges:

Road Safety  
Finding Your Way badge  
Brownie Adventure File



## Guide ideas

- > Get out and about and make as many different types of rubbings as you can both natural and manmade. Use them for covers for notebooks that you can make and sell for a city based charity
- > In your Patrols set a trail using local landmarks
- > Hunt down some streets/roads which have avenues of trees. Can you name them? Can you find out when they were planted? How are they different to woodland trees?
- > Plan a route in London so that you visit as many of the Royal Parks as you can in a day
- > Go on a boat trip through an urban area and record what natural habitats you can see
- > Make a picture trail, and get another patrol to follow it within a time limit
- > Investigate the local area so that you could become a local Tour Guide
- > Have a picnic in an unusual but safe spot in your park

## Links /Extensions

### Badges:

Personal Safety

### GFI:

Be Constructive

Five Senses

I Will Survive

Communicate

Get Moving

## The Senior Section ideas

- > Prepare a trail using segments of objects in the local area and run a competition for your local Guides
- > Take a visitor on a tour, which you have prepared of the local area
- > Organise a big lunch outdoors and invite your local community

## The Senior Section





## Websites

### How to / Activities

- > [kidsactivitiesblog.com/50635/kids-picnic-ideas](http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/50635/kids-picnic-ideas)
- > [www.netmums.com/recipes/category/picnic-recipes](http://www.netmums.com/recipes/category/picnic-recipes)
- > [redtri.com/summer-picnic-party-ideas/](http://redtri.com/summer-picnic-party-ideas/)
- > [www.girlguiding.org.uk/guides/gfibadge/gfi/teamwork.html](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/guides/gfibadge/gfi/teamwork.html) (Coin Toss Walk Page 18)
- > [dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/games/kims\\_games/kims\\_games.htm](http://dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/games/kims_games/kims_games.htm)
- > [www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Map](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Map)
- > [www.mykidsadventures.com/photo-scavenger-hunt/](http://www.mykidsadventures.com/photo-scavenger-hunt/)

### Information Websites

- > [www.girlguiding.org.uk/guides/gfibadge/badges/personalsafety.html](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/guides/gfibadge/badges/personalsafety.html)
- > [www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets) (General spotting sheets)
- > [www.british-birdsongs.uk/](http://www.british-birdsongs.uk/)
- > [www.garden-birds.co.uk/information/tutorials/](http://www.garden-birds.co.uk/information/tutorials/) (Download bird song)
- > [www.naturedetectives.org.uk/download/match\\_colours.htm](http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/download/match_colours.htm)
- > [think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/](http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/)
- > [think.direct.gov.uk/resource-centre/](http://think.direct.gov.uk/resource-centre/) (Road safety)
- > [www.naturedetectives.org.uk/download/hunt\\_minibeasts](http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/download/hunt_minibeasts)
- > [www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/inthewild/foxes](http://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/inthewild/foxes)
- > [www.thefoxwebsite.net/urbanfoxes/](http://www.thefoxwebsite.net/urbanfoxes/)
- > [www.squirrels.info/uk/in\\_uk.htm](http://www.squirrels.info/uk/in_uk.htm)
- > [www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/wildlife/mammals/squirrel-grey.aspx](http://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/wildlife/mammals/squirrel-grey.aspx)
- > [www.naturedetectives.org.uk/packs/water\\_pack.htm](http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/packs/water_pack.htm)
- > [www.rbkc.gov.uk/pdf/pond\\_pack\\_2010.pdf](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/pdf/pond_pack_2010.pdf)
- > [www.britishlichensociety.org.uk/activities/churchyard-survey/churchyard-lichens](http://www.britishlichensociety.org.uk/activities/churchyard-survey/churchyard-lichens)
- > [www.opalexplornature.org/lichen-identification-guide](http://www.opalexplornature.org/lichen-identification-guide)
- > [www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/british-natural-history/urban-tree-survey/](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/british-natural-history/urban-tree-survey/)
- > [www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/british-natural-history/urban-tree-survey/identify-trees/tree-key/index.html](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/british-natural-history/urban-tree-survey/identify-trees/tree-key/index.html)
- > [www.visitlondon.com/tag/royal-parks](http://www.visitlondon.com/tag/royal-parks)
- > [www.royalparks.org.uk/](http://www.royalparks.org.uk/)
- > [www.thebiglunch.com/](http://www.thebiglunch.com/)
- > [www.local-history.co.uk/](http://www.local-history.co.uk/)

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