

# MINI THREE RIVERS PARK

*Create your own park and become a land manager for ants!*

## DETAILS

- Age: Can be adapted for any age.
- Time: 30 - 60 minutes
- Materials: none!

## PREPARATION

- Dress properly for the weather.
- Find a safe outdoor space, preferably with different types of natural materials.

## COVID PRECAUTIONS

When choosing a place to explore, please be mindful of the CDC's recommended social distancing protocols.

## PLAYGROUND VS. PARK

Many folks think of parks as a place with swingsets and monkey bars. While this is absolutely true, there are many other types of parks as well! What will you include in your park? What is important to you?

## OBJECTIVES

- THINK CRITICALLY about land use
- CREATE a model of a park out of natural materials
- IMAGINE small worlds

## ACTIVITY STEPS

*In this activity, you will imagine and build a park small enough for ants. In your park a rock can become a mountain, a stick can represent a river, a leaf can be a whole tree, etc.*

### PLAN AND DISCUSS YOUR PARK

 Do a little preparing before building. This can be done at different depths for different ages. Ask yourself/your student:

- What is the goal of the park?
- What will the ants/visitors do at the park?
- What natural resources are important in the park and how can we take care of them?

### CREATE YOUR PARK

 Use natural materials to create a park for ants and/or other small creatures. Please find natural materials that aren't, and never have been, alive. Take care of the living thing around you.

### SHARE YOUR PARK

 Take a photo or give us a video tour of your park and share it with Baker Outdoor Learning Center on Facebook!

## THREE RIVERS MISSION

For an added layer of resource management, take a look at the Three Rivers Natural Resource page ([https://www.threeriversparks.org/natural\\_resources](https://www.threeriversparks.org/natural_resources)). How can your "Mini Three Rivers Park" meet the mission of Three Rivers?