

SEARCHING FOR INSECTS

Search for and catch some tiny critters!

DETAILS

- Age: Can be adapted for any age
- Time: 20 - 60 minutes

MATERIALS

- **Collection Tools** - bug boxes, tupperware, jars, nets, buckets, or anything similar.
- (Optional) **Observation Tools** - magnifying lenses or field guides.

PREPARATION

- Dress properly for the weather.
- Find a safe outdoor space.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

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

INSECT SKETCH

Using a journal is a great way to make observations! Try out making a sketch of your insect and see how many new things you can observe during the process!

OBJECTIVES

- SEARCH for and OBSERVE insects.
- TAKE CARE OF the land and the creatures found.

ACTIVITY STEPS

MAKE PREDICTIONS

 Before heading out to find evidence, ask yourself and your student a few questions:

- What do insects need to survive?
- Where might insects get the things they need around us?

SEARCH FOR AND OBSERVE INSECTS

 Head out to your chosen insect search spot! Bring any collection materials that you have.

 Great places to search include:

- Under rocks - on land or in streams!
 - Under logs
 - In creeks if you have nets or buckets
- *Be sure to place rocks and logs back where you found them - they may be an insects home!

 Look closely and observe the insects that you find. If you have a magnifying lens use it to look even closer. What do you **notice** about the insect? What do you **wonder**?

TAKE CARE OF INSECTS

 Be sure to care for the insects that you find while you are observing them and return them back close to where you found them when you are done. You may even consider creating a home for them out of natural materials!

SHOW US WHAT YOU FOUND

Take a photo of the insect you found share it with us on Facebook with #activitiestotry!