

Tiny Trek



Overview

Big hikes are fun, but there's more hanging out on the ground than you might imagine. In this adventure, we'll go on the world's tiniest trek to see what things we might be overlooking along the trail!

Gear

- Measuring tape (optional)
- Magnifying glass (optional)

Step 1

Pick a place in the Arboretum that's slightly off the beaten path. Try a mulchy area beside a meadow, or a pile of leaves beneath a tree. Measure out about 3 feet on the ground. This is your new trail.

Pro tip: If you don't have a tape measure, use the full length of your adult's arm.

Step 2

Let's get down to a bug's eye view. Kneeling down at one end of your trail, use your fingers to comb through the grass, mulch, leaves, etc. What is something you see that you didn't expect? Continue along your trail, looking carefully to notice as many things as possible.

Step 3

Use your magnifying glass to take a closer look. What living things made their home on this trail? What is the most unique shape that you found?

Step 4

How did your other senses help you explore? Describe something you heard, something you felt, and something you smelled.

Build on: Try the *Sensory Buffet* activity for more adventures with our 5 Senses!

Take it home: What tiny things might you be overlooking near your front door?