

DAISY BADGES TO DO AT HOME



Eco Learner

Don't you love the feel of the warm sun on your face? The sweet smell of a flower? The sounds of birds singing? Or the fun of walking on a trail? Nature gives you many gifts! Now learn some ways you can give back by protecting nature.

Steps

1. Be prepared to protect nature before you go outdoors
2. Keep living things safe when you walk in nature
3. Learn how to protect nature from trash

Purpose

When I've earned this badge, I'll have learned three ways to protect the environment when I go outdoors.

To earn this badge, please complete one option per step.

STEPS	BADGE REQUIREMENTS	OPTION 1	OPTION 2
Step 1	Be prepared to protect nature before you go outdoors.	Have a "Be Prepared" show-and-tell. When you go outside, there are some things you will want to bring, and some you'll want to leave at home. Gather items from around your house and make two piles. One is for "take outdoors" and one is for "leave behind." Think of things like a toaster or a toy (leave behind) and water bottle, sunscreen, and bug spray (take outdoors). Then show an adult your two piles and have them guess what each is for.	Play a wildlife game with your family. Grab a blank sheet of paper and draw pictures of creatures you might find in your backyard or the park—like ants, birds, and worms. Now on the same sheet of paper draw pictures of wildlife you probably won't see near your home—like a lion or an elephant. Play a game with your family by having them circle the pictures of things you are likely to see in your backyard and crossing out the ones you're not.
Step 2	Keep living things safe when you walk in nature.	Watch your step. Go outdoors with an adult and walk along a dirt path. See what kinds of prints you make as you walk. What was on the path? Were there any plants, flowers, or insects? Why do you think it's important to stay on a path?	Make a nature circle. On a trail or sidewalk, lay a circle of string at least 3 feet long next to the walk or path. Look in the circle and count how many things you find that live there, like plants or bugs. What would be injured if you walked off a path?

Step 3

Learn how to protect nature from trash.

Play “What Does Not Belong.” [Look at the drawing on page 6](#) and put an X through the things that do not belong in nature. Why don’t they belong? What would you do if you saw these things along a trail? Then draw your own pictures of things in nature and not in nature, and have a family member guess what does not belong.

Create a trash tale. Come up with a story that tells why it’s important to not leave trash in nature. Share your story with your family. It could be a story about how a bear found food trash at a campsite and ate all of it. Or about a flower that was surrounded by trash and couldn’t grow. If you want, you can draw pictures for your story.