

Family Nature Walk

Here are some items to look for as you and your family enjoy the outdoors in our beautiful state.

1. **Colorado's state tree** - If you don't know Colorado's state tree, do some quick research and then see if you can find an example.
2. **Edible plant growing wild** - Can you find an edible plant growing wild? Find something that a person might want to eat, but nothing deliberately planted such as a garden plant.
3. **A bird's nest** - Can you identify what type of bird made the nest? Please don't disturb the birds, but see what you can discover by observing the style of nest, size, and location.
4. **A spider's web** - What observations can you make about the spider web? Do you see the spider that made it?
5. **Fibonacci numbers or spiral** - If you aren't familiar with Fibonacci, do a little research on Fibonacci sequences. It turns out that Fibonacci numbers and spirals are commonly found in nature. Can you find an example?
6. **A deciduous tree** - Can you identify the tree? What other facts can you find about this tree?
7. **A letter of the alphabet in nature** - Can you find a letter formed by elements of nature? This should be something naturally occurring, not something formed by a person. Or try for the whole alphabet! [Here's a link](#) to a book that gives beautiful examples using butterfly wings.
8. **A cube in nature** - There are a lot of shapes in nature. Can you find something that is approximately cube shaped? Again, this should be something naturally occurring, not man-made.
9. **Animal tracks** - Can you find some animal tracks? If so, can you tell what animal made them? What do you think the animal was doing when it made these tracks?
10. **A wild animal** - There are wild creatures all around us. When you find one, can you tell what it is and maybe give one fact about it?



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11. **A bird's nest** - Can you identify what type of bird made the nest? Please don't disturb the birds, but see **A rock** - It's not hard to find a rock outside, but did you find one that you particularly like? What do you like about it? Can you identify the specific type of rock or the category (sedimentary, metamorphic, or igneous)? Can you tell some characteristics such as color, hardness, or texture?
12. **A constellation** - Can you find a star constellation in the night sky? It might be hard to take a picture, but you can draw or paint what you see. What is the name of the constellation?
13. **A cloud** - More sky gazing! Share a photo or a drawing of a cloud that you saw. What does it look like to you OR you can tell what type of cloud it is (cumulous, stratus, etc.) Does this cloud tell you anything about the day's weather?
14. **An indication of the changing seasons** - Do you see any signs of the changing seasons around you?
15. **Something out of place** - Can you find something out of place in nature, something that is not where it belongs? Use your creativity with this one! There are lots of possibilities.
16. **A description of nature in a book** - Have you read a description of nature in a story or poem that stuck with you?

