

Nature activities for Metro parks

Experience nature.

Secret architect

Let your inner architect come alive to build small shelters and hideaways for animals and insects to stumble upon!

Some who believe in the more magical side of things even consider this take on a tiny home to be perfect for forest fairies! Happy building!

1. Collect fallen natural items like leaves, twigs, pinecones and moss. No need to pull from live plants, there should be plenty already on the ground
2. Find a spot along a park path, beach or open field and construct a mini shelter.

Follow the leader

Take some time to let your curiosity, and the local wildlife, lead your wandering!

This adventure lets nature take the lead but be sure to stay on marked park paths and remain aware of your surroundings.

1. The next time you spot a dazzling beetle or twittering songbird, try to follow them at a safe distance and see where their path leads.



Stay safe:

- Remember to stay safe by considering potential hazards, respecting park rules, and traveling with a friend when possible.



Note:

- A beetle could meander under a log you can roll over to find an entire array of invertebrates. A large bird in flight may land on a nest otherwise hidden by the branches.