

# Nature activities for neighborhoods, yards and other outdoor spaces

## Leaf tracing

**Materials:** A few fallen leaves, paper, pencils or crayons

1. Find a relatively sturdy leaf on the ground (no need to pick a living leaf). Place the leaf on a flat surface with the bottom side up.
2. Then put a piece of paper over the leaf. Use a pencil or crayon to lightly color in the area over the leaf. The outline of the leaf, stem, and leaf veins will appear on the paper. Repeat the process with a couple of different leaves.
3. Look closely at your finished pieces. How are they different? How are they the same?



## Bark tracing

**Materials:** Trees, paper, pencils or crayons

1. Hold a piece of paper up against the bark of a tree.
2. Use a pencil or crayon to lightly color the area touching the bark so that the texture of the bark will appear! Repeat the process with a few different trees.
3. Look closely at your finished pieces. What is similar between the bark? What is different?

