

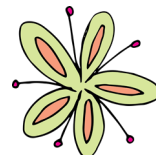


Daisy Eco-Learner Badge

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.

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



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 the trail? Nature gives us many gifts! Now learn some ways you can give back by protecting nature.

STEP 1: BE PREPARED TO PROTECT NATURE BEFORE YOU GO OUTDOORS

Girl Scouts know it's important to be prepared! When you go outdoors, take water and maybe a snack. Wear sunscreen and dress in layers. (That means you can take layers off if you are too hot, or add them if you are too cold.) Find out what kind of plants and wildlife you may see and how to treat them. Be prepared to not only keep yourself safe, but keep nature safe, too!

Play a wildlife game with your family. Draw pictures of creatures you might find in your backyard or at the park—like ants, birds, and worms. Then draw pictures of wildlife you probably see near your home—like a lion or an elephant. Play a game with your family and have them circle the pictures of things you are likely to see and cross out the ones you will not.

STEP 2: KEEP LIVING THINGS SAFE WHEN YOU WALK IN NATURE

When you walk on a trail, stay on the path. This simple rule is important because when you walk off a path, you might trample plants, flowers, insects, and other living things.

Make a nature circle. On a trail or a 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 can find that live there, like plants or bugs. What would be injured if you walked off the path?

STEP 3: LEARN HOW TO PROTECT NATURE FROM TRASH

When you toss a snack wrapper on a trail, how long do you think it will last out there? If you guessed hundreds of years, you are right! Not only is trash a mess, it's also dangerous for plants and animals outdoors. Trash may damage plants and soil and cause health problems for creatures who eat it. Find out how you can make a difference.

Create a trash tale. Come up with a story that tells why it's important not to leave trash in nature. Share your story with your family. It could be a story about how a polar 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.

