

Daisy Eco Learner Badge

Grades K-1

Outdoors



Nature gives us many gifts – now learn some ways you can give back by protecting nature.

Steps to earning this badge include:

1. Be prepared to protect nature when 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.

This activity is adapted from step 2.

Purpose:

When you walk on a trail, stay on the path. This helps protect the living things along the trail.

Time needed: approximately 10-15 minutes at observation circle

Materials:

- A piece of rope, string, hula hoop, or sticks to make a 3'x3' frame on the ground
- A small area outside (this can be on a trail, in a yard, or even a space along a sidewalk)
- Optional – a piece of paper and pencil

Activity:

Mark your observation circle by placing the rope on the ground. Looking closely at the things in the circle, count how things live there. Are there insects, plants, or seeds that might start to grow? If you brought paper and pencil, record what you see by drawing pictures or writing a list.

Be careful not to disturb things too much, if you lifted rocks or logs to see what was underneath, replace them gently.

Before you leave your observation circle, remember to pick up and bring back home anything you brought out with you - rope, paper, and pencil.

For more information go to: the Volunteer Tool Kit or https://www.girlscouts.org/en/our-program/badges/badge_explorer.html

To purchase the badge go to: <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/CONNECTICUT-COUNCIL>

Supportive links: Leave No Trace <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/adults/volunteer/tips-for-troopleaders/programming/what-is-leave-no-trace.html>