



# Nature Trail

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## About the activity

Based in the extensive grounds of your chosen centre, our nature trails allow your pupils to explore and study a range of habitats and the wildlife they find there. We provide all the necessary equipment, such as nets and magnifying pots, so that they can hunt for, identify and record plants and mini-beasts.

## Activity aims

### The aim of this activity is to:

- Introduce study skills used when exploring habitats and wildlife and the necessary equipment used to do so.
- Allow each participant to experience exploring habitats and investigating their content.
- Encourage the participants to set goals.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to discuss what they have accomplished.

## Progression opportunities

### Some participants may also:

- Improve their knowledge of wildlife and habitats
- Take the initiative in evaluating their performance and that of the group.

### In addition, participants should also have developed in the following:

- Interpersonal communication
- Teamwork
- Using initiative

## Learning outcomes

### Upon completion of the activity, participants will have:

- Demonstrated field studies techniques.
- Used specialist equipment and understood its purpose and name.
- Demonstrated the ability to listen to, understand and act on instructions received.
- Contributed to a post-activity review led by the instructor identifying what they did well and then suggested ways to improve.

## Associated vocabulary

### Words relevant to safety

e.g. hazard, risk assessment, safety area.

### Words relevant to equipment

e.g. nets and magnifying pots

### Words relevant to the activity

e.g. discovery, explore, wildlife, habitat, plants, hunting.

### Words relevant to teamwork

e.g. achievement, challenge by choice, communication, encouragement, listening, participation, review, support.