



# Nature activities

Wildside's collection of fun activities for all ages and abilities





# Wildside Activity Pack

With recent lockdowns and restrictions on what we can do, we at Wildside feel it is still vitally important for you and your loved ones to get outdoors and access the natural world. This pack has been designed for those wanting to connect to nature in their own time.

You can use these resources on your daily walks or pre-planned activities to find out more about the natural world around you, or as a guide to help you create your own unique adventures.

We would love to see how you have used the resources in our pack, so please let us know how you get on - photos would be brilliant! You can email us at [info@wildsideac.co.uk](mailto:info@wildsideac.co.uk) with your updates.

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# Wonderful water



**Bringing water into your garden can be very beneficial for all wildlife from birds and hedgehogs to frogs and insects. Ponds can be very rewarding for us too; the sound of**

**running water is relaxing and you'll get a lot of enjoyment watching the wildlife in and around your new water feature. Depending on the size of your garden, your budget and requirements a pond can be as large or small as you like no matter the size rest assured it will bring a great deal to your garden.**

## Wildlife puddle

### What you'll need

Water-tight container, gravel and rocks, pond plants.

### How to do it

1. Choose a suitable container, this could be anything from a washing up bowl to a preformed pond
2. Place the container where you would like your pond to go, some points to consider are:
  - It needs to be in a safe location so it doesn't get disturbed or fallen into (remember safety - if you have small children, it needs to be out of their reach and they will need to be supervised in the garden)
  - It needs to be in a bright spot but not direct sunlight all day
  - If it is being sunken into the ground leave space around it for rocks, plants etc.
    - a pond level with the ground is best for wildlife

3. Put a layer of gravel in the bottom of the pond and use rocks and logs to produce a slope at one side - this will allow wildlife to enter and get back out safely
4. Fill your pond with water (ideally rainwater) and add some water plants - these will provide the wildlife with somewhere to hide and lay eggs.
5. Plant around the pond to make it fit in with the garden
6. Wait – over time your pond plants will grow, the water will settle and wildlife will turn up. Enjoy!



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