

50 ways to experience outdoors in Edinburgh

Anywhere

- Use a Kelly Kettle
- Create a sound scape
- Make a quadrat and do a survey
- Capture a spider's web
- Go on a scavenger hunt
- [Make a fractions museum](#)

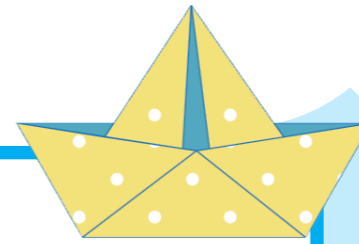


The top ten sites

- 1 Climb Arthurs Seat and step back in geological time in Holyrood Park
- 2 Storm the gates of Edinburgh Castle and discover the history inside
- 3 Visit the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- 4 Explore the Royal Mile and its myriad closes
- 5 Take a trip to the seaside on Edinburgh's coastline
- 6 Explore the Water of Leith walkway and call in at the visitor centre
- 7 Discover the countryside in the city at Gorgie City Farm
- 8 Enjoy the view from another of Edinburgh's seven hills
- 9 Take life at a slow pace on the Union Canal towpath
- 10 Visit another of Edinburgh's castles

Water

- Build a dam in a stream
- Make a trail with sticks
- Make a mud pie and hold a mud banquet
- [Play pooh sticks](#)
- Build and float a boat



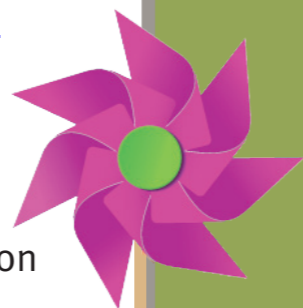
Trees

- [Find, collect and play with conkers](#)
- Build a den for you and your toys
- Press leaves and flowers
- [Collect as many colours and shapes of leaves](#)
- Climb a tree
- [Hug a tree](#)
- [Create a rainbow or paint palette with leaves and petals](#)
- [Journey sticks](#)
- [Make clay faces in trees](#)
- Kick fallen leaves



Concrete

- Make a sundial
- Measure evaporation of puddles
- Encourage wildlife
- [Experiment with the wind](#)
- [Lie down and look at the sky to spot shapes](#)
- Jump in puddles
- [Draw with chalk](#)
- Construct a weather station
- Make a windmill
- Plant a seed and watch it grow



Grass

- [Make a daisy chain](#)
- Play in cut grass
- Make a grass trumpet
- [Roll down a hill](#)
- Dance for worms
- [Go on a bare foot walk](#)



Bugs and beasties

- [Make a home for a wild animal](#)
- Set bug traps
- Set up a snail race



Did you know...

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