

Start Exploring!

Backyard Safari

Challenge kids to find something unique in their backyard, schoolyard, or neighborhood—an anthill, robin’s nest, lily pond, or community garden. Each child can then create a “safari” for friends or family to reveal what they’ve discovered.

Kids can determine the route they want participants to follow by marking the path with materials and giving participants a “key” to those markings. For example, three rocks means “turn left here.”

Biodiversity Blitz

Give children a firsthand look at the variety of living things in their own community and compare their findings to biodiversity in Africa.

- Give kids small notebooks and pencils.
- Spend an hour outdoors in a designated area.
- Tally every different plant and animal that can be seen.
- Make a master list.
- Discuss what plants and animals might be the same or similar to those found in Africa, and what might be very different.
- Repeat the Biodiversity Blitz in different seasons and observe the changes.

