



GUIDE BOOK



NATURE TRACKERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM



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**Get outside!
Get into nature!
And make your own discoveries!**



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Get up. Get outside. Get into nature.

Nature Trackers love exploring and having adventures, respect their environment, collect things, track and observe plants and animals, and challenge themselves to get outside and make discoveries every day.

Does that sound like you?

Use this Nature Trackers Guide to get started!

OUTDOOR SAFETY TIPS

Follow these simple tips to ensure safety when exploring and always bring an adult with you on your Nature Trackers adventures!

- 1 Drink lots of water to stay well hydrated.
- 2 Bring healthy snacks to keep energy levels up.
- 3 Dress in layers and use insect repellent.
- 4 Always wear sunscreen and bring a hat and sunglasses, if necessary.
- 5 Check the weather forecast before heading out.
- 6 Bring directions, a map or a GPS enabled device.
- 7 Always tell someone where you are going.
- 8 Stay with your group and have a plan in case you get separated.
- 9 Pack a small First Aid kit and flashlight.
- 10 Ask an adult to carry a mobile phone in case of emergency.

CHALLENGE # 4

Community

Introduction

Shiny Pteranodon is a natural leader. She has ideas of how to get things done and brings her community together to inspire and organize others to do things.

Challenge

One person doing a good deed is positive. Two or more people doing good deeds is positively fabulous! Invite your family and friends to clean up your yard, front steps, block or neighborhood park.

Extensions

Make your clean up a monthly play date. Set aside one weekend a month to keep your environment clean!

Take it on the road. Nature Trackers believe in leaving their environment better than they found it. Bring a small trash bag with you on your next nature walk and remove any items that are safe to handle.



DRAW
a picture of the people in
your community!

CHALLENGE # 1

Tracking

Introduction

Buddy often uses his sensitive T. rex nose to track different species of dinosaurs but he is also a great observer. By looking low and carefully at the ground, he tracks the movement of animals from one place to another.

Can't track animals in your neighborhood? Go to a park or simply look out your window and observe a bird's path. Do they leave and come back to the same location? When one bird takes off, do others follow?

Challenge

Use your eyes to locate animal footprints in your neighborhood. Look for cat, dog, bird or squirrel tracks and follow their path. Where do they lead? Do they go in one direction or circle around?

Extensions

On a hot day, you can have fun creating foot and handprints with nothing more than a light-colored sidewalk and water. By wetting your feet before your walk, or run, you can create a way for others to see your path. You can play a game in which you challenge your friends to walk in your footprints.

Make animal tracks! Create a stamp by cutting an uncooked potato in half, or cutting a kitchen sponge into the shape of animal prints, and using paint on this stamp to create various tracks.



DRAW
the tracks you saw here!



CHALLENGE # 3

Conservation

Introduction

Tiny Pteranodon cares deeply about the flowers and trees in Pteranodon Terrace. By observing plants in her environment she keeps track of their health. Conservationists are people who protect nature, often by studying plants over time.

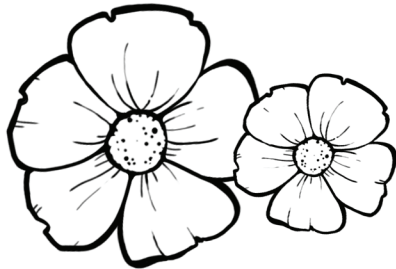
Challenge

Find a tree in your yard, neighborhood or nearby park that you can “adopt” and have an adoption celebration. Bring construction paper and crayons with you when you visit your tree. Place the paper up against the bark and rub with a crayon to make a tree rubbing.

Extensions

Mark special family occasions like birthdays, first day of school or first snow fall with a group picture in front of your adopted tree.

Pick a time each month when you and your family can visit the tree and make observations.



DRAW
a picture of you and your family in front of your adopted tree here!

CHALLENGE # 2

Collecting

Introduction

Don the Pteranodon loves collecting things. Collections are a great way to compare and contrast a group of items. You can collect just about anything but some of the best collections are nature collections!

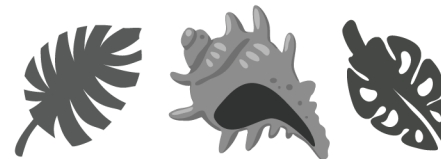
Challenge

Start a collection of one natural item in your neighborhood. Consider collecting: rocks, leaves, sea shells, flowers or seedlings. Remember to collect items that have already fallen from their plants.

Extensions

A collection becomes a museum! Press your leaves, flowers or seedlings in a heavy book and paste them onto sturdy paper. Organize your rocks and sea shells in empty and clean pasta sauce jars.

Share your collection with others. Organize a presentation for your friends or family and explain why you grouped certain items together, how they are similar and how they are different.



DRAW a picture of something in your collection here!

Nature Trackers need space to sketch and write new words. Use the next two pages to record information from your explorations!

