



10 FUN THINGS TO DO OUTSIDE

You Could...

1. Start your garden
2. Dig for worms to use as bait while fishing.
3. Ride bikes with your friends in your neighborhood or on the Boise Green-belt!
4. Watch the birds! Take notes on their behavior and sounds!
5. Create your own terrarium.
6. Collect and examine different types of rocks!
7. Climb a tree
8. Grab a magnifying glass and explore nature! Look at anything and everything!
9. Go on a family adventure! Hiking, mountain climbing, camping, river rafting, etc.
10. Make a Berlese funnel for collecting and observing insects!

Remember: ALWAYS ask your parents before beginning any of these activities or even venturing outdoors alone! It's important that someone knows where you are at all times!!

MAKE A TERRARIUM

Find and clean a jar and remove the outer label. From the outside, place dirt at the bottom and plant a few seeds either from outside or from the store. Decorate your terrarium with pebbles and sticks, then spritz the dirt with a tiny bit of water and cover the top with plastic wrap and a rubber band.



GATHER WORMS FOR FISHING

Spring is an excellent time to go fishing on the river, in a pond or reservoir! Grab a shovel and go digging (in parent-approved areas) for some earth worms! Put them in a container with some moist dirt and head on fishing with a family member! [CLICK HERE](#) for Idaho Department of Fish & Game's Family Fishing Water's site to find the perfect spot near you! Remember, stay away from high rushing rivers and make sure to get your fishing licenses!



MAKE A BERLESE FUNNEL

The earth you walk on is rich in organics that were broken down by tiny bugs whose job is to eat dead and decaying plants, leaves, bugs, etc., break it down through digestion, and turn it into rich soil [[soil vs. dirt](#)]. These bugs are so tiny that they're very difficult to notice. To collect these bugs you will need to: 1) dampen a paper towel and fold it into the bottom of a clean glass jar, 2) Put a funnel into the jar and place a screen on top of the funnel, 3) remove both ends of a coffee can and place it on top of the screen, 4) find a cup full of rich soil, rotting wood and/or a mix of old crumbly leaves to place into the coffee can, then place the whole thing in the sun. In an attempt to escape the drying soil, the insects will head towards moisture and end up in your jar! Keep checking on it every day to make sure your paper towel is moist and see what you've got!

