

Nature Play Week ideas

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EYLF Outcome #4

Children are confident and involved learners

Playdough activities facilitate children's curiosity, persistence and creativity, allowing them a medium through which to use play to investigate, experiment, test hypotheses, imagine and explore ideas. It is a great way for children to use their senses to play, explore and try new things. Our Aboriginal perspectives through these activities and resources allow children to explore diverse ways of knowing, being and doing in their learning.

Getting on Country

CHALLENGE

How can I connect to Country in 30 minutes?

1

Acknowledge Country

Who are the traditional owners of this place? How can I write, draw or say an Acknowledgement of Country?

2

Bird Watching

How many birds can I see and name? What are some local Indigenous names for these birds?

3

Nature Painting

How can I create my own paint using natural materials?

4

Build a shelter

How can I make a gunyah? What materials will I need?

5

Star Gaze

Once the stars are out, can I name any constellations? Can I find the Emu in the Sky?

6

Animal tracks

Using my observation skills, can I find evidence of wildlife in the area? What tracks can I find?

7

Weather

Can I describe the weather? What are some seasonal indicators I might be able to see, smell, or hear?

8

Get moving

Can I mimic the movements of my favourite Australian animals?

9

Outdoor picnic

Enjoy a special outdoors meal. Can I spot any bush foods?

10

Heal Country

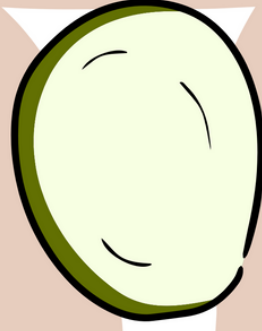
With help from a grown up, can I clean up my outdoor space? Clearing rubbish from country cares for our land and waters and keeps habitat healthy for plants and animals.

PLAYDOUGH MAT ACTIVITY IDEAS

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1

Make the picture using
your Aunty's 'damper'
Playdough!



2

Collect some gum
leaves from nature
to add to the scar
tree!



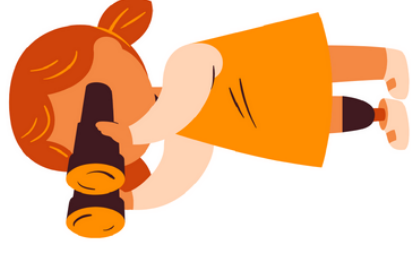
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Use your
playdough mat as
a colouring page &
colour in the
nature scene!



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Emu Tracks



Kangaroo Tracks



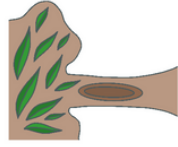
The Hunter



The People Sitting



Scar Tree



The Waterhole





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Suggested Resources

