



HCTF (Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation) offers and supports many education programs, grants, and other education in British Columbia. Visit them here: <https://www.hctfeducation.ca/>

More ideas for sharing nature with children from HCTF Education

Resource Room- <https://www.hctfeducation.ca/resource-room/>: A treasure trove of environmental and educational resources, most of which are free to view or download. Places most relevant in the Resource Room are:

- **E-Learning** for teachers, families and students- outdoor activities connecting to BC's biodiversity <https://www.hctfeducation.ca/e-learning/>
- **Outdoor Projects and Places** including how to make outdoor exploration tools, seasonal and sensory activities, and field trip guides in different habitats. <https://www.hctfeducation.ca/lessons/outdoors-projects-and-places/>

Outdoor Exploration Tools

How to Make a Pooter: https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/HowToMakeAPooter_Print-1.pdf

Outdoor Classroom Essentials including how to make sit-upons, homemade clipboards, and other things to have in your outdoor explorer's backpack. <https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Outdoor-Classroom-Essentials.pdf>

How to use binoculars: <https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/How-to-use-Binoculars.pdf>

Sensory Awareness Activities

Good for Mind and Body https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/C2C_SensoryAwareness.pdf

Sense Walk (K-2) https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/SenseWalk_Lesson.pdf

Get Outdoors! An Educator's Guide to Outdoor Classrooms in Parks, Schoolgrounds, and Other Special Places. PDF available for free download here:

<https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/GO-PDF-DEC-2019.pdf>

Inquire and Investigate

Wildlife is Everywhere worksheet. This activity can be done even if you don't have access to an outdoor space. This is a Project WILD activity that develops appreciation that we share our world with other species by looking for signs of wildlife indoors and outdoors. WORKSHEET AVAILABLE IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH

- https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/WildlifeisEverywhere_English.pdf
- Datasheet in French, La Faune est Partout: https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/WildlifeisEverywhere_French.pdf

Inquiry-Based Learning with Woodbugs There is so much to explore, investigate, and wonder about right in your backyard. Why not start with woodbugs!

<https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Wood-Bug-Article.pdf>

Bird Behaviour Bingo – You don't need to be able to identify bird species for this scavenger hunt- just use the power of observation. <https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Bird-Behaviour-Bingo.pdf>

Seed Need- Discover the Diversity of Seeds in your backyard

<https://www.hctfeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Backyard-Biodiversity-Seed-Need.pdf>