



Here are some fun ideas for making the most of this activity!

- Go fishing at Fairmont Pond. It is free for anyone aged 11 or younger, so invite your friends!
- Feed the ducks and geese on Liberty Pond. Bread is bad for birds, but bring them some frozen peas, carrots, or oats and they will be happy and healthy.
- Use the iNaturalist app to help you identify a wild animal.
- Make your own field guide. Photograph or draw insects, birds, beavers, salamanders, beavers, or squirrels. Use field guides or iNaturalist to help you identify what you find. Glue photos onto pages of a notebook with their identifying names. Share it with others!
- Make a Pinecone bird feeder. and set it in or near a tree. Watch and wait. When birds arrive, take their picture for your field guide.
- Camouflage yourself with clothing and face paint to blend into your local park and search stealthily for animals.
- Go out at night and hide with a red light flashlight to try and spot mammals without disturbing them.
- Leave "goodies" (like bits of dog or cat food, pieces of fruit, or crackers) outside in the evening on a flat, bare surface. Sprinkle flour lightly on the ground around them. In the morning check if the goodies have been eaten, and if any tracks have been left in the flour.
- Search for evidence of nests of any kind, like bird nests, spots of trampled down grass, or animal droppings.
- Search for scat and tracks and learn to identify them using this guide from the library.
- Find a common urban animal like a squirrel or duck. Sit and watch this animal quietly for at least ten minutes to see what new thing you can learn about this animal.
- Search for fox or bunny holes around small hills. Wait patiently and quietly and you might see one go in or out! In the meantime, you could *Listen to the sounds of nature.*
- Look for old snake skin that has been shed in hot, open, dry places. What can you tell about this snake from its skin?

Salt Lake City spots great for this activity:

Washington Park
Canyon Exit 134
on 1-80 East

Bend in the River 1054 W Fremont Dr

these stickers at
Trails & Natural
Lands, YouthCity sites,
& the Salt Lake City &
County Building!





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