

Nature Explore Badge

Exploring and Connecting

Objectives:

By the end of the badge, Dolphins will be able to:

- Observe nature and the environment.
- Use their natural surroundings for artistic inspiration.
- Feel confident in being in the outdoors.
- Connect to nature by realising what a special and exciting place it can be.

Patrol tasks:

Compulsory:

- Visit Simar Nature Reserve.
- Explore a natural space close to your Guide centre.
 - Go for a walk in the countryside and observe 3 special characteristics of that place OR
 - Play outside using natural materials such as trees, sticks, leaves, pine cones.

Choice: Choose 3 options*

- Participate in a nature art activity such as:
 - Bark rubbings.
 - Creating a picture from natural materials on the ground.
 - Use natural dyes such as beetroot or charcoal to create a painting.
 - Use natural materials such as pinecones to create a hanging mobile.
 - Create a natural wind chime using sticks and leaves.
- Learn how to use binoculars and spend some time birdwatching at Simar Nature reserve or your own natural space.
- Take photos of your visit to Simar Nature Reserve or your natural space and create a collage of the photos together.
- Participate in a treasure hunt in a woodland
- Use a magnifying lens to see wildlife up close.
- Explore with your senses
 - Magnifying lens: Sight
 - Silent listening: Sounds
 - Nature cocktails: Smell
 - Blindfold exploration: Touch
 - New fruit tasting: Tasting

Individual Tasks: Choose 2 options

- Tell either your family, friends or class at school about your visit to Simar Nature reserve: You could
 - Draw them a picture.
 - Talk to them about what you did and if you learnt anything.
 - Show them by taking them to visit Simar Nature Reserve
- Play outside with your friends in a natural place such as Buskett.
 - You could build a den for you or for insects.
- Look after a plant and watch it grow, tell your dolphin group about your plant.

To book your visit to Simar Nature Reserve:

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*Additional resources online