

Natural materials are an excellent resource for children to enjoy open ended play in the outdoors. They can use their imaginations to build, play games, to sort and count or anything else they can think of. Here are some ideas to get your started:

Woodlands:

Woodlands are one of the best environments to let children play outside.

Here they can find sticks, pine cones, bark, pine needles, stones, leaves and many more things to play with. They could create a bird's nest using pine needles, build a mini den for woodland creatures, or build a boat using bark and a leaf as a sail.

Coastline:

Malta has many beautiful beaches with sandy and rocky shorelines. These can provide many opportunities for children to play outside. Using the sand and rocks they can build sand castles, dig a hole, make sand sculptures, and create pictures using seaweed and stones.

