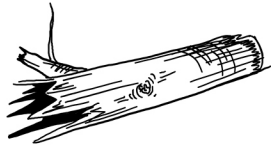


TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE



ANIMAL ADVENTURES



- Who Lives Here Wildlife Walk:** Find and turn over a rotting log or rock and see what critters are hiding underneath. How many legs do they have? Do they run away or stay in place? Imitate how they move along the trail.

- Balancing Act:** Find an object and place it on top of your head. See how far you can walk without it falling off. See who can walk the farthest or over a set distance the fastest.



- ABC Walk:** Find something on the trail that starts with the letter a, then b, and so on. For a silly challenge, work as a team to make up a silly story about the secret life of something you find in nature. One person starts with a line or sentence, with each person taking turns to add a line or two.

- Camouflage:** Choose a natural object and show it to someone else in your family. Then see if they can spot it after you hide it in plain sight. Was it easy or difficult for them to find? Why or why not? When something is difficult to find, it is said to be



- Tracking:** Look for tracks in the mud or snow. Once you find them, use the “3 Ps of animal tracking” to try to figure out who made the tracks:
 - **Print** – What is the size and shape of the track? Can you see individual toes or nails? Is there any sign of a tail dragging in the mud or snow?
 - **Pattern** – What type of pattern do the tracks make? Are the tracks far apart or close together? Are they in a straight line or diagonal from one another? Do you think the animal hopped or walked or ran to make the tracks?
 - **Placement** – Where did you find the tracks? Are they in mud or snow or sand? Do they go under plants or can you find them only in open spaces?

What kind of animal do you think made these tracks? Big or small? Furry, feathered or smooth/slimy? Did the animal leave any scat or poop in its path?