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by Barbara Brenner

One Small Place in a Tree

Find a hole in a tree. Sit silently for 10 minutes 35 feet from it to observe any animals coming & going, use binoculars to see closer. Use measuring tape to measure distance you are from tree. Quietly approach tree, look inside hole with flashlight. Use magnifier to see any tiny animals living there. Use Animal ID Guides/Track ID Sheet to ID

animals (or signs of) you might find. Observe hole in all seasons.

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bv Diane Iverson

My Favorite Tree

Where is your favorite tree? Take someone to your tree friend and share fun with it. Use Leaf Scar ID or Leaf ID to discover its identity. Use measuring tape to see how big around. Look up high in tree with binoculars. With magnifier look at bark patterns. Do bark rubbing - place paper on tree trunk - rub over it with crayon. Frame bark rubbing, hang up your tree friend bark portrait & name it!

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by Antoinette Portis

Not a Stick

Wear Imagination Butterfly Band. Adopt a "not a stick!" Use measuring tape to see how long it is. Use Leaf Scar ID sheet & magnifier to ID what tree it came from. Put on charades show for someone - who can guess each thing "not a stick" turns into? **JOURNAL IDEA**: Draw "not a stick" playing with you like in book. Have stick be your leader on a walk & point to objects that match color chips in rainbow tool bag.

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Good Morning Garden

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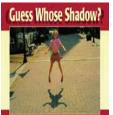
Take a walk to wish plants/animals/rocks in your yard "good morning/night". Use magnifier & flashlight to look in secret places to greet tiny critters & plants. Are they in same place every morning & night? Use Animal ID/Leaf Scar **<u>ID/Leaf ID</u>** to greet backyard friends by name. JOURNAL IDEA: Make list of nature pals you made friends with in your yard.



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by Stephen Swinburne

Guess Whose Shadow

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On a sunny day go on a shadow hunt with someone! Use **compass**— where is sun? Take turns blindfolding each other & leading one another to shadows to identify without looking at what is casting them. Use **flashlight** at night to create shadows of trees/ plants. PICTURE IDEA: Use Imagination Butterfly Band to cast a shadow to look like it is flying. JOURNAL IDEA: draw favorite shadow outline.

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My Shadow

On sunny day, with a friend, play tag with your shadows! Only shadows can tag! Play shadow hide & seek. Hide where your shadow can't find you (can't see it). You & friend measure each other's shadows with measuring tape to see how big or small you can make your shadow. Use compass to see direction sunshine is coming from to make shadow longer or shorter.

by Susan Winter

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bv Keiko Narahashi

I Have a Friend

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Skip, dance & play with your shadow! Use compass - where is sun? Wear Imagination Butterfly Band, send your shadow to places you can't go (over fences, up buildings, a tree top) **JOURNAL IDEA**: Draw your shadow in a place it went that you couldn't go. Try touching your shadow with other shadows. Use sidewalk chalk to have someone draw around your shadow on sidewalk. With tape measure, measure drawing & you. Are they the same size?

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by Angela McAllister

The Wind Garden

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Wear Butterfly Imagination Band to imagine then make wind garden! Colorful things that spin, sparkle, flutter or chime! Try stringing leaves to flutter, tie on long grasses to wave, fill cans with pebbles/seeds to rattle, hang sticks/nails together to chime. Use shovel to dig hole for rustling corn stalks or tall grasses. With measuring tape, measure tallest thing in wind garden. Use compass to guess where wind came from/where it's going!