

Teddy Bear Nature Hunt

Teddy Bear Picnic Day is July 10th so let's add a Teddy Bear Nature Hunt! Children will love going on a pretend hike with their favourite stuffed animal friends! This simple activity brings the excitement of a nature walk right to your backyard or playroom.

What you need:

- Each child's favourite stuffed animal (teddy bear or other)
- Small backpacks or totes (optional)
- Plastic binoculars or toilet paper roll "binoculars" (optional)
- [Click here](#) to print out a trail map and simple picture checklist
- Baskets or bags for collecting items

What to do:

1. Pack for adventure! Help children pack their "hiking" bag with their teddy bear and a water bottle or small toy. Add in the homemade binoculars for extra fun.
2. Set up the trail – create a short outdoor path using cones/markers/chalk to mark a trail. Add in extra hidden treasures to find (plastic bugs and animals, feathers, or painted rocks for example.)
3. Go on the Hike! Lead your group on a slow, guided walk. Point out "nature" sights and let children pick up items to examine and check them off their checklist.
4. If you haven't already had your Teddy Bear Picnic, lay out a picnic blanket for a snack and story time with songs like "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around."

Activity extension: Turn found items into a nature collage or keep them in a "camp treasure jar" that they can add to throughout the summer during other nature walks.



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