



Festival of the Wild Child 2023 – Activity Descriptions

Pollinators Path (discovery walk)

Sharing the wild air

Birds, bees, butterflies and beetles, mice, moles and squirrels all have one thing in common. Follow the path to see how all these creatures, as well as the wind and the rain, help the plants and trees grow fruit by spreading pollen from one location to another. The trail is mostly flat and is suitable for all ages.

Magical Fairies (scavenger hunt)

Sharing the wild magic

Come and discover the five special places where fairies make their homes - in the treetops; on the forest floor; in the marshlands; in meadows among ferns and flowers; and along footpaths - where they can live in harmony with nature, safely hidden from human eyes.

Life in the Pond (activity station)

Sharing the wild water

We'll lend you a net and a magnifying glass so you can discover some of the fascinating creatures who live at the water's edge. An expert will be on-hand to answer your questions. The hike around Joel's Pond is about 1 km and you might get your feet wet!

We All Live Here (scavenger hunt)

Sharing the wild meadow

A short hike will show you some of the creatures who have adapted to their environment and can live side by side in a small but varied wild neighbourhood. You can take home a quiz booklet and test your knowledge!

Tree Identification Walk (guided walk)

Sharing the wild sunshine

Our resident tree expert, Owen Clarkin, will introduce you to some of the many varieties of trees that live at High Lonesome. You'll get an insight into the way trees grow and adapt and share the soil and the sunshine.

Reading to the Wild Child (guided activity)

Sharing the wild stories

Every reader will enjoy spending a quiet moment looking at some nature- and conservation-oriented books. This is a good place to chat about some of the things you saw on your hike, and get more insights into life in the wild.

Forests and Fires (learning presentation)

Sharing the wild dangers

Learn some important facts about wildfire safety and prevention through our interactive campfire, trivia and colouring contest. (Campfire is fire free). A timely and relevant activity for all ages.

QR Code Nature Walk (self-guided, interactive)

Sharing the wild habitat

Thanks to the Pakenham Public School, you can follow a series of wooden signs with QR codes along Beaver Pond Trail that will lead you to new information about the habitats and creatures around you. An easy and fun family hike.



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