

# Half-term at Home Challenge

The **Parks** Trust  
MILTON KEYNES

Complete a different challenge each day of half-term  
for a week of wildlife fun!

Day 1

## Create a nature journal

Fill out each day of the half-term. Your journal could include the date, weather, and a drawing of at least one plant, animal or bug you spotted outside each day.



Share your half-term nature fun  
with us!





Day 2

## Make a bird feeder

Follow our tutorial at [www.theparkstrust.com/birdfeeder](http://www.theparkstrust.com/birdfeeder)

What you will need:

- Tub (to do your mixing in)
- Bird seed mix (available at most large supermarkets)
- Plant pot, yogurt pot, or pine cone
- String
- Scissors
- Fat e.g. lard, Trex or coconut oil





Day 3

## Go on a bug hunting adventure

Use our handy guide to discover the minibeasts crawling all around:

[www.theparkstrust.com/bughunting](http://www.theparkstrust.com/bughunting)

Use buglife's website to help you identify your findings  
[buglife.org.uk/bugs/identify-a-bug/](http://buglife.org.uk/bugs/identify-a-bug/)

Which was your favourite? Look up 3 facts about this minibeast that you didn't know before. Still not sure what you've found? Send us a photo!





Day 4

## *Become a wildlife detective*

Look for clues animals may have left behind.

Research what animal it could have been. Share any clues you find with us!

The Wildlife Trusts can help you identify any footprints and poo on their website [www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/identify-wildlife](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/identify-wildlife)

nibbled nuts



footprints



feathers or fur



poo



empty nest





Day 5

# *Make your own green band from natural instruments!*

If you are missing the famous frog band at Howe Park Wood, bring the rhythm to your garden instead

## Rain stick

Tape up the end of a card tube - kitchen roll, wrapping paper or a few loo roll tubes work well. Fill with small twigs. Add dry rice, beans, or stones and tape shut. Let the soothing sounds begin!

## Maracas

Fill an empty spice jar or similar sized container with small stones. Shake away!

## Microphone stand

Attach a pinecone to the end of a long stick using string. Poke the stick in the ground. Sing, sing, sing!

## Drum kit

Place old buckets, tubs, or pots upside down in a row. Find a couple of perfect sized twigs for your drumsticks. Now make a beat!

