

Who's Your Neighbour?

Environment & Outdoors



EXPLORE



QUICK

15 LIFE ON LAND



13 CLIMATE ACTION



What You Will Discover

Do you know the people who live around you? What about the other living things in your neighbourhood? It's time to meet your neighbours!

The Adventure

Think about your meeting place. What plants, animals and insects live nearby? Do a habitat survey around your meeting area, whether it's large scale or just a 30 cm x 30 cm area. Use tools like magnifying glasses to take a close look at what you find, and then use a book, website or app to identify what you've found!



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It starts with Scouts.

Plan

- What tools will you use to do your survey?
- What will you use to identify what you have found?
- How can you make sure that you are not disturbing any animals, plants or insects?

Do

#ScoutsDoStuff: Take photos of the neighbours you've found and share them with your family.

Review

- What was the coolest thing you found during your survey? Did you expect to find it?
- What did you not see that you expected to find?
- How will you treat your meeting area differently now that you know how many creatures call it home?

Safety Note

- How can you help keep yourself safe while doing this activity?
- How can you keep the animals and insects you're observing safe?
- What **hazardous bugs** should you be aware of?
- What **hazardous plants** should you be aware of?

Try this

Keep it Simple

Learn about some of the different creatures that live near you—some of them live in special homes that you can help to make! Make the perfect habitat for a small bug, and observe them in their natural habitat! Please don't move them.

Take it Further

Do a bioblitz of an area of habitat near you. Record all the species, from animals to plants, that you find. Are any important ones missing? Are any endangered? Take it a step further: make your own nature journal and record what you experience with your five senses. Nature journaling can be great for your overall health!

