



Earth is home to millions of species—including us—and provides food, water, shelter and clean air, so long as we work together to keep nature in balance. In order to protect our land, we must stop deforestation and preserve biodiversity. In Canada, this means ensuring that all species can thrive through conserving ecosystems and habitats. We need to be careful in our use of resources, as the natural world shrinks due to our impact.

LIFE ON LAND

Scouts is the Start of Exploring the Natural World!

DID YOU KNOW?

Canada has 15 unique ecological zones, featuring different habitats for all sorts of living species across very different landscapes. Forests, grasslands and Arctic tundra: we have a vast variety of natural places to explore!



We rely on plants for many things, including over 80% of our daily food.

As our population grows, we are putting more pressure on our resources to provide the things we need.



Over three quarters of the nearly 9 million species in the world live on land.



IN THE FIELD

How well do you know the principles of Leave No Trace? Leave No Trace (or LNT) aims to inspire people to take care of the outside world and to respect the world around them. **By planning ahead and preparing**, you will be able to ensure that you are **only travelling and camping on durable surfaces**, and that you have all the tools necessary to **dispose of your waste properly** and to have **no-impact campfires**. When you **leave what you find in nature**, you are helping to **respect wildlife** and **being considerate of other visitors** by allowing them to enjoy the same untouched nature that you enjoyed.

Don't forget: these principles are not just for wilderness adventuring. There's always time to be considerate of others and help keep the world beautiful for everyone in it!



ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

How are you going to help leave the world better than you found it?



Who in your community can help you learn about the natural world around you?



What are some species of animals or plants that you can help protect locally?



BREAKING GROUND

- Download the **iNaturalist** app to identify nearly every living thing using your phone's camera. You'll also be helping scientists research where species live, and how they move.
- Do you know the seven principles of **Leave No Trace**? Find out how to reduce your footprint during your adventures.
- Our pollinators are in trouble, but we can give them a helping hand. Help make the gardens in your community **bee- and pollinator-friendly** with local wildflowers and plants.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

- How can you help the wildlife around you? Try building some living space for the creatures around you with **Helping Habitats** and **What's the Buzz**.
- Become a **Citizen Scientist** and discover what plant and animal neighbours live near you. You could even participate in a **bioblitz** to explore how these species live together.
- Celebrate the International Year of Plant Health with new Trail Cards, including **Plant Doctor** and **Seed Bombing**.