

# Nature Near You

## Journal Prompt:



What can we do to better protect nature?



## Animal of the Week: Raccoons

Raccoons are found throughout Southern and coastal BC. They are easy to identify thanks to their black mask and ringed tail. Raccoons live for about 3-5 years in the wild. They are omnivores who will eat just about anything! Fun fact: baby raccoons are called kits!

## At Home Activity: Shoe Box Habitat

Imagine you need to make an animal habitat, what would it need to include?

### What you need:

- Shoe box or other container
- Access to nature

### How to:

1. Take a shoe box or container outside
2. Collect anything that a living thing would need to have in their habitat in that shoe box
3. Create a home for your organism and share with your family what you chose and why!
4. Return everything where you found it - leave no trace!

## Other Resources:

**Be prepared for bears!** Getting out into nature can be really exciting, but it is also important to be prepared for wildlife encounters with animals like bears so that we can better protect ourselves and them!

<https://www.hellobc.com/stories/essential-things-to-know-before-entering-bc-bear-country/?source=igodigital>

**Our connection to nature matters!** Watch Nixiwaka Yawanawa's TED talk on connection to nature!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk0-yebNA\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk0-yebNA_o)