

Nature Near You

Journal Prompt:

What is a natural place you wish you could visit? Why do you want to go there? What would you do?

Animal of the Week: American Pika



The American Pika is an animal in the Lagomorpha family, and is related to rabbits. These creatures live in rocky, isolated, mountainous areas up to 3000 metres in elevation! They eat any vegetation they can find. American Pikas live in colonies and communicate with cute squeaks and scent markings.

At Home Activity: DIY Sunprints

What you need:

- Dark coloured construction paper
- Small toys, sticks, leaves, or flowers
- Rocks or paperweights

How to:

1. Take a piece of dark coloured construction paper and place it outside.
2. If it is a windy day, weigh it down with paperweights.
3. Make a design on the paper with your objects by placing them on the paper.
4. Leave the paper and objects in the sun for six hours.
5. Remove the objects to see the pattern preserved on the paper!

Other Resources:

Sea Otters' Return to BC Ecosystems: Learn about how sea otters are radically changing BC ecosystems after being absent for 50 years : <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform/otters?fbclid=IwAR3FI3OwBepP7uFaY46v9B44vwIMaqLIMnzRDkbfpuZtJq3xbhzrFOchPIA>

10 Backyard Camping Ideas: Enjoy the fun and adventure of camping at home!
<https://outdoorafro.com/2020/05/ten-backyard-camping-ideas-from-outdoor-afro/?fbclid=IwAR2Qt-7L5yXdm4ZuXuD1ZORg1Z7g-gZrLECDZuHuxIXnq0Z1777Xj78>