

# Nature Near You

## Journal Prompt:

What do you think your neighborhood looked like 100 years ago?

## Animal of the Month: Vancouver Island Marmot



Vancouver Island Marmots is the only exclusively Canadian endangered mammal species. They have a chocolate-colored fur with white patches, and are found on Vancouver Island. These animals spend seven months of the year underground, in deep burrows which are covered in snow and keep the marmots safe and at a stable temperature. When the creatures emerge from hibernation in the spring, they sometimes have to climb through six feet of snow to emerge!

## At Home Activity: Nature Bracelet

What you need:

- Duct Tape
- A place with lots of natural surroundings

How to:

1. Wrap the piece of tape around your child's wrist, sticky side up. Make sure it is comfortable!
2. Talk a walk outside and notice small details nature has to offer, from small blooms, acorns, pinecones, and more.
3. When your child finds something natural that piques their interest, encourage them to stick it on their nature bracelet.
4. Walk home and admire your nature bracelet.

## Other Resources:

**Make Your Own Snake:** Learn how to make a salt dough snake. <https://frugalfun4boys.com/salt-dough-snake-craft/>

**Paint with Rain:** Brighten up gloomy weather with this easy family painting activity, using the power of the rain! <https://nurturestore.co.uk/kids-art-painting-rain>