

Activity: Crawly not Creepy Bug Hunt

Kit needed: Bug pot or a clean jar with a lid that has breathing holes, magnifying glass, camera (optional) pens and paper for recording, clean paintbrush, ruler (optional).

Group/ family size: 1+

Age Group: 2+

Location: Garden or local green space

Learning about: Habitats and insects

Instructions: Explore your garden or local green space, look under logs, stones and plant pots. Explore the areas in the sunshine and in the shade that might be dark and damp to us but minibeasts find these areas cosy and safe.

When you find a minibeast if you want to take a closer look use your magnifying glass or use your paintbrush to gently scoop/ brush the creature into your jar and take a closer look. Now you can measure it with your ruler and record its size and what you think you have found. Have a look at the place you found the minibeast and what habitat / home it prefers.

Don't leave the minibeasts in the jar too long as they may overheat and once you are done looking at them gently place them back where you found them, don't shake the jar and do take care when moving the minibeasts to avoid hurting them.

Additional comments:

Take care when moving logs, if it's too big then don't lift it alone, remember 'if it's bigger than you it takes two'. Watch out for stinging insects, brambles and nettles, be careful not to disturb wildlife or destroy habitats.

When you are looking for minibeasts please avoid private property/ land unless you have the landowner's permission.



Creepy not Crawly Hunt Results

Date	Surveyor (That's you!)	Habitat (where was it found?)	Size	Species found	How many?	How does it move?