Family Fun Activity #6
The Scavenger Hunt

Do you want to make your next family walk in the woods **even more fun**? Make it a scavenger hunt – there are (natural) treasures to find in your backyard, around your block, in your neighborhood, in the park or on your next hike.

So - pack a picnic, (or a backpack of treats and water) and head out!

**Materials for this activity:**
- ‘Scavenger hunt’ list, or sheet with images of items to find
- Marker, crayon, pencil
- (optional nature tools – camera, magnifying glass, binoculars)

We’ve included some sample ‘scavenger hunt’ lists – with images to help your younger naturalists find the treasures.

**TIPS:**
- You can modify the list to fit your hiking area
- For very young naturalists, you can draw (in the blank boxes) what you think they’ll enjoy finding
- For older kids – consider downloading an app (like iNaturalist) that will help them ID plants, trees, tracks and critters that they might find
- For a fun challenge – have your kids make up the ‘scavenger hunt’ list for the family

You can ask your ‘scavenger hunters’:
- which item was your favorite to find?
- which was the hardest to find?
- which item did you find first?
- did you use your sense of hearing… or sense of smell… or sight …or sense of touch - to find the items?
- how do you **feel** when you’re spending time in nature? How does your **mind** feel when you’ve spent time in nature?

Enjoy Nature!
Be Considerate!
And Gently Cautious!