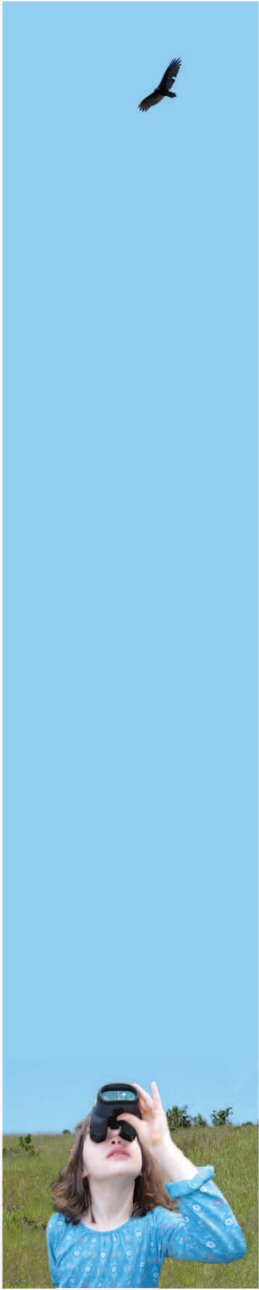


Explore Edgewood!

Treasure Hunt Hints!

Day Camp Area



- 1. Dusky-footed woodrat nests:** Woodrats' bodies are about the size of the width of this sheet of paper with a tail equal in length to their bodies. Shhh! woodrats sleep during the day. They are very busy at night gathering and eating leaves and berries. Coyotes, bobcats, owls, and other predators eat woodrats. How does the woodrat's nest protect her and her babies? Look around to see if you can find where she got the materials to make her nest. Search for other wood rat nests on your walk.
- 2. Leaves that smell:** Many plants along the trails in Edgewood have leaves with interesting scents. Did you find a narrow California bay leaf or eucalyptus leaf on the ground or in a tree? Would you like the taste of the strong-smelling bay leaves to flavor your spaghetti sauce?
- 3. What do you hear?** Some of the sounds at Edgewood might come from jays, hawks, crows, ravens or other birds. Do you hear wind or running water? Can you detect something rustling or scurrying in the bushes? Are some noises being made by people or their tools? Does the location of a sound tell you something about who or what made it?
- 4. Redwood trees:** The Coast redwood is our California state tree. The tallest trees in the world are Coast redwoods. How do you feel sitting under the tree branches? Can anyone see you? Would you get wet if it were raining? Describe the area under the tree where you are sitting.
- 5. Why do birds poke trees?** Sap flows beneath the bark of a tree. The sticky, sugary fluid is made in the leaves and feeds the rest of the tree. Pretend you are a sapsucker. Using your body, try to make holes in the tree to reach the sap. How do you hold on to the tree? What part of your body do you use to make the holes?
- 6. I lichen my beard:** Lichens aren't even plants! They are a fungus coexisting with an alga (or a cyanobacteria). Here's a story to help you remember how lichens work: Freddie Fungus was a carpenter who didn't know how to cook. Alice Alga was a cook who had no place to live. When they met they took an instant lichen to each other! They had a traditional marriage: Freddie built their house and Alice did the cooking. Sometimes their marriage was on the rocks but they lived symbiotically together forever!
- 7. Who lives in those holes anyway?** Botta's pocket gopher is the most common digger of holes at Edgewood, but other animals can make use of holes already dug in the ground. Snakes can't dig their own holes, but will go into other animals' holes. Lizards and some insects also spend time underground.
- 8. How to keep the Earth beautiful:** Many people volunteer to preserve the habitat of the plants and animals that make Edgewood their home. We thank you for doing your part to keep our park clean and natural forever. After you go home, keep thinking about ways to help preserve our world's beauty.
- 9. Your favorite thing at the Park and more information about Edgewood activities:** Our park volunteers would love to hear about what you have experienced today! When you return to the Education Center, we have lots of information available on activities and volunteer opportunities at Edgewood.



Don't touch me!

Poison oak may give you a very itchy rash. Wash with plenty of soap and water to avoid the itch!