



Wildwood Days ~ Mini-beast activities

Bugs is one of our most popular themes so we have a whole range of activities to suit different age groups and venues. Again, we're always willing to try something a bit different so just ask if you want an activity that's not listed.

Pebble Bug hunt – this is a great activity for getting to know the site so we usually do this first. A collection of hand painted bug pebbles (at least 1 per child) are hidden around the site for the children to find. When all the 'bugs' are found, we talk about what they might be and give them a home. With older children we get them to classify their finds in various ways.



Clay Bugs – a lovely tactile activity for a range of ages. Using clay and a treasure box of natural items children design and make a little bug of their own to take home. Older children will spend more time in the detail and design but all complete this activity very happy with their creation. This can be combined with a worksheet where they complete a fact file about their bug (habitat, diet, etc.).

Pebble Bugs – using a variety of coloured waterproof paints and some googly eyes, children design and paint their own bug to take home. Older children may wish to paint more realistic looking bugs but all colourful creations become bugs once they have their googly eyes.

Mini Bug Hotel – design dependent on age to make it achievable but all will include a range of natural materials, gathered and provided. Older children completing this activity may include tool use whereas for younger children, pre-cut materials will be used. A great take home creation.

Bug Handling – Supported handling and question and answer session with a selection of our mini-beasts (giant millipedes, stick insects and giant land snails). This activity is lovely; children try something new (and for some perhaps a little scary) and they learn about themselves and little creatures. Handling is always optional.



Wildwood Bug Hunt – Using our onsite bug kit, children dig, uncover and hunt for real life mini-beasts - collecting them in pots, identifying them using our site ID sheet and looking at them using magnifying glasses. So far we have uncovered allsorts, depending on the time of year, from a range of worms to beetles, frogs, toads, millipedes, centipedes, larvae of various kinds, slugs and snails and their eggs and even a newt!