



Wild at Heart



Kids Nature Club



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Wild at Heart, where nature is the best teacher, and every child is a budding explorer!

Here at Wildlife Reimagined, we believe in the magic of nature as the ultimate playground for young explorers. Our mission is simple: to foster a deep connection between children and the natural world around them.

Participants in our Wild at Heart Kids Club are encouraged to unleash their imagination, get their hands dirty, and discover the wonders of nature firsthand. Whether it's building houses for insects, gazing at the clouds, or identifying different bird calls, every moment in our nature club is a chance to learn, grow, and thrive.

Led by passionate guides who are experts in environmental education, our sessions are designed to be safe, engaging, and educational. Studies show that when children interact with natural materials and outdoor environments, they become calmer, more focused, and develop a keen sensory awareness. Our nature club is also designed to be an explorative journey, providing a foundation for children to become confident, caring, and environmentally conscious individuals.

So join us as we embark on this exciting journey of discovery, where every week is a different adventure and the great outdoors is our classroom. Let's create memories, forge friendships, and inspire a future generation of nature lovers, one muddy footprint at a time.



Week 1: Marvellous Minibeasts

Synopsis: Embark on an exciting adventure to discover the magical world of minibeasts—tiny creatures that live all around us. From fluttering butterflies to wriggling worms, and from buzzing bees to mischievous ants, children will learn about the fascinating lives of minibeasts through playful activities, and hands-on exploration.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet a variety of minibeasts.
- Minibeast hunt: Discover local bugs in the park, using magnifying glasses to observe their amazing features up close.
- Nature's Web Weaving: children will create their very own spider web using string or yarn, then weave pieces of nature—such as leaves, twigs, flowers, and seeds—into the web.
- Bottled butterfly: transform plastic bottles into vibrant, fluttering butterflies. Using colourful paint, markers, and decorative materials, kids will decorate their bottles to create wings and antennae, bringing their butterfly vision to life



Location: Dulwa Beach, Lake Ginninderra

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Week 2: Scales and Tails

Synopsis: This week, we'll slither, crawl, and explore the fascinating world of reptiles. From snakes and lizards to turtles and crocodiles, children will discover the incredible adaptations that make these creatures so unique.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Sensory activity: explore different kinds of reptile sheds and eggs.
- Egg-citing hatch: experience the thrilling process of "hatching" your own reptile eggs! As they explore the textures of the materials and "hatch" their eggs, children will learn about different reptiles and the way they lay and protect their eggs.
- Slither and search: embark on a sensory journey through the different habitats where reptiles live. Using materials that represent various environments—like sand for deserts, damp moss for swamps, or rocks and water for aquatic habitats—kids will explore and interact with sensory bins designed to mimic the natural world of reptiles.
- Bubble Boa: children will have a blast creating their very own slithering snakes using bubble wrap! After cutting the bubble wrap into long strips, they'll shape and decorate their snakes, using markers, googly eyes, and other craft supplies.

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Week 3: Dino Discovery



Synopsis: Get ready for a roaring good time! This week, we'll travel back in time to explore the exciting world of dinosaurs. Through fun activities, games, and crafts, young adventurers will learn about these fascinating creatures that roamed the Earth millions of years ago.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Sensory activity: explore different types of fossils.
- Jurassic excavation: Step into the shoes of a palaeontologist by digging up hidden dinosaur bones which can be pieced together to create dinosaur skeletons.
- Fossil Feeling: explore the fascinating world of fossils through a hands-on sensory experience. Using a variety of materials such as clay, plaster, shells, leaves, and even toy dinosaurs, children will engage in the process of creating and feeling fossils.
- Prehistoric headgear: craft a dinosaur themed hat.



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Week 4: Flight School

Synopsis: Get ready for a week full of flapping, chirping, and flying high as we soar into the fascinating world of birds, exploring their colourful feathers, unique songs, and exciting behaviours.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Bird Song Bingo: listen to different bird songs and try to match the sounds to the birds on your bingo card.
- Rob the nest: "Rob the Nest" is a fun and active game that teaches kids about bird behaviour and the concept of nesting.
- Build a Nest: learn how birds build their nests and the different materials they use to keep their eggs safe and warm by building your own nest.
- Bird Passport: Start your own bird-watching passport, recording any bird sightings and drawing the birds you observe.

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Week 5: Ocean Odyssey



Synopsis: Get ready to make a splash and dive headfirst into this week's exciting underwater adventure. Embark on a journey beneath the waves to discover the amazing creatures, ecosystems, and wonders of the ocean. From colourful coral reefs to the deep blue sea, children will engage in hands-on activities, creative crafts, and fun games that teach them about marine life and the importance of ocean conservation.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet a variety of aquatic animals such as hermit crabs and starfish and learn about the different ocean zones.
- Miniature sea: kids will create their very own ocean worlds inside a bottle!
- Blow and Grow Coral Creations: Kids will use their breath to create colourful, swirling coral patterns on paper. By dipping straws into watery, watercolour paints and blowing through them, children will make beautiful coral-like formations as the paint splatters and spreads.
- Pollution Sensory Activity: promote creative thinking and problem-solving skills as children explore ways to clean up simulated pollution and prevent it in their play scenarios.

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Week 6: Fur-tastic Friends

Synopsis: This week, children will embark on an exciting journey to explore the world of mammals—discovering what makes them unique, from fur and mammary glands to their fascinating behaviours.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- **Feel the Breeze:** kids will discover the incredible insulating power of blubber, the thick layer of fat that helps marine mammals like whales and seals stay warm in cold waters.
- **Fur-tastic match-up:** embark on a fun and interactive challenge to match different animals to their skins or fur.
- **Bear Hunt:** kids will embark on an exciting expedition to track down a bear! Using maps and a series of animal tracks scattered around the play area, children will follow clues and footprints leading them through a forest or wilderness setting.
- **Pouch perfect:** kids will craft their very own "mammal pouches," inspired by marsupials like kangaroos, koalas, and opossums!

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