

Nature Activities for Winter



Visit the Bird Hide to see Winter Visitors

In winter, lots of migrant birds arrive to spend the colder months here. Head to the hide and see what you can spot out on the water. Can you see any ducks, geese or swans? Listen to their calls – can you hear the Wigeon whistling? Spend some time watching the birds. Can you see any feeding?



Do a Dawn or Dusk Walk

With fewer hours of sunlight, winter is the perfect time to go for a dawn or dusk walk as you don't need to get up early or stay out late! Wrap up warm and go for a wander as the day starts or ends. What can you see or hear? Does it feel different to visiting in the daylight?



Find Frost Patterns

When the temperature drops below freezing, take a closer look at the patterns the ice makes in nature, on spider webs or seedheads. What shapes can you spot in the frost on fencing and trees? Are there any frozen puddles? What does the ice look like there?



Touch a Tree

On your visit, find an interesting tree. Feel the bark texture with your fingers. Is there any moss or lichen growing on the trunk? Can you reach all the way round and hug it? Are there any fungi or little insects living on the trunk? What does it smell like?



Suggested Craft Activity to do at Home

Make a pinecone bird feeder for your garden. Take a large pine cone and cover it in lard. Then roll the pinecone in bird seed (sunflower hearts are popular with lots of birds). Tie a piece of string to the top of the pinecone. Hang the feeder on a shrub or tree in the garden and wait for the birds to discover it. If you would like to share your pinecone feeder with us, send a photo of the completed project to kate@kemerton.com.



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