

Ten Ideas for a Wild Halloween

Get inspired by nature for the spooky season!



1 Stick-and-Leaf Skeletons or Monsters:

Bring a creature to life using fallen sticks, leaves, and stones! Arrange them on the ground to create an animal or human skeleton, then measure its limbs and count the “bones.”

2 Nighttime Sensory Walks:



Step outside at dusk for a sensory adventure. Watch for bats, listen for hooting owls, and notice gentle touches of nature, such as a strand of spider silk or a cool autumn breeze.

3 Green Trick-or-Treating:



Make trick-or-treating a little greener by decorating a pillowcase or cloth backpack instead of using a single-use plastic pail. When possible, choose locally made treats with minimal packaging.

4 Forest or Nature Potion:



Mix up a magical Halloween nature potion using treasures already on the ground, such as evergreen needles, dry leaves, twigs, or petals. Leave living and rooted plants untouched. Find a “stir stick” or “magic perfume wand,” then use your fingers and the stick to crush and blend your ingredients. As the plants release their natural compounds, the scents will grow stronger. Take a sniff and give your potion a wonderfully spooky name!

5 Bat and Moth Game:



Choose one player to be the blindfolded bat and another to be the moth. The bat calls “Bat!” or makes a clicking or clapping sound, and the moth quickly answers “Moth!” or echoes the sound. Keep listening and moving until the bat tags the moth!

6 Bear Mask Activity:



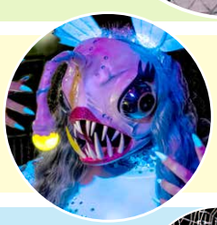
Discover bears from around the world while creating your own bear mask from a template. Make it unique with fabric, wool, paint, or other favourite craft materials. Link to **Bear Masks of the World**

7 Make a Nature Story Broom or Wand:



Turn your nature walk into a story you can take home! Begin by finding a sturdy stick and gathering coloured string, yarn, twine, rubber bands, or double-sided or masking tape. As you walk, collect fallen natural treasures—such as leaves, feathers, grass, pinecones, bark, or small stones—that remind you of something you saw, heard, smelled, or enjoyed. Leave living plants untouched. Attach each item to your stick in the order you found it, then use your finished creation as a visual map to share the story of your adventure.

8 Wild Costumes & Biomimicry:



Dress as a native plant, fungus, or unusual animal—such as a bone-collector caterpillar or deep-sea creature—to explore how it has adapted to survive.

9 Spooky Scavenger Hunt:



Look for autumn colours, spiderwebs, face-like patterns in tree trunks, and signs of nocturnal animals.

10 The “Undead” Cycle of Decomposition:



Explore how fungi and detritivores break down fallen logs, leaf litter, and carved pumpkins, returning nutrients to the soil.

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