



#30DaysWild

### 30 Days Wild. What is it?

The Wildlife Trust have challenged all of us in the UK to do one wild thing a day throughout the month of June! 30 simple, fun and exciting **Random Acts of Wildness**. To find out more about their challenge and register for a pack visit <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild-2021-sign-your-pack>

Don't worry if 30 activities seems a lot....even one or two **Random Acts of Wildness** throughout the month of June and beyond will help.

Here are some ideas to try out in your school grounds or at home. **(Remember to check with an adult first! )**

#### You could build a mini pond!

Your pond doesn't need to be big. A washing-up bowl, a large plant pot, or a disused sink could all be repurposed as ponds. It is important that creatures can get in and out.

A small pond can be home to an interesting range of wildlife, including damsel and dragonflies, frogs and newts.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-create-mini-pond>

### How to build a mini wildlife pond



#### You will need:

- a watertight container
- old bricks, rocks and pebbles
- pond plants
- spade

\* Is there anything that you can upcycle? It could be an old washing-up bowl, sink or even a plant pot. Aim for 20-30cm deep.

- 1 Choose a spot. Your pond will need light, but not full sunlight all day. You can dig a hole and sink your container, or just have it sitting on top.
- 2 If the container isn't watertight, e.g. an old plant pot, then add a piece of pond liner.
- 3 Add a layer of gravel and rocks.
- 4 Fill your pond with rainwater (tap water contains chemicals).
- 5 Start planting... you only need two or three plants.
- 6 Now watch and wait! Wildlife will come to your pond of its own accord.



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### Leave your garden wild

Take a day off today and do nothing! Leave a wild spot in your garden by not mowing the lawn, or not weeding the paving - nature will love it!



[www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk)

[www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk](http://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk)



Don't introduce frogs, fish or even water from another pond as this can spread disease.

#### You could grow a wild patch!

You could plant wildflowers in a flowerpot, flowerbed or leave a wild patch on your lawn. Planting wildflowers provides vital resources to support a wide range of insects that couldn't normally survive in urban areas .

You might decide to leave an area of grass to grow long - don't mow until July or August!

You might decide to start from scratch and plant some wildflower seeds in a pot, flower bed or piece of ground. <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-grow-wild-patch>

You might want to try one of the ideas from our earlier activities or you may have your own environmental project you are working on at school! It would be great to hear about what you are doing for **30 Days Wild** or any other environmental projects you are involved in, maybe you could ask an adult to send some pictures or you could write about what you did and send to [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

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# A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMON HOME

All powerful God,  
you created all things,  
and you are present throughout the universe  
and in every creature,  
You embrace with your tender love all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
so that we may have the strength and courage  
to protect all life and the beauty of our world,  
preserving it from pollution and destruction.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one,  
And caring for the Earth, our common home.

Teach us to discover the worth of every creature on this earth,  
Let us protect those at risk and in danger,  
Encourage us as we seek justice, love and peace.  
Stay with us each day, with the power of your grace.

Through Christ our Lord  
Amen

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