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Welcome to Minnetrista's Nature Area!

The Nature area is made up of three of Indiana's natural habitats; the Prairie, the Wetlands, and the Woodlands. A habitat is a place animals and plants call home. As you walk through the Nature Area, see if you can find some of the items below that are part of these habitats.

The Prairie is a place of tall grasses and few trees. The prairie is home to many insects and flowering plants.

Listen for a buzzing or chirping insect.



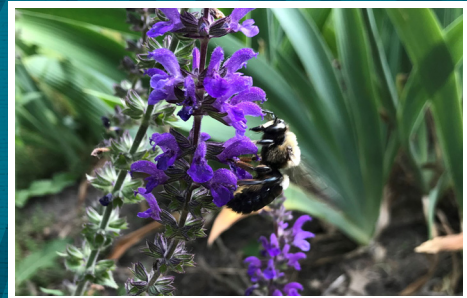
Find a leaf that was someone's dinner.



Find something crawling under a rock.



Look for a pollinator.



The Wetlands is a place many animals call home. Animals from other habitats may venture to the wetlands for a drink of water.

Find something that is camouflaged.



Look for something that swims.



What might be hovering over the water?



What might be under the water?



The Woodlands are filled with trees. What animals do you think make the trees their home?

Take a moment to be still and listen for birds. How many different calls did you hear?



Look around for something you think a squirrel might eat.



**Do you see any logs or tree stumps?
What critters might like these as
a home?**



**How many different leaf shapes can
you find? Can you spot one with a
saw-tooth edge?**



Bonus Items

An adaptation is a trait an animal has that helps it survive in its habitat. A rabbit has big ears to help it hear. A squirrel has strong teeth to crack nuts. As you walk through the Nature Area, try to think of other adaptations some wildlife have.

