



Take an Ant Hike

Taking a hike from an ant's point of view is a good way to see a different perspective on nature, plus it underscores the essential truth that others see the world differently.

Materials:

- 2 small sticks
- Outdoor space like a lawn
- Paper and a writing utensil
- A piece of yarn, twine, or string, 1-2 feet long

Activity:

1. Consider being an ant. Where would you live? What would you eat? How long would it take you to get from one side of the yard to the other?
2. Find a nice spot in your yard and place the two small sticks 1-2 feet apart. These are the beginning and end points of your "ant hike."
3. Run the piece of yard between the two sticks. This will be your "ant path."
4. Pretend to shrink down to the size of an ant and "travel" along your path. Take your time!
5. Write a story or draw a picture about your hike as an ant. What did you see? Did the blades of grass look like trees? Did the flowers look like windmills? What did you hear down there so close to the ground?

