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Words for Our Natural World

Nature is made up of wonderful surprises. Each time you head out on a nature walk, you are likely to discover new and interesting things. A wildflower you never noticed before may be in full, beautiful bloom. A caterpillar may break out of a cocoon right before your eyes. Or you may discover a bird's nest full of tiny eggs.

It's tempting to bring home animals or plants you find outdoors, but it's better to leave them alone. During nature walks, stay on clearly marked trails or pathways. Avoid picking flowers or pulling leaves from trees. Enjoy the natural world without disturbing it. That way, other people and animals can enjoy it too!

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Crack the code to spell out a nature message to live by.
move through the air using wings 27 18 8
mice is to mouse as geese is to 13 29 5 34 4
our planet 22 15 31 11 16
a long, scaly reptile without legs 17 6 20 3 19
a kind of diving bird whose name rhymes with noon 7 12 23 33
the part of a plant that usually grows underground 14 10 28 1
a vine that can trail along the ground, climb walls, or make you itch 32 21 26
put seeds or trees in the ground to grow 9 25 2 24 30
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

On the back, write a poem about a nature walk. What do you see, hear, and smell? How might it be different on a rainy or windy day?