



## Family Nature Activities with Glenveagh National Park

# How to do a Bug Hunt!

### What you need:

- 1 Clean Jam Jar
- 1 piece of Cardboard or Paper
- A Magnifying Glass (optional)
- An Insect Key Chart (see our website)

### Where?

Your garden!



### The How To Part :

1. Take your jam jar and piece of paper or cardboard out to your garden
2. Look around bushes, tree trunks and under some branches for some creepy crawlies!
3. Carefully scoop up whatever minibeasts you may find into your jam jar. Place your cardboard/paper over the top to stop them escaping!
4. Using your insect key chart and a magnifying glass (if you have it) try and identify what insect you have found.
5. Once identified, place the insects back where you found them.



A good place to look is underneath some flower pots!



Lots of creepy crawlies like to hide underneath them as they safe, dark and damp  
A perfect hiding place!



Some of the insects you might see are slugs and woodlice



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# How to make a pitfall trap

## What you need:

- 1 Clean Jam Jar
- 1 piece of Cardboard or Paper
- A trowel or small spade
- An Insect Key Chart (see our website)



## Where?

Near a tree or bush

## The How To Part :

1. Choose a spot underneath a tree or bush and dig a hole that is bigger than your jam jar.
2. Place your jam jar inside the hole. During the night, insects will walk around and fall into the pitfall trap
3. Camouflage the pitfall trap with some leaves and twigs nearby so that the insects are fooled into falling inside!
4. Check back in the morning and see what creatures you have captured! Once you have identified them, set them free!





# What Insect Is It?

Once you have done your bug hunt, have a look through these pictures and see does your insect match any of the pictures!



**Vine Weevil**



**Millipede**



**Woodlouse**



**Green Shield Bug**



**Ladybug**



**Rove Beetle**



**Black Garden Ant**



**Aphid**



**Black Slug**



**Dor Beetle**



**Centipede**