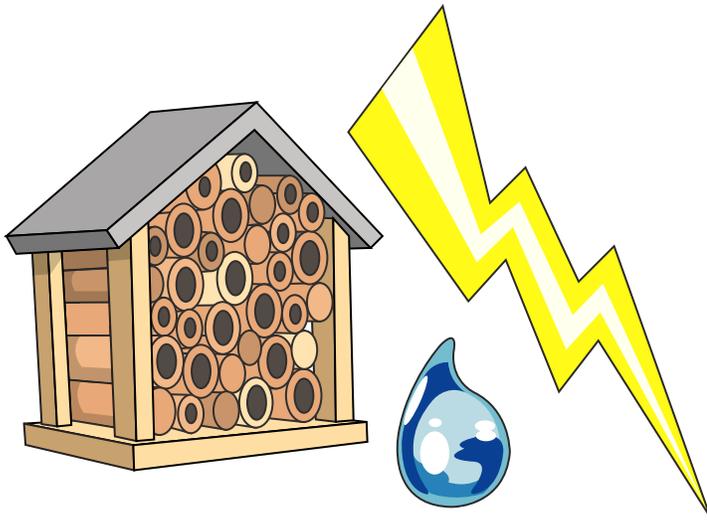




NX Projects

Other Projects



Here are some other projects you can do to help protect habitats. Some of them are fun to do with your family or friends, and for some of them you will need an adult's help.

Using less water

Using less water is an easy way to help the environment. You can use less water by turning the water off when you brush your teeth, taking a short shower instead of a bath, keeping a pitcher of water in the fridge instead of filling up your glass at the sink, and making sure you always turn the water off when you're not using it. Saving water also saves your family money.

This web site from the North Wales Water Authority, in Great Britain, will teach you more about water.

<http://www.nwwater.com/index.cfm/nodeID/283e6c0d-20f0-4c9e-9ab8-1ee0ff85982f/fuseaction/showContent.page>

Walking, riding your bike, or taking the bus instead of driving

Ask your parent if you can walk, ride your bike, or take the bus instead of driving somewhere in a car. This creates less pollution, and if you walk or ride your bike you also get some good exercise.

Check out this website from California to find a list of things kids and adults can do to help keep the air clean:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/brochure/50things.htm>

Write a letter to someone about the environment

If you are concerned about the environment, you can write a letter to someone and let him or her know. You can write to a member of your city government, or even to your representative in the state or federal government and tell them about why you want to protect habitats and the environment. They may write back and tell you how they are helping the environment.

This web site from the U.S. government will tell you how to contact your state or U.S. government leaders:

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

Build a bee box

A bee box is a house for native bees. It provides them with shelter, and can help make your backyard native bee habitat.

You'll need to ask for help to make a bee box because you need tools to put it together.

This website from the U.S. Forest Service will give you a couple of ideas on how to make a bee box:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/beebox.shtml>

Enter the Jr. Duck Stamp Contest

Every year kids from kindergarten through high school have an opportunity to submit their artwork to be considered for a real postage stamp.

Check out this website from the Fish and Wildlife service to find out more about the contest:

<http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck/>

Endangered Species Day Art Contest

The nationwide Endangered Species Day Art contest provides students with an opportunity to learn about endangered species and express their knowledge and support through artwork.

Check out this website from the Endangered Species Day partners to find out more about the contest:

<http://www.stopextinction.org/esd/194-esd-art.html>

Use less electricity

Using less electricity saves money and the environment. You can save electricity by turning off the lights in empty rooms, not leaving the fridge or freezer door open, or turning off the television and computer and reading a book or playing outside for a while instead.

The Tennessee Valley Authority's web site will teach you more about saving energy:

<http://www.tvakids.com/electricity/conservation.htm>

Build a birdhouse

Birdhouses can be easy to make out of a washed out milk carton, or with a few pieces of wood, but you'll need some help to use tools and cut holes to make a birdhouse.

This web site from Cornell University's Nestwatcher's Resource Center will help you make and place your birdhouse.

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/nestinginfo/nestboxref/nestboxref/>

Pull up invasive weeds

Pulling up invasive weeds can start in your own backyard. Get a pair of garden gloves, some bags that you can seal shut, and an adult who can help you figure out which weeds are invasive and which ones are native.

This website from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's site for gardeners can help you identify invasive plants:

<http://www.usna.usda.gov/Gardens/invasives.html>

Cleaning up habitat

Litter can be a problem in any habitat, including people's habitat. With a parent or other adult, you can pick up litter in your yard or in other habitats. You should always wear gloves when you are picking up trash and talk to an adult to find out safe places to clean up habitats.

Held a fundraiser to help environment

This is a fun way to help the environment with your family, friends, school, or after school club. With an adult, choose a local group that helps the environment, then hold a fundraiser to raise money to help the group. You can hold a yard sale to reuse old things you don't need, have an organic foods bake sale, put on a low-water-use car wash, plant trees or native flowers in donor's names, or find other creative ways to raise money and tell people about why you want to help the environment.

Teach someone about the environment

It's easy to teach someone about the environment – you just have to talk or write about what you know. You can tell your family or friends about protecting the environment, make a poster, go on a local radio or T.V. station, or talk to your teacher and your class about habitats and why you want to protect them.