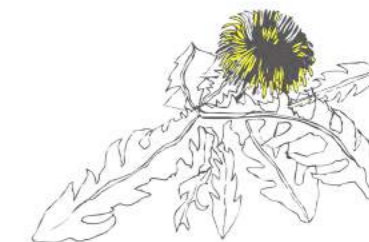


Explore the outdoors

Take a pencil and get outdoors this spring

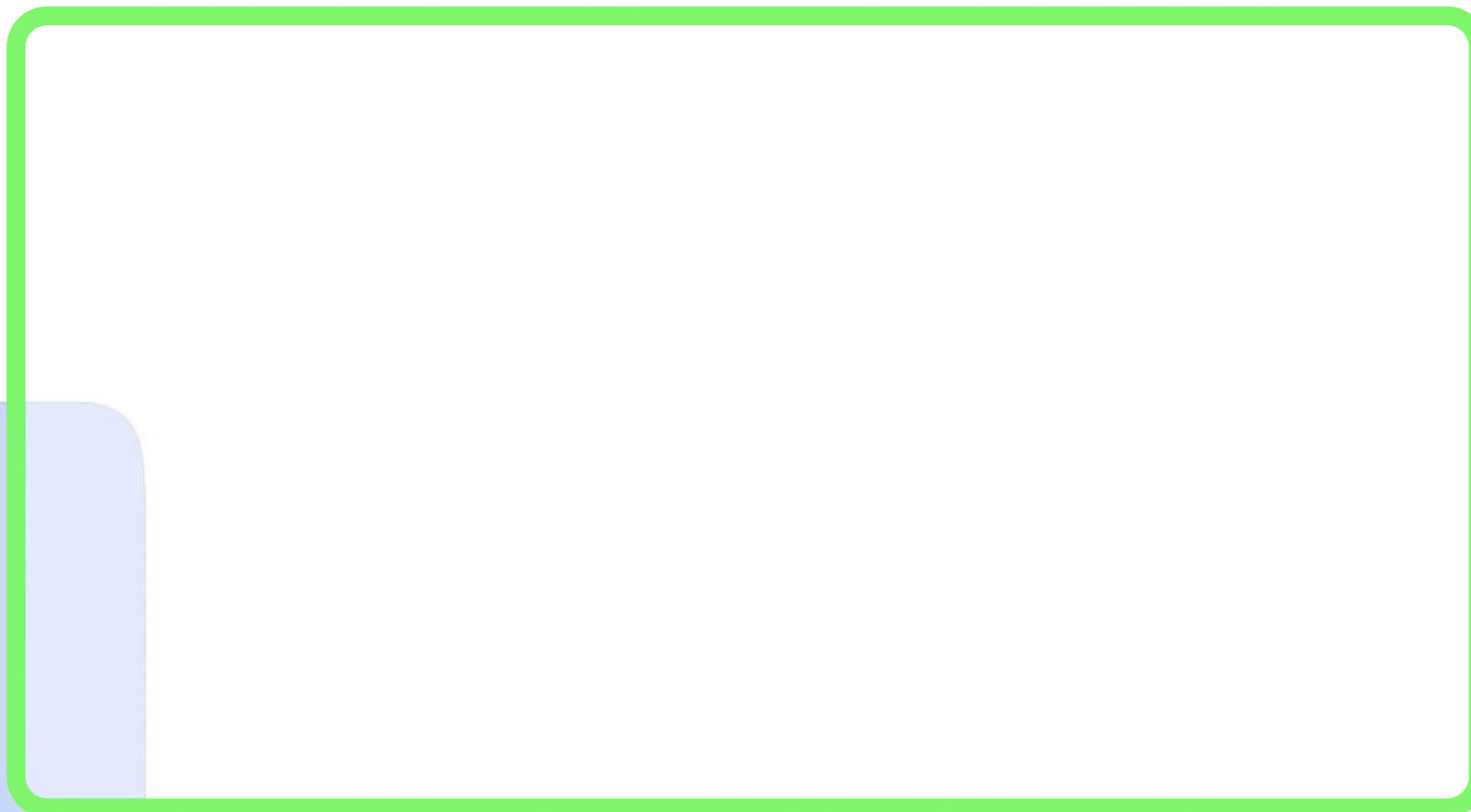
Grown ups!
Print this for your little
explorers, and pack it
with your picnic.
Remember some
pencils and a bag for
your litter



Trees

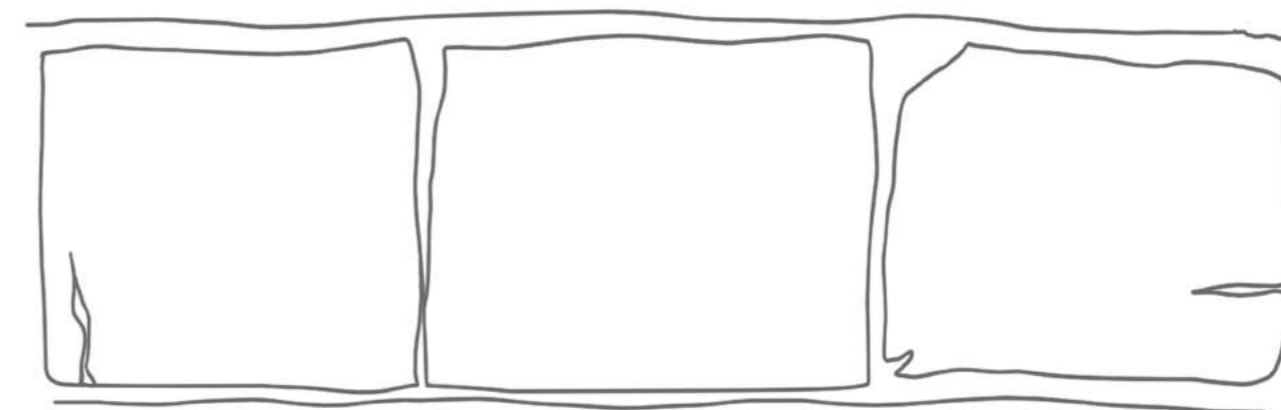
Choose a tree to stand under. Take a moment to explore the ground beneath it. Trees provide shelter for small creatures and are a good place for different types of flowers, grass or fungi (mushrooms) to grow. What else can you find? *Remember: never eat any fungi you find outside, as some are poisonous to humans.*

Take a rubbing: Find a leaf and place it underneath the box below. Rub a pencil over the box and you will see the leaf appear! Try placing the paper on the tree trunk and do the same. You will see the texture of tree bark on your paper.



Look down

Imagine you are the size of an ant and choose a path to walk along. Grass will tower over your head and puddles will be as big as lakes! Using your ants-eye view, pay close attention to path edges and the cracks and gaps between the paving. Draw what you see on the path below:



Grass

Grass is great to sit on. Can you see some little creatures keeping busy? Lots of creatures use grass for shelter. Grass is also food for larger animals – can you think of any?

In the garden at Chatsworth we leave patches of grass to grow long because its height helps encourage insects and pollination. If you have your own garden, maybe you could leave a patch of grass to grow long.

Can you find any of these tiny creatures in the grass?



Bumblebee



Ladybird



Butterfly

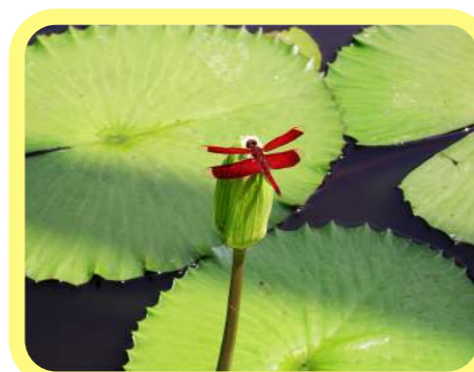


Shield bug

Water

Water helps plants, animals and birds stay healthy. If you were a squirrel or a bird, where would you get a drink of water?

Stand near some water and close your eyes. Listen closely to the sounds nearby. What signs of life can you hear?



Dragonflies lay their eggs near water

