THE GREAT BEE ADVENTURE

Small discoveries. Big curiosity.

Choose any mission. Check it off when you finish. Repeat your favorites.
You need curiosity, a pencil and a place to observe.

01 ☐
Flower watch
Watch one flower patch for five minutes. Count visits, even if an insect returns.

02 ☐
Color collector
Find three flower colors. Draw them without picking any flowers.

03 ☐
Shape detective
Sketch two different flower shapes. Which visitors use them?

04 ☐
Same spot, new time
Visit the same spot twice. Notice what changes between your visits.

05 ☐
Weather reporter
Record sunshine, clouds and wind. What do you notice about insect activity?

06 ☐
Compare two patches
Watch two flower patches for equal times. Write one difference you notice.

07 ☐
Leaf-edge clues
Look for rounded leaf cutouts. Sketch a possible clue; leave the leaf in place.

08 ☐
Where could bees nest?
Map existing soil, stems and wood. Look only; leave holes and nests alone.

09 ☐
Follow a flower
Check one plant each week. Does it have buds, open flowers or seed heads?

10 ☐
Find a local plant
With an adult, look up one native flowering plant suited to your area.

11 ☐
Plan a bee patch
Draw a small garden with flowers for different parts of your local growing season.

12 ☐
Pass it on
Tell someone one fact you learned and one question you still have.

No bees today? Zero is an observation. Try a different day or do an indoor mission.

Explore with an adult. Watch without catching, touching, feeding or moving insects. Keep away from nests and hive entrances. Stay on safe paths. Indoor drawing and window observations count too.

NOTICE. WONDER. RETURN.

YOUR DISCOVERY JOURNAL

Use words, tally marks or pictures. You do not need to know a bee's name.

OUR FIRST NAME(S) OR INITIALS

OUR OBSERVATION PLACE

VISIT ONE

Date / time:

Sun / cloud / wind:

VISIT TWO

Date / time:

Sun / cloud / wind:

DRAW A DISCOVERY

A bee, a flower, a leaf-edge clue or a possible nesting place.

ONE THING THAT CHANGED BETWEEN VISITS

ONE QUESTION WE WANT TO EXPLORE

Count flower visits, not individual bees. A returning insect can visit more than once.

EVERY DISCOVERY IS A BEGINNING.

KEEP THE BUZZ GOING.

Your adventure can keep growing. Choose one small thing to do next.

04 MISSIONS	08 MISSIONS	12 MISSIONS
We are noticing.	We are exploring.	We are sharing.

Celebrate each milestone. Go at your own pace and repeat your favorite missions.

OUR FAVORITE DISCOVERY

ONE SMALL ACTION WE WILL TRY NEXT

WHEN WE WILL COME BACK TO LOOK AGAIN

SHOW US WHAT YOU DISCOVERED

Adults: share a drawing, a plant photo or a short observation. No child's name or photo is needed. Email us with the subject **Bee Adventure update**.

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Explore our programs

LEARN MORE / SOURCES

Illinois Extension: Native Bees

University of Minnesota Extension: Nests for pollinators

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