



NATURE AT HOME

We hope to inspire kids of all ages to learn about the natural world and discover new connections to nature .



A Closer Look

View the Video at DishmanHills.org/Nature-At-Home

Materials needed: A hand lens or magnifying glass

When you usually use a hand lens or magnifying glass, you pick up the item and look at it in your hand. Have fun doing it differently, by pretending it's an exploration of another planet you have never been to and come in on the object as if you were on a rocket ship! Put the hand lens up to your eye which will make everything blurry, then bend over towards the object; all of a sudden, the object will come into focus and be very close up.



Make observations and drawings in your journal. What do you notice about it? What does it make you wonder or have questions about? What does it remind you of? You might be surprised how much you learn in a few minutes from your own observations and thinking. You can learn and discover wherever you go.

A suggestion for your journal is to draw something "life size" that interests you (examples, leaf, rock, tree). Then choose some part of that object to "zoom in" on. Draw a circle around that part of your drawing. To the side of the paper, draw the magnified view showing the details that are too small to show in the "life size" picture. Then, step back and draw a picture the whole subject and some of the environment.

If you would like to share your drawings or journal writings email: Education@DishmanHills.org