



Sharing the Joy of Nature

Nature Activities for
All Ages



IN A NUTSHELL

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SUBJECTS

Language Arts
Physical Education
Science
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This book is both a collection of nature activities and a primer in what the author refers to as "flow learning", a process of sequencing activities to allow learners to gain the most from a nature experience. According to this process, there are four stages to nature awareness: awakening enthusiasm, focusing attention, directing experience, and sharing inspiration. The nineteen activities are sorted and classified according to their most appropriate stage, and also indicate concepts taught, suggested location and time for activity, number of participants needed, and special materials, if any, that might be necessary. The activities include an animal clue game, guided imagery, nature bingo, and building a human model of a tree. Also in the book is a reprint of Giono's *The Man Who Planted Hope and Grew Happiness*. The text is illustrated with photographs and drawings, and includes a list of resources and references, an index, and an activity chart.

Grade Level
preK-adult

Length
168 pages

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1989

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"A helpful book for developing appreciation and awareness for nature."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Open to inquiry.	
	Depth	Very strong emphasis on awareness of nature.	Little focus on the development of concepts.
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Develops creative thinking. Makes strong use of observation skills.	
	Action Orientation	Not Applicable.	
	Instructional Soundness	Employs different senses and different ways of learning.	Moderately interdisciplinary.
	Usability	Activities are clear, long-lived, adaptable, and easy to use.	

"Diverse sensory involvement makes learning fun, and is a precursor to acquiring knowledge and facts."

"This is a soft and fuzzy approach to nature and can bring out one's poet and artist."