

25 THINGS TO DO IN WINTER

- 1 Find a bed of nasturtiums or other different leaves and watch the way rain drops rest on them - they look like precious jewels.
- 2 Explore a small creek after a downpour or rain shower.
- 3 Sail bark/leaf boats down the creek or gutter and race them to the end.
- 4 Grab a friend and make a rope swing on a tree.
- 5 Dig for clay and make a clay sculpture.
- 6 Visit the beach after a storm and hunt for treasures.
- 7 Fill egg cartons with potting mix, plant with vegetable seeds and watch them grow.
- 8 Take your family outside to jump in puddles and see who can make the biggest splash.
- 9 Repurpose your old clothes, grab a straw hat and make a scarecrow for the garden.
- 10 Make some crazy rain art by putting paper in a tray with bits of dried up paint, drops of food colouring, crushed leaves or flowers and leave it in the rain to see what melts, stains and runs.
- 11 Set up a nature display at home with all of your interesting outdoor winter finds.
- 12 Have a picnic in a forest and observe the moss, fungi and lichen you find growing. [NRM's Fungi ID chart](#) will help you name what you find.
- 13 Make a living green tepee in your garden by planting beans, peas or a native climber on a bamboo tepee.
- 14 Make a mud volcano, mud bricks or mud pie using your own secret ingredients.
- 15 Bury some treasure outside and make a map for your friends to follow.
- 16 Make damper, wrap strips around a stick and bake it on a backyard fire, experiment with different ingredients added to the dough.
- 17 Ride your bike through the biggest, muddiest puddle and check out the mud spray on your back.
- 18 Put an old sock over your shoe and go on a bush nature walk. When you get home bury your sock in the garden and watch what grows.
- 19 Make a backyard winter shelter for small bugs and critters from twigs and leaves.
- 20 Take a family walk in a Park of the Month (Flinders Ranges, Cleland, Onkaparinga River), take turns being the leader and see where you end up.
- 21 Hold a party in a forest and include a scavenger hunt, clued nature trail, orienteering and marshmallows over a campfire as your party activities.
- 22 Now that many trees have no leaves, go on a nest hunt and see how many bird nests you can spot.
- 23 Book your family into Cubby Town in Belair National Park and be part of making one of the biggest towns of stick cubbies ever seen!
- 24 Head out in the rain for a snail or caterpillar hunt.
- 25 Celebrate International Mud day on 29 June with mud! Make a mud puddle, build a mud pit from an old wading pool, throw a mud party or join us at Bonython Park!

Remember to get permission if you go out on your own, and take a drink bottle, sunscreen, and a hat!