

local outdoor ideas

Go somewhere you've never been to before and explore

See what birds & animals you can spot at the Foxton Estuary

Bush walks – Esplanade tracks, Potoa & Titoki Walkways, Bledisloe Park, Ashhurst Domain, Gorge walks, Sledge Track, Beehive Creek

Find a good tree to climb and see how high you can get

Playgrounds – go to a new one, ride all the slides in town or meet up & bring a ball/bike/kite

Go hunting for glow worms or eels or bugs or birds or mushrooms or anything else you can think of

Manawatu river: skim/chuck stones, make a rock sculpture, take a net & see what you can catch

Search for caterpillars & butterflies at Apollo Park

Dance in the rain, especially downpours, & jump in the biggest muddy puddle you can find

Build an obstacle course out of whatever you can find and see how fast you can complete it

MAKE A SHELTER OUT OF A TARP OR SHEETS & BITS OF WOOD & SLEEP UNDER IT

Rake a huge pile of leaves & have a leaf fight & make leaf angels (try the arboretum for this)

Cook dinner on a fire or camping stove and eat outdoors

Bush or beach night walk with torches & being super quiet or pretending to be dinosaurs or on a bear hunt

Scavenger hunt/what can you find in the bush or at the beach or by the river

Make & fly a kite in the park or at the beach

Build a den, make some driftwood art or collect pipis at Himatangi or Foxton Beach

Go geocaching or esplanade orienteering or make up your own treasure hunt

PICK BLUEBERRIES OR BLACKBERRIES OR FORAGE FOR OTHER WILD FOOD

Swim, build a raft or make a dam at horseshoe bend or the sledge track swimming holes

Find some snow & make snow angels & have a snowball fight

Collect a rainbow of autumn leaves at the esplanade or arboretum

DIG AND BUILD THINGS IN THE SAND AT THE BEACH

STAR GAZE WITH A HOT CHOCOLATE AT PORK CHOP HILL OR MASSEY SPORTS FIELD

Camping – Your garden, Ashhurst Domain, Totara Reserve, Otaki Forks, Vinegar Hill

Collect a rock from each of your adventures & see how many different types you can get

Ride a train at the Esplanade or Marriner Reserve Railway

Adopt a pet insect, learn about it & look after it

Overnight Tramps – Rangiwahia Hut, Alice Nash Lodge, Atiwhakatu Hut, Sunrise Hut

Ride a bike or run through the trees by the river

Learn to identify some native NZ flora & fauna, walk the tree trail at Ashhurst Domain

SLEEP OUT UNDER THE STARS WITH NO TENT OR SHELTER

MANAWATU FAMILY MICROADVENTURERS!