

Virtual Assembly

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Mental Health & Nature

- During the long months of the pandemic, many of us turned to **nature.**
- Websites with **webcams of wildlife** saw **hits increase** by over **2,000%**.
- Wider studies also found that during lockdown, people not only **spent more time in nature** but were **noticing** it more.







Even small contacts with nature can reduce feelings of social isolation and be effective in protecting our mental health.



Nature is the great untapped resource for a mentally healthy future.



THREE WAYS TO APPRECIATE NATURE

Experience nature:

Take time to recognise and grow your connection with nature during the week. Notice and celebrate nature in your daily life. You might be surprised by what you notice!



Combine nature with

creativity: increase your sense of connection by writing, photographing, drawing or painting pictures of the landscape, plants or animals.



Protect nature: Nature is truly amazing - do what you can to look after nature - in your actions and choices. This can be as simple as recycling, to walking instead of driving, or even joining community conservation or clean-up groups.



DANIEL'S STORY



TRY TO SPEND MORE TIME IN NATURE THIS WEEK & SEE HOW IT MAKES YOU FEEL!



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