



CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS NATURE PLAY

Charcoal Leaf drawing

Take your art and craft sessions outdoors!

What you need:

Charcoal, dry leaves, paper

Something extra:

Magnifying glass, hairspray or art shop fixative, gardening gloves

Let's get started!

- Go outside and find an area with leaves on the ground
- Search the area and look at the different types of leaves. Take notice of their colour, shape, and feel
- Choose your favourite leaf and have a close-up look using a magnifying glass (if you have one)
- Wear gardening gloves if the leaves are spiky

Let's get creative!

- Draw your favourite leaf with the charcoal
- Now try using the charcoal in different ways: thin edges, thick edges, thin lines, thick lines, smudging, and creating tones with your finger or by adding water
- Try to add some of the finer details of the leaf to your drawing

Let's finish off!

- Once your drawing is finished, dry it in the sun if necessary
- Spray your drawing with hairspray or art grade fixative to prevent the charcoal from smudging

