A Nature PlayScape is a play environment designed to engage children in nature and explore their surroundings in a fun, safe, and unstructured way. Because splashing in water, climbing over boulders, and building things out of logs helps kids grow. They become happier children and, later, adults with a conservation ethic for the world they live in.

- **climb**
  - hop boulders and skip rocks to interact with minerals great and small

- **build**
  - create something out of nothing by building forts from sticks and twigs

- **explore**
  - immerse in creek life and get to know the inhabitants of a local pond

- **play**
  - learn to cross bridges by becoming a balance beam master

**DIG**
Investigate native plants from Solomon’s Seal to Dutchman’s Britches

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The Nature PlayScape Initiative aims to educate adults about the importance of unstructured play in nature and increase the number of natural play environments to ensure children have access to our natural world.

We provide information and resources to companies, organizations, and municipalities looking to enhance or build natural play areas. Talk to us about:

- Speaking engagements
- Consulting and information
- Tours of the Marge & Charles Schott Nature PlayScape

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Research tells us that unstructured play in nature is critical for healthy child development—physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. And because each generation spends less time in nature, it’s never been more important to get kids connected to the earth.

The Nature PlayScape Initiative is an organizational effort led by Cincinnati Nature Center to increase access to nature for children in our region.