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EVERGREEN EXPRESS

**Everett Children's Adventure Garden
Winter Activity Guide**

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



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Nature Explorers

This hour-long program is designed for young children and their caregivers to explore areas of NYBG that have a scale and seasonal interest just right for little nature lovers.

Children's Gardening Program

These gardening programs for kids ages 3–5 and ages 6–12 allow kids to get outside and get their hands dirty. Guided by instructors, children plant, tend, and harvest fresh vegetables and herbs, and learn about topics from pollination to composting.

Seasonal Camps

NYBG is the place to be for school breaks! Science- and nature-themed Camps for kids in Grades K–8 feature outdoor explorations, science investigations, and behind-the-scenes tours in the Garden's 250-acre landscape.

To learn more at nybg.org/kids or call 718.817.8181



EXPLORE OUR EVERGREENS

Take a stroll in the Ross Conifer Arboretum to explore the collection of plants growing here. An evergreen is a plant that has leaves all year round making it a wonderful plant to explore in the wintertime. Use the tools in this guide to make observations like a scientist of the trees in this collection.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



Touch the needle-like leaves. How do they feel?



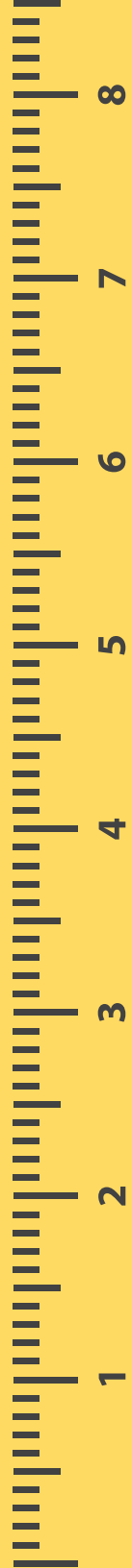
Feel the scale-like leaves. Are they rough or smooth?



Take a closer look at the bark. What does it remind you of?



Can you find cones on the ground? Can you find cones on a tree?

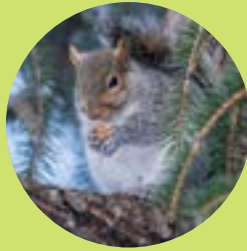


MEASURE WHAT YOU SEE

Find a cone. Use the ruler to measure its length. Compare the length to another cone you find and measure.



Compare the different types of evergreen leaves. Do you see scales or needles on the trees?



Can you find any animals making a home here?



Can you find the branches that look like arms? Pose with your favorite for a picture.

What patterns are you noticing on the bark of the deciduous trees?



Use the colors on your toolbar. How many shades of green can you see?

Ross Conifer Arboretum



What sounds can you hear?

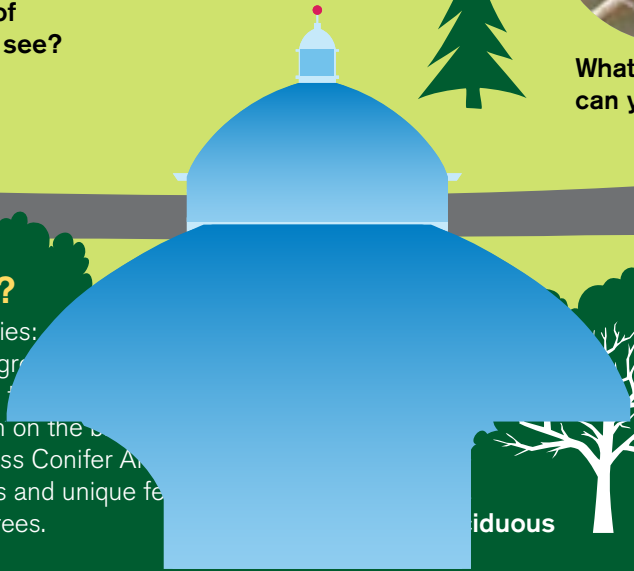


MATCH COLORS IN THE GARDEN

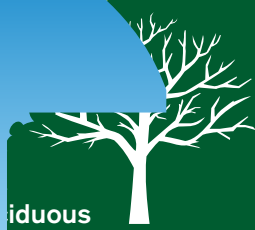


DO YOU SEE LEAVES?

Trees are grouped into two categories: deciduous (dee-sid-U-us) and evergreen. A deciduous tree loses its leaves in the fall. Evergreens have leaves that remain on the tree all year long. As you explore the Ross Conifer Arboretum, notice the shapes of the silhouettes and unique features of both deciduous and evergreen trees.



Deciduous



Evergreen



DIY CONIFER PAINT BRUSHES AT HOME

Materials

- Sticks (6-12 inches long)
- Rubber band
- Pine Needles (4-6 inches long)

Instructions

- In your neighborhood, gather 6 bunches of pine needles and sticks.*
- On a table, place your needles into a bunch at the end of the stick like you are making a tiny broom.
- Wrap the rubber band around the stick so the needles hold securely.
- Dip the needles into paint, and now you have a natural brush to make art!

** The Garden is a museum of plants. No collecting is allowed. Please look for these items in your neighborhood or backyard.*



ADVENTURE MAKEOVER

The Everett Children's Adventure Garden is currently closed for restoration, but exciting new ways to explore are coming soon!

Treetop Canopy Walk

Climb up high to see the forest from the top down, and come face-to-face with the upper reaches of pines as you explore this evergreen hideaway.

Lowland Scramble

Come back to meet different kinds of wetland plants and learn about soil.

Seedling Circle

Young learners will be able to romp around to touch, smell, and see nature up close.

LEARN MORE





SCAVENGER HUNT

Look for these symbols in the Garden.
Tear the tab for each one that you find!



TIP:

Roll this guide into a tube to
create your own telescope
to help you spot the details
in nature.

