



# Wild Journeys!

## A Learning Guide to Wildlife Migrations

Many animals travel long distances to find food, safe weather, and places to raise their babies. With these easy and fun activities, you can learn how to help wildlife have the space they need to move, rest, and survive!



### 1 Animal Migration Map Hunt

Pick 3 migrating animals – like monarch butterflies, hummingbirds, or sea turtles – and look up where they travel each year. Draw their routes on a simple map or globe with crayons or stickers. Talk about why they move (food, weather, babies, safety).



### 2 Build a Backyard “Wildlife Rest Stop”

Create a small space outside for traveling animals to rest. Add a shallow water dish, native flowers, birdseed, or a brush pile for shelter. See what animals visit during the week and keep a simple checklist.



### 3 Migration Obstacle Course

Pretend to be migrating animals! Set up an obstacle course in the yard or living room where kids must “travel” while avoiding challenges like roads, storms, fences, or missing trees. Discuss how people can help animals move safely.



### 4 Wildlife Crossing Challenge

Using LEGO, cardboard, blocks, or craft supplies, design a bridge or tunnel that helps animals cross busy roads safely. Test toy animals through it and talk about real wildlife crossings used around the world.



### 5 Night Sounds & Nature Walk

Take a short evening walk and listen for animals like frogs, crickets, owls, or bats. Talk about how animals need connected habitats and quiet spaces to find food, shelter, and mates.

**Bonus: bring a flashlight and nature journal to draw what you hear or see.**