Outdoor Play for Children
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This resource list is available on-line at www.allianceforchildhood.org/publications

BOOKS

A Place for Play, National Institute for Play, 2008.
Both books can be ordered at www.press.umich.edu.
Sobel has written many fine books on children and nature.

FILMS

“Wetlands and Wonder” – A 12 minute documentary by the EPA. Online at www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/education/wetlandsvideo.

ORGANIZATIONS AND WEB SITES

Alliance for Childhood: www.allianceforchildhood.org
American Association for the Child’s Right to Play: www.ipausa.org
Arbor Day Foundation, Nature Explore: www.arborday.org/explore
Children and Nature Network: www.childrenandnature.org
Grass Stain Guru’s web site and blog: http://grassstainguru.com
Hooked on Nature: www.hookedonnature.org
KaBOOM!, playgrounds and play: [www.kaboom.org](http://www.kaboom.org)
Love Outdoor Play: [http://loveoutdoorplay.net/](http://loveoutdoorplay.net/)
National Institute for Play: [www.nifplay.org](http://www.nifplay.org)
National Recreation and Park Association: [http://www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org)
National Wildlife Federation, Green Hour: [www.greenhour.org](http://www.greenhour.org)
Natural Learning Initiative, playground design: [www.naturalearning.org](http://www.naturalearning.org)
No Child Left Inside: [www.nclicoalition.org](http://www.nclicoalition.org)
Playborhood, advocating for neighborhood play: [http://playborhood.com](http://playborhood.com)
Pop-Up Adventure Play: [http://www.popupadventureplay.org](http://www.popupadventureplay.org)
The Trust for Public Land, playgrounds: [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)
Wild Zones, natural play areas: [www.wild-zone.net](http://www.wild-zone.net)

**GOVERNMENT PROJECTS**


**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Parks, schools, museums and other organizations planning outdoor events for children can gain momentum and media coverage by linking up with national events.

September:
- Take a Child Outside Week: [www.takeachildoutside.org](http://www.takeachildoutside.org)

October:
- Make Tracks Family Trail Weekend: [http://www.nwf.org/maketracks](http://www.nwf.org/maketracks)

March:
- National Wildlife Week: [www.nwf.org/nationalwildlifeweek](http://www.nwf.org/nationalwildlifeweek)

April:
- Earth Day: [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net)
- Arbor Day: [www.arborday.org/arborday/index.cfm](http://www.arborday.org/arborday/index.cfm)
- Screen Free Week: [http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org](http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org)
- Week of the Young Child: [www.naeyc.org/woyc](http://www.naeyc.org/woyc)

June:
- National Trails Day: [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org)
- Great Outdoors Week: [www.funoutdoors.com](http://www.funoutdoors.com)
- National Get Outdoors Day: [www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org](http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org)
- Great American Backyard Campout: [www.nwf.org/backyardcampout](http://www.nwf.org/backyardcampout)

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