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Creating environments for healthy human development and a healthy biosphere for generations to come.

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Re-Naturing Urban Childhood: Making Friends with Planet Earth

The Natural Learning Initiative is celebrating a long-awaited 20th Anniversary Design Institute in collaboration with longtime colleagues who have inspired our work over so many years! The virtual event will include presentations from international and national thought leaders in the field of community play, the beneficial impact of nature on child development, and new cultural challenges affecting life on the planet.



Last Chance to Register for the Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments Certificate Course!

Register now for the Spring 2021 section of the Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments certificate. The 2.4 CEU course runs from February 15 - May 10, 2021. NC Residents pay just \$100.

Newly Released InfoSheets!

Check out the newly released Infosheets including:

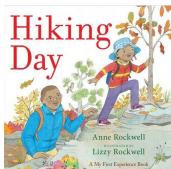
- Outdoor Teepees
- Stepping Stone Pathw
- Plant Bed Protectio
- Plants for Outdoor Learning Environments
- Stormwater Management Solution





Natural Learning at Home® February

This publication includes simple seasonal recipes, activities, and facts that can be used in both childcare centers and at home. These fun resources are a great way to celebrate the winter season.



Celebrate Black History Month!

Diversify your children's library this month by reading books that feature black children connecting deeply with nature. Outdoor play and learning should be accessible to all children, and by sharing diverse stories of children in nature, parents and caregivers can help everyone feel at home in the outdoors.



Nature's Bounty

Valentine's Day "Heart Hunt"

Celebrate Valentine's Day by going on a scavenger hunt to look for hearts in nature! Whether on a hike or walking through your neighborhood, you're sure to find heart-shaped leaves and rocks everywhere you look. Tag us in your heart hunt photos for Valentines Day @naturalearninginitiative using the hashtag #hearthunt!



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