



Campbell Creek Science Center

Map Your Yard

How well do you know the area around your house? Take time to map out this familiar spot. Mapping helps you think about and explore an area in more detail.

Directions

1. Go outside to the area you want to map. Take a moment to get to know this location. Slowly turn in a circle and observe where things are located.
2. What features, or landmarks, make this area unique? Start your map by adding these features in proportion.
3. Think about how big each landmark is in relation to another. How much space is between each landmark? Where are they located within the area? Fill in your map with as much detail as possible:
 - Do you see any buildings or pathways?
 - Are there plants in this area?
 - What is on the ground? What is up high?
4. Add details to your map such as: labels, colors, a key, a scale, or a compass rose.
5. Now that your map is complete, how will you use it? Come back to your map in a few days. What details are missing? Add them. Consider expanding the map area to include more places. What else could you add to help others understand and use your map?

Materials

- Paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils or crayons (optional)

Questions

- What hidden treasures did you find in your yard?
- How would another person use your map?

Example



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