3. WILD SUNBATHERS

Turtles like to bask in the sun. They have pale patterns on the top of their back, under their head, ribs, and tail. Think about it: Turtles are like people in some ways. While we all absorb light from the sun, we tend to use sunscreen to protect our skin. Turtles don’t use sunscreen, so they may need to cool off in the water.

Did you know? Turtles use water to cool down and the sun to warm up to keep a comfortable body temperature. Do you ever sunbathe? Sunbathing in general is great for us to get vitamin D. This helps our bodies absorb calcium so we can grow and stay healthy.

PHOTO CHALLENGE: Look around. Can you find interesting textures and patterns in nature? Take a picture to capture the world as an insect might see it. What do insects find interesting in their environment?

4. SMALL BUT MIGHTY

Mosses and liverworts, “meat,” can hold water. You find them growing on trees, fallen logs, rocks, walls, buildings, and “mossy” rocks in springs and creeks. They need to absorb water and light to stay alive. They don’t have leaves, but they do have tiny green hair-like structures. Did you know? Mosses are good signs of good quality soil. They can persist in scorching conditions and help other species like birds and frogs! How do you keep Cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? How can you cool Sunbathing in the sun? 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ANIMAL SIGNS
BONUS CHALLENGE!
Tracks: mud and sand are the best places to look for animal tracks.
Scat (scientific word for poop) – look but don’t touch. Maybe you can see seeds or small bones or fur! If you know what the animal ate, you might be able to figure out what animal was there.
BE SAFE
Stay on the path to avoid poison ivy, stinging nettles, and ticks!

1. TREE TALK!
Catch some shade under native American Elm Trees, Near I Street and Ramona Avenue Gateway!

2. REFLECTION POOL
Find a new perspective and maybe a heron. By Fisher’s Lane Bridge!

3. WILD SUNBATHERS
Bask in the sun like a colorful painted turtle. Look for the painted turtle on the trail!

4. SMALL BUT MIGHTY
Learn the difference between moss and lichen. Look for the stone wall!

5. ART IMITATES LIFE
Think about what our homes say about us. Under Whitaker Avenue Bridge.

6. BEAVER’S BUFFET
Discover how Beavers use the creek as an underwater refrigerator! Near the Tabor Road Bridge.

7. EDIBLE MEADOW
Look closely to explore a living ecosystem. Near Riang Sun Avenue.

8. FLUTTER, WHOOSH, WHIRL!
Pay close attention to what’s below the surface. Near the SEPTA Railroad Tunnel.

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