Get up close and personal

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Things to look out for

You can use your magnifying glass to examine the plants, objects and animals you find along the way. A good place to try out your magnifying glass is Baggy Pond. The pond used to be part of a garden belonging to the Hyde Family. The Hyde house no longer exists but the National Trust restored the pond with the help of volunteers.

Look at the bark or leaves of the trees around the pond, and then use the magnifying glass to look closer. What can you see?

Flowers look different through a magnifying glass.
When you look closely can you see the different textures and colours?

Sit down and listen

Listen to the sounds around you.
Can you hear the birds in the trees or in the plants at the back of the pond? Use the binoculars to help you look. You might be able to spot ducks, moorhens and water rails too.

8 May 1939
The Hyde Family gave Baggy Point to the National Trust.

1799 HMS Weazle shipwrecked
Picture this

Hold up your magic camera card and use it to take a virtual picture of all the fascinating things you see as you explore Baggy Point. Take a virtual picture of you and your family or capture a beautiful view or a close-up of some interesting wildlife. Pass the magic camera around so that other people can have a go.

Be an ecologist

An ecologist is someone who studies the relationship between living things and their environment.

You can use your magic camera as a quadrat; this is something ecologists use to help record the number of different species of plants and animals in a certain area. Place the magic camera or quadrat down on the ground.

Look and see

If you can spot any gorse flowers. Take a sniff and see if you can smell coconut but don’t prick your nose!

Look out for lichen

On top of Baggy Point there are some old stone walls covered in lichens. Lichens have different stages of life, just like flowers.

Look closely with your magnifying glass to see if you can see cup shaped stalks coming out of some of the lichens; this is how they reproduce.

Many different types of lichens can occupy a small area so use your magic camera or quadrat to select a part of the wall and record how many different sorts you can spot. What colours are they?

Don’t forget to put it on your report sheet.