Safe, secure shelter in nature can determine our and other animals’ ability to survive. Where to go to rest? To nest? When the sun beats down? When the rain pours? When a predator is on the attack? When it comes to shelters, we can think big: trees, forests, oceans and rivers, or we can think small: rocks, cracks in the ground or sidewalk and leaves. In this Quest, search for places where animals are taking shelter while considering the type of shelter you would require if living in the outdoors.

→ Venture on a hike or play in nature searching for shelters.

What type of protection does each shelter provide?

What animal occupies this shelter?

What clues lead you to believe the shelter is for this animal?

If you were to take shelter, what might you look for in a shelter?

→ Complete the Quest.
Play a game of I Spy. Designate a leader to read the clues below.

When you find an example of the clue, stand next to it.

1. I spy a tiny shelter. An animal smaller than a pinky nail could take shelter here.
2. I spy a medium shelter. An animal the size of your fist could take shelter here.
3. I spy a big shelter. An animal as tall as your knees could take shelter here.

Share your findings with another player.