



# NaturallyGC kids holiday program

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**6 – 22 April 2019**

Connecting kids with nature through free and low cost environment-based workshops, activities and nature-based recreation.

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## About NaturallyGC

The NaturallyGC holiday program is specifically designed to connect kids with nature and encourage outdoor play and learning by exploring our city's natural environment. The workshops cover a range of nature based activities from guided bushwalks, kayaking, wildlife shows, coastal education and more.

## Bookings

Bookings for some workshops are essential as places are strictly limited. Please contact the organiser of each activity if bookings are required. Their contact details are provided in each activity description. Group sizes are set for optimum education and learning. We are unable to accommodate participants that arrive on the day without a booking.

Workshop locations are listed as suburb only as you are required to make a booking prior. Upon booking confirmation you will receive the location details.

## Become a NaturallyGC member

Keep up to date with the latest NaturallyGC workshops, activities and events across the Gold Coast. As a subscriber, you will receive information on over 800 free or low cost activities through monthly email alerts.

Visit [cityofgoldcoast.com.au/naturallygcmember](http://cityofgoldcoast.com.au/naturallygcmember)

## NaturallyGC ambassador

Meet Enviro Warrior Patrick Brabant and Wildlife Warrior Jasmine Rasmussen, our 2018-19 NaturallyGC ambassadors.

Patrick has been interested in animals and wildlife since he was three years old. He is keen to bring kids back to nature and educate the community on the little things we can do each day to make a difference.

Jasmine has had a passion for helping injured wildlife from a young age. She believes that the youth of Australia are able to come together to look after our ecosystems that are home to thousands of species.

Find out [more](#)

W [patsendangeredanimals.com.au](http://patsendangeredanimals.com.au)

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## Nature Play QLD

Nature Play QLD inspires children's outdoor play, learning and love of nature. It is founded on the understanding that unstructured play outdoors is fundamental to a full and healthy childhood. Nature Play increases the time children spend in unstructured play in nature by providing resources, information, events and activity ideas for adults to support their children's outdoor play.

## Nature Play QLD Passport

The City of Gold Coast have partnered with Nature Play QLD to create the Gold Coast Passport to an Amazing Childhood. The program is designed to encourage kids and their families to visit the Gold Coast's iconic parks and places, and do more day-to-day nature play activities such as climb a tree, make a sand sculpture, build a cubby or camp under the stars.

There are loads of fun outdoor missions available online, allowing kids to find an interesting mission, and then leave the computer behind to go and do it. For additional motivation, they can collect virtual points for completing each outdoor activity to build avatars and earn prizes.

There is also a physical nature play passport which can be used to track progress. The passport has 11 missions to take you all across the Gold Coast, plus blank pages for 'choose your own' missions, stickers, suggestions for great outdoor activities and a list of 15 things every child should do before they're 12. Parents, get your kids started today!

Pick up a free copy of the Nature Play QLD passport from your local City library or phone **07 5667 5972** or [register here](#)



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PLACES  
TO GO

# for a Natural Adventure on the Gold Coast

- 1 Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, 230 Ashmore Road, Benowa**  
Explore the natural diversity of the Gold Coast in one place – touch plants in the Sensory Garden, hide amongst the giant bamboo, discover some bush tucker, and spot birds and turtles from the boardwalks.
- 2 Coombabah Lakelands Conservation Area, Rain Tree Glenn, Coombabah**  
Go for a bushwalk or a bike ride and discover the natural playground that awaits. Visit the paperbark forest, look for koalas high up in the tree tops and watch the kangaroos bouncing by.
- 3 Beree-Badalla Reserve, Throwers Drive, Palm Beach**  
Walk above water and through the mangroves. This boardwalk is a great place to spy sea birds, fish and even stingrays resting on the estuary floor.
- 4 Tallebudgera Creek Bend Reserve, Syndicate Road, Tallebudgera Valley**  
Escape to the hinterland with a picnic overlooking Tallebudgera Creek, with large shady trees and a rocky creek, it's perfect for little explorers!
- 5 Tchoobey Reserve, Loman Lane, Tallebudgera**  
Launch a kayak and discover the natural beauty of Tallebudgera Creek. With a backdrop of mangroves and the mountains, it's an awesome spot for a paddle.
- 6 Miami Bushland Reserve, Anthony Drive, Miami**  
This little park is full of wildlife, the treetops is where you will see hollows filled with Rainbow Lorikeets and the forest floor covered in gumnuts.
- 7 Apple Tree Park, Springbrook Road, Springbrook**  
A quiet, sheltered, green park awaits! Most days, birds such as kookaburras can be found within metres, resting on the arms of the trees. Just stop and listen to the wildlife and the leaves flapping in the breeze.
- 8 Federation Walk, Seaworld Drive, Main Beach**  
Get your feet sandy and breathe in the salty air. Walk or ride the trails and discover more about the plants and animals that call this seaside haven home.
- 9 Hinterland Regional Park, Hardy's Road, Mudgeeraba**  
If you're after a country feel with plenty of space to roam the trails and open space, this is it!
- 10 Syd Duncan Park, Outlook Avenue, Lower Beechmont**  
A community nature play playground with tunnels, dry creek beds, native gardens and even a vegetable patch



Date	Time	Activity	Location	cost/booking details
6 April	9.00am-10.00am	<b>Bugs in our Creeks</b> Come meet and greet some of the amazing bugs that live in our waterways. Learn all about their habitats, life-cycles and how to identify them and the important role they play in our waterway health. <b>Suitable for ages 5 years and over</b>	Robina	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>
6 April	9.00am-10.30am	<b>Connect to Your Creek Tree Planting</b> Connect to your local creek and join our City of Gold Coast natural areas team for a community tree planting. <b>Suitable for all ages</b>	Nerang	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>
6 April	9.30am-10.30am	<b>Decades of Experience – Indigenous Workshop for Kids</b> Learn indigenous skills and experience the Indigenous culture through ochre painting with real ochre, an emu story, fire making, a story with fire sticks, emu feather hair decorations and boomerang and spear throwing with a woomera. <b>Suitable for ages 5 years and over</b>	Mudgeeraba	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>
6 April	9.30am-10.30am	<b>Wildlife Encounters</b> Your curiosity about the natural world will come alive as you meet face to face with some of our country's stunning wildlife. The many types of wildlife you may encounter include snakes, possums, turtles, lizards, crocodiles, owls and flying foxes. <b>Suitable for all ages</b>	Labrador	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>
6 April	10.45am-11.45am	<b>Wildlife Encounters</b> Your curiosity about the natural world will come alive as you meet face to face with some of our country's stunning wildlife. The many types of wildlife you may encounter include snakes, possums, turtles, lizards, crocodiles, owls and flying foxes. <b>Suitable for all ages</b>	Labrador	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>
8 April	9.00am-11.00am	<b>BeachCare and Beach Craft</b> Plant a native dune plant, care for the beach and craft a take-home forever reward for your help to look after the dunes today. Bring your family and name your plant! <b>Suitable for ages 3 years and over</b>	Broadbeach	<b>No bookings required</b> Cost: Gold coin donation Griffith Centre for Coastal Management P 07 5558 8823 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/CoastEd</a>
8 April	9.00am-11.00am	<b>Plants That Talk</b> Come and observe the different plants and what they are telling us by their shape, colour and leaves. This workshop includes stories, games and crafts. <b>Suitable for ages 5 to 9 years</b>	Currumbin	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: \$10 per child GECKO P 0400 703 898 W <a href="#">gecko.org.au</a>
10 April	9.00am-11.00am	<b>Beautiful Butterflies</b> How many butterflies can you find, learn which plants they lay their eggs on. This workshop includes stories, games and crafts. <b>Suitable for ages 5 to 9 years</b>	Currumbin	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: \$10 per child GECKO P 0400 703 898 W <a href="#">gecko.org.au</a>

10 April	9.00am-10.00am	<p><b>Walk on the Wildside</b>  Bound along and discover what the kangaroos, koalas and other wildlife get up to at Coombabah Lakelands Conservation Area on a guided walk with a natural areas officer. This one-hour walk through the wetlands and boardwalk is a great way to get kids rediscovering nature.  <b>Suitable for ages 4 to 12 years with an adult</b></p>	Coombabah	<p><b>Bookings required</b>  Cost: Free  City of Gold Coast  P 07 5667 5972  W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a></p>
11 April	9.30am-10.30am	<p><b>Junior Landcare Tree Planting</b>  Junior Landcare is about encouraging young people to play an active role in caring for their natural environment.  <b>Suitable for ages 3 to 13 years</b></p>	Tallebudgera	<p><b>Bookings required</b>  Cost: Free  City of Gold Coast  P 07 5667 5972  W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a></p>
12 April	8.00am-10.00am	<p><b>Tidal Pools</b>  Children search for hermit crabs and other shell fish. This workshop includes stories, games and sand sculptures.  <b>Suitable for ages 5 to 9 years</b></p>	Currumbin	<p><b>Bookings required</b>  Cost: \$10 per child  GECKO  P 0400 703 898  W <a href="#">gecko.org.au</a></p>
12 April	9.00am-12.00pm	<p><b>Marine Biologist Field Day (coastal forests, rocky shores and microplastics)</b>  Marine biology is all about collecting information about our coastal and marine environments in the field. Come along to learn about some of our fragile coastal environments such as coastal forests and rocky shores. Collect some real data for our in-house micro plastics research and contribute to some real citizen science.  <b>Suitable for ages 7 years and over</b></p>	Burleigh	<p><b>Bookings required</b>  Cost: \$7.50pp  Griffith Centre for Coastal Management  P 07 5558 8823  W <a href="#">Eventbrite/CoastEd</a></p>
12 April	9.00am-10.00am	<p><b>Nature's Art and Craft workshop</b>  Join the Friends of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens and come along to find natural materials to create your own works of art. Combine seedpods, leaves, twigs, fronds and other wonders of nature to make something special. All materials supplied from the gifts of nature.  <b>Suitable for ages 5 to 12 years</b></p>	Benowa	<p><b>Bookings required</b>  Cost: Free  City of Gold Coast  P 07 5667 5972  W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a></p>
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12 April	6.30pm-8pm	<p><b>Creatures of the Dark</b>  Turn on your night vision and join WildCall for a night time adventure on a light one-hour walk spotting some of Australia's most iconic animals. The walk will be followed by a half hour wildlife show, so you're guaranteed to see some amazing wildlife up close. <b>Suitable for ages five and over. (strict age limit)</b></p>	Burleigh	<p><b>Bookings required</b>  Cost: Free  City of Gold Coast  P 07 5667 5972  W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a></p>

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13 April	9.30am-10.30am	<b>NaturallyGC Kids Native Stingless Bees</b> Did you know there are over 1600 different types of bees in Australia! In these workshops Dr Toby Smith will introduce us to the amazing world of Australian native bees. Get to see dozens of brilliant close up photos and diagrams of bees to help explain this great diversity, bee lifecycles and their nests, and their important role in pollination and food security. You will also get to see preserved bee specimens, and live stingless bee hives with viewing windows. If we're lucky we may even get a glimpse of a queen! <b>Suitable for ages 5 and above</b>		<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/organizers/naturallygc">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>
14 April	11.00am-12.00pm	<b>Rocky Shore Explore</b> Join our marine biologists from Ocean Connect at the rocky shores to explore this unique environment and learn about living and non-living things in the rock pools. Learn about periwinkles, sea cucumbers, oysters and crabs. <b>Suitable for ages 5 years and over</b>	Burleigh	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/organizers/naturallygc">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>
15 April	9.00am-11.00am	<b>Coastal Photography Day</b> Learn some tips and tricks from professional environmental photographers on how to snap that perfect picture of your favourite coastal plant or animal. We have award winning photographers involved who have been featured in National Geographic and BBC Wildlife Photography competitions and will give you feedback on your photos. Some great prizes will be given away! <b>Suitable for ages 10 years and over</b>	Palm Beach	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: \$7.50pp Griffith Centre for Coastal Management P 07 5558 8823 W <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/organizers/coast-ed">Eventbrite/CoastEd</a>
15 April	9.00am-11.00am	<b>Lively Lizards</b> Let's find lizards, learn about their habitats and what they eat. This workshop includes stories, games and crafts. <b>Suitable for ages 5 to 9 years</b>	Currumbin	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: \$10 per child GECKO P 0400 703 898 W <a href="https://www.gecko.org.au">gecko.org.au</a>

16 April	9.00am-10.30am	<b>Children's Discovery Trail</b> Get out and explore the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens and have fun along the way. Join our Botanic Gardens Kids in Conservation and Botanical workshops to discover our natural environment and the plants and animals living there. <b>Suitable for ages 5 to 12 years</b>	Benowa	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: \$5 per child Friends of Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens P 0449 561 674 W <a href="#">Trybooking/FGCRBG</a>
17 April	9.00am-11.00am	<b>Mystery Program</b> Let's be scientists and find out what creatures live in the creek and test the water to see what we can discover. This workshop includes stories, games and crafts. <b>Suitable for ages 5 to 9 years</b>	Currumbin	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: \$10 per child GECKO P 0400 703 898 W <a href="#">gecko.org.au</a>
17 April	10.00am-11.00am	<b>Little Nature Lovers (preschool age)</b> Have fun exploring nature at the beautiful Botanic Gardens and learn what makes our Gold Coast environment so special. Each session includes a walk, activity and story reading. <b>Strictly suitable for ages 3 to 5 years with an adult</b>	Benowa	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>
18 April	9.00am-12.00pm	<b>Marine Biologist Field Day (mangroves, shore birds and mini beasts)</b> Marine biology is all about collecting information about our coastal and marine environments in the field. Come along to learn about what is involved in the research into mangroves, birds and microscopic sized wildlife! Collect some real data and contribute to citizen science. <b>Suitable for ages 7 years and over</b>	Coombabah	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: \$7.50pp Griffith Centre for Coastal Management P 07 5558 8823 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/CoastEd</a>
18 April	7.30am-9.30am	<b>Fluffy Feathers</b> Let's walk around the park and see how many feathers we can find and see if we can identify which bird they belong to. This workshop includes stories, games and crafts. <b>Suitable for ages 5 to 9 years</b>	Currumbin	<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: \$10 per child GECKO P 0400 703 898 W <a href="#">gecko.org.au</a>
27 April	9am-10.30am	<b>Koala Tree Planting</b> Join our Natural Areas and Koala Conservation team and help plant food and habitat trees for koalas in Tallebudgera. You will also discover more about the local koala population and learn how you can take simple measures to support koala conservation on the Gold Coast. <b>Suitable for all ages.</b>		<b>Bookings required</b> Cost: Free City of Gold Coast P 07 5667 5972 W <a href="#">Eventbrite/NaturallyGC</a>