Bug Bingo

Here’s a whole new way to play bingo. You can make some of the friendly bugs in your neighborhood part of the game!

Look everywhere for the creatures pictured on your bingo card. Check the ground, tree trunks, flowers — anywhere you think bugs may be hanging out. When you find the right kind of bug, put an X over its picture. The first person with a row of Xs in any direction — up, down, across, or diagonally — is the Bug Bingo champ!

Junior Naturalists: We’re using the word ‘bug’ to mean any small, crawly creature. Scientists use the word to mean a certain kind of insect with piercing, or stabbing, mouthparts.

Take some time to get a close look at the bugs you find. Here’s how:

• Always move slowly and quietly. (Careful — your moving shadow could scare a bug away.)
• Use a magnifying glass to get an even closer view.
• Most bugs are harmless, but some can bite or sting. Also, some bugs are fragile and easily harmed. For your safety and theirs, look but don’t touch!

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