

Water-related activities while practicing social distancing

# SILVER CITY WATERSHED KEEPERS

During this time of concern over the spread of COVID-19, Silver City Watershed Keepers would like to offer some ideas for involving children and adults in water conservation activities that can be done from home or close to home in our region. Activities include *free* cell phone applications that can be used as learning games, activities that can be initiated in your own backyard, or activities that encourage safe social distancing in our great outdoors. All activities are related to water issues and are important to enhancing your physical health and mental well-being during school closures. Remember to always keep six feet away from individuals you meet while experiencing the outdoors.

## Cell Phone Apps

- EcoEd
- iNaturalist/Seek
- Aquation: The Freshwater Access Game
- Pumping Station

## Websites

- Quizizz
- ABC EE Resource Hub
- Project Learning Tree
- 4-H
- Water Use It Wisely
- Watershed Sleuth
- Water Quality Guide

## Backyard Projects

- Build your own rain gauge
- Plant a Seed Day
- Water Harvesting
- Plant a Tree

## Outdoor Experiences

- Boston Hill Open Space
- Gomez Peak
- Dragonfly Trailhead
- San Vicente Creek

**Instructions for these projects and more on the back of this page.**

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## Free Cell Phone Apps

- **EcoEd** - is an educational app set up as a trivia type game that tests your knowledge on environmental issues.
- **iNaturalist/Seek** - use the power of image recognition technology to identify the plants and animals around you. You get badges and rewards for ID-ing different species.
- **Access: The Freshwater Access Game** - Choice, strategy, balance, and water equity.
- **Pumping Station** - supply clear, fresh tap water to the residents but be careful you also need to watch you don't use too much energy.

## Websites

- **Quizizz** (<https://quizizz.com/admin>) Find quizzes on a variety of subjects to keep children on top of their schoolwork.
- **ABCEE Resource Hub** (<https://www.abcee.org/hub>) The Resource Hub is your one-stop tool for finding new resources, programs, professional development, and grants to support environmental and energy education.
- **Project Learning Tree** (<https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/>) Free family activity guide.
- **4-H** (<https://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/>) Books and online resources for ages 8 to 18 cover a wide variety of topics, from outdoor adventures to water conservation to entomology.
- **Water Use It Wisely** (<https://wateruseitwisely.com/kids>) Water saving tips and resources for kids.
- **Watershed Sleuth** (<https://www.neefusa.org/watershed-sleuth>).
- **Water Quality Backyard Activity** (<https://www.neefusa.org/resource/water-quality-backyard-activity-guide>)

## Backyard Projects

- **Build your own rain gauge** (<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/projects/raingauge.html>)
- **Plant a Seed Day** (<https://www.plantaseeday.org/>) Access to real food starts with a seed.
- **Water Harvesting** (<https://mocomi.com/rain-harvesting/>) Rain Harvesting is a process of collecting and storing rain water using different technologies.
- **Plant a Tree** (<http://www.onetreeperchild.com/#about>) 'One Tree Per Child' wants to have every child planting one tree as part of a primary school activity.

## Outdoor Experiences

*Some of the services at these locations may be closed, but they are open for hiking, walking, biking, etc.*

- **Boston Hill Open Space**  
([http://www.silvercityspotlight.com/shared\\_content/PDFs/Boston\\_Hill\\_trail\\_system.pdf](http://www.silvercityspotlight.com/shared_content/PDFs/Boston_Hill_trail_system.pdf)) Trailheads near Silver City with trails for all experience levels.
- **Gomez Peak** (<https://www.alltrails.com/parks/us/new-mexico/gila-national-forest/kids>) This site provides an interactive map that covers most if not all of the kid-friendly trails in the Gila National Forest.
- **Dragonfly Trailhead** ([https://hikearizona.com/images/maps/2017/O\\_473.jpg](https://hikearizona.com/images/maps/2017/O_473.jpg)) Ft. Bayard Trail System features several kid friendly hikes and is located in Arenas Valley.
- **San Vicente Creek Trail** (<http://www.gilaresources.info/pdfs/Greenways%20Brochure.pdf>) San Vicente Creek is a wildlife corridor that leads from a Chihuahuan desert scrubland to oak/pinon/ponderosa pine forest at the northern end of Silver City.