

Spring Outdoors!

Picture books about parks and nature

All of the titles on this list can be borrowed through the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh system.

For more suggestions, talk to your local librarian!

Playful parks

At the Park: Telling Time by the Hour by Alice Proctor
Illustrations in a park setting of analog and digital clock faces, with corresponding descriptions of the times they show and how to read them, teach children how to tell time.

Bark Park by Karen Gray Ruelle
Welcome to Bark Park, where dogs of every shape, size, and personality romp and roam.

Biscuit Loves the Park by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
When Biscuit goes chasing a ball and at first doesn't come back, where could that little yellow puppy be? Young readers will love reading about all the fun things Biscuit gets up to at the bustling park.

Ciao, Baby! In the Park by Carole Lexa Schaefer
When Baby and Nonna head to the park for the day, what will they see? There's a squirrel -- Ciao, Squirrel! -- and a grasshopper -- Ciao, Grasshopper! Baby scoots over to meet them and share a friendly hello. Who else might be hiding around the park? Ciao, animals! Ciao, Baby

I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison
On a simple trip to the park, the joy of music overtakes a mother and daughter. The little girl hears a rhythm coming from the world around her- from butterflies, to street performers, to ice cream sellers everything is musical!

Water in the Park: A Book about Water & the Times of Day by Emily Jenkins
From the first orange glow on the water in the pond, to the last humans and animals running home from an evening rain shower, here is a day-in-the-life of a city park, and the playground within it.



Nature all around you

Butterfly Park by Elly MacKay
When a little girl moves to a new town, she finds a place called Butterfly Park. But when she opens the gate, there are no butterflies. Determined to lure the butterflies in, the girl inspires her entire town to help her. And with their combined efforts, soon the butterflies--and the girl--feel right at home.

Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
A cute fiction story about the day to day life of a worm.

Nature's Day: Discover the World of Wonder on Your Doorstep by Kay Maguire
This first book of nature helps young readers to discover the world of wildlife on their doorstep.

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
A fun story about three owl babies!

Park Scientists: Gila Monsters, Geysers, and Grizzly Bears by Mary Kay Carson
America's National Parks are protected places and have become living museums for as many as 270 million visitors per year! Learn about researchers' studies of a wide number of subjects from salamanders the size of thumb-nails to gigantic geothermal geysers.

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature by Joyce Sidman
A Caldecott medalist and a Newbery Honor-winning poet celebrate the beauty and value of spirals. What makes the tiny snail shell so beautiful? Why does that shape occur in nature over and over again--in rushing rivers, in a flower bud, even inside your ear?

Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature's Footprints by Jim Arnosky
When children learn to recognize and read animal tracks they're actually mastering an ancient language of shapes and patterns--and gaining knowledge of the natural world.



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