



THE DIRT ON OUTDOOR PLAY
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RESOURCE LIST

PLAYceMaker LLC, Vicky Flessner, consultant, designer, maker
<https://www.playcemaker.com/>

Nature Explore

<https://natureexplore.org/>

The Outdoor Classroom Project

-recommended reading list: <http://outdoorclassroomproject.org/resources/recommended-readings/>

Playground Solutions

-brochure download:
[www.ecels-healthychildcarepa.org/.../
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Growing Wonder, Deborah Schein

<http://growing-wonder.com>

Earthplay, Rusty Keeler

-author of *Natural Playscapes*
-blog, store, books: <http://earthplay.net>
-living willow whips resource: <http://earthplay.net/product/spring-willow-sale/>

Natural Learning Initiative, Robin Moore

<https://naturalearning.org>

Natural Start Alliance - <http://www.naturalstart.org>

-by the North American Association for Environmental Education

Children and Nature Network - <http://www.childrenandnature.org>

-Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods*

Tennessee Environmental Education Association - <http://eeintennessee.org>

-annual conference will be in Chattanooga October 6-8, 2017
<http://eeintennessee.org/resource/about.aspx?s=124778.0.0.37935>

Early Learning Institute - annual conference offered by the UT Knoxville Early Learning Center - <http://elc.utk.edu/early-learning-institute/>

Mindstretchers - <http://www.mindstretchers.co.uk>

Tennessee Reggio Study Group (TNRSG), Cheri Lindsley, facilitator

<https://www.tnrsg.org>

Plant Lists:

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/safety-practices/article/even-plants-can-be-poisonous>

<http://www.poison.org/articles/plant>

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/outreach/oregon-poison-center/upload/Non-Toxic-Plants.pdf>

Fern Top Nature Preschool, director Clare Nugent (Fairview, TN)

<https://www.ferntopnaturepreschool.com/>

Wauhatchie School, executive director, Jean Lomino, Ph.D. (Chattanooga, TN)

<https://wauhatchie.com/>

Blogs to follow and Newsletters to subscribe to:

Without Windows - <https://withoutwindows.com/home/>

Nature Explore email newsletter - <https://natureexplore.org/subscribe/>

Nature Explore Community Connection -

<https://natureexplore.org/communityconnection/>

Children and Nature Network email newsletter -

<https://www.childrenandnature.org/learn/news-center/>

BOOKS

Natural Playscapes - Creating Outdoor Play Environments for the Soul, Rusty Keeler

The Great Outdoors: Advocating for Natural Spaces for Young Children, Mary S. Rivkin and Deborah Schein

Asphalt to Ecosystems: Design Ideas for Schoolyard Transformation, by Sharon Gamson Danks

Forest School and Outdoor Learning in the Early Years, by Sara Knight

The Goodness of Rain, by Ann Pelo

Risk & Adventure in Early Years Outdoor Play: Learning from Forest Schools, by Sara Knight

Lens on Outdoor Learning, by Wendy Banning and Ginny Sullivan

Cultivating Outdoor Classrooms: Designing and Implementing Child-Centered Learning Environments, by Eric Nelson

Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder, by Richard Louv

Connecting Animals and Children in Early Childhood, by Patty Born Selly

Big Body Play: Why Boisterous, Vigorous, and Very Physical Play is Essential to Children's Development and Learning, by Frances M. Carlson

Growing with Nature - Supporting Whole-child Learning in Outdoor Classrooms, by Nature Explore - <http://shop.natureexplore.org/s.nl/sc.1/category.1524/.f>

Heart-Centered Teaching Inspired by Nature - Using nature's wisdom to bring more joy and effectiveness to our work with children, by Nancy Rosenow

Childhood and Nature - Design Principles for Educators, by David Sobel

Research reports you can access for free:

1. *Creating & Retrofitting Play Environments - Best Practice Guidelines. Designing Play Environments that Integrate Manufactured Play Equipment with the Living Landscape* (<https://naturalearning.org/nature-grounds-creating-and-retrofitng-play-environments-best-practice-guidelines>)
2. *Words on Play* (<http://www.playcore.com/wordsonplay.html>)

Anything by **Claire Warden** of Mindstretchers <http://www.mindstretchers.co.uk>

*Claire will be coming to Fern Top Nature Preschool in June or July of 2018 for a week long intensive training.

Two to get you started:

Learning with Nature - Embedding Outdoor Practice, by Claire Warden
Fascination of Fire, by Claire Warden