Virtual nature experiences together with others



Objective: The goal of this activity is to promote fellowship and create a meaningful experience by virtually experiencing nature.

Preparations:

- A computer, tablet, or TV with internet connection and a large screen.
- Speakers or sound system to enhance audio quality.
- Comfortable seating in a joint room where several participants can gather

Instruction:

- Gather a group of elderly in the joint environment.
- Choose a virtual nature experience that suits the group's taste and preferences. It could be a forest walk, a seaside view, a waterfall, or any other setting that participants prefer.
- Start the virtual nature experience on the large screen and ensure a suitable volume level.
- Participants can sit together and enjoy the experience, to relax and focus on the sounds and images of virtual nature
- Give the participants the opportunity to discuss and share their impressions and memories during and after the experience.



Time:

The virtual nature experience can vary from a few minutes to 20-30 minutes or more.



Alone or in a Group:

This is a group activity.

Examples of videos to use for virtual nature experiences:

- Walk in forest in spring
- Walk in forest in summer
- Walk in forest in autumn
- Walk in forest in winter
- Walk in a Wheat Field: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnl7lvc_RYU
- Picking Raspberries: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnl7lvc RYU
- Picking Blueberries: https://youtu.be/xxM8EpZhLRQ?si=M6vdJVqZHRTaBa5l

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