

# Snake Explorers: Kids' Safety Guide

Exploring nature is exciting – and snakes are some of the coolest animals you can discover! This guide will teach you how to explore safely, respectfully, and confidently so you can enjoy your adventures while keeping wildlife protected.

## Be Prepared Before You Explore

Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants to protect your legs. - Bring water, sunscreen, and a buddy – exploring is safer together! - Stay on marked trails so you don't accidentally step into a hidden snake spot.

## Look, Don't Touch

Snakes are amazing to watch, but they can get scared if you try to touch or grab them. Use your eyes instead of your hands – observing from a few steps away keeps both you and the snake safe.

## Pay Attention to Where You Step –

Snakes like cool, shady places like under logs, rocks, or bushes. - Look before stepping or reaching into a new spot. - If you see a snake, stay calm and take a few slow steps back.

## Learn Which Snakes Live Near You

Some snakes are harmless and others can be dangerous if bothered. Learning what local snakes look like can help you identify them safely. A field guide, park signs, or nature apps can help you learn!