



**Baltimore Woods
Nature Center**
Nature in your hands

Oh The Rocksibilities!

Rocks are one of the best play materials you can find out in nature!

The possibilities of what to do with them can be certainly endless. Children love finding and collecting interesting rocks. First, start by getting outside with your child in an area where you can find rocks. Then fire up the imagination! Here's some ideas to get you started.

1.) **Want to incorporate a little academics into your play?**

Sort your rocks based on color, shape and size. Lay them out in rows of five and count by ones or fives to see how many you have! You can also practice creating letters using rocks and spell out the names of family members.

2.) **Build with rocks!**

Stack your rocks to make a tower and see how tall it can get. Make animal pictures using rocks and create a story for that animal. If you're near water, use rocks to make a small dam or bridge!

3.) **Allow the children to lead the play.**

Children have a natural curiosity for nature's materials and if they find a rock that interests them more than likely they know what they want to do with it. Play along and see where it goes!

