

## Create a Dinosaur Garden



1. Pick an unused area of your garden with pre-historic looking plants (check with an adult). Good choices include tough plants/groundcovers
  - i. Ferns
  - ii. Hens & Chicks (succulents)
  - iii. Rosemary
  - iv. Kale (especially Darkabor or Tuscan)
  - v. Hostas
  - vi. Cabbage
  - vii. Ivy
  - viii. Ornamental Grasses
  - ix. Yucca



*Equisetum - Horsetail*

**Note for adults:** you can choose any weedy area to be adapted for this type of play which can be used throughout all 4 seasons. You may want to discuss how some plants still exist from the time of dinosaurs, like Equisetum (Horsetail). Survey the area to ensure no dangers exist, such as prickly plants, poisonous plants (i.e., poison ivy) or sharp objects.

2. Go for a nature walk and find a large stone that can be painted to create a volcano.
3. Make Dinosaur habitat, including: caves, holes & nesting areas.
4. Use PVC pipe scraps to make tunnels
5. Create trails with pebbles or sand
6. Sink a recycled tub to create a wet habitat.



This type of garden can be adapted for play with gnomes, fairies and dragons.