

Nightlife Mission!

Come nightfall, not everyone takes a break and sleeps at night. Some animals wait for the nighttime to find food and move around. We call them nocturnal animals. These animals are hard to see sometimes, but you can probably still hear them. Scientists who study animals are called zoologists.

Steps to complete this mission:

- 1) Find an open space. This can be in a park, the wilderness, out a window or your backyard. You choose!
- 2) Find a spot where it is fairly dark to begin your observations. Fill out the fields below with your findings.

Date:

Time:

Location:

Weather (circle one):



Do you see any animals? What kind are they and what are they doing?

How many different animal sounds can you hear? What animals do you think they are?

In the space below, draw a nocturnal animal you saw or heard.



Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go outside! You may be surprised at how much fun a simple focused moment in nature can be. Please share with family and friends!



Post your parks/backyard nature photos and tag them with #NatureSceneInvestigator to win prizes from Inside the Outdoors Foundation.



Photos from Orange County locations posted on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram are eligible. Winners will be chosen quarterly.



For a complete listing of fun and safe parks and play areas in Orange County, visit:
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