



## Bug Safari and Pocket Microscope

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June is the month of **The Wildlife Trusts'** annual nature challenge, which dares people to do something wild every day in June. So what better time to try out the **Bug Safari Kit** and the **Pocket Microscope** from Interplay.

Harriet couldn't wait to go "on Safari" in our small London garden hoping to discover the amazing bugs that lurk among the plants. Like most kids she has a bit of a love-hate relationship with bugs but this kit provides her with easy to use, quality equipment so she can catch, study and identify common mini-beasts in the garden, or when we're in the park or countryside.

Bug Safari Includes a full colour 20-page booklet written by wildlife expert Nick Baker on how to use the equipment, and charts to help identify the creatures caught. This is really useful and well written. The kit comprises :

- Field lens – a little difficult to open
- Bug tongs – great fun to scoop up your victims with
- Viewing pot with magnifier lid
- Brush
- Tweezers – plastic and a bit flimsy

What would be really useful is some sort of bag to put all this in.

**PWT rating:** ♥♥♥♥♥♥

Interplay

The Pocket Microscope is small enough to fit in your pocket, but powerful enough to magnify objects 30 times using precision optics, and is easy to use. When you unfold the microscope, the light automatically illuminates the area in front of the lens, so that whether you are interested in nature studies, or crime-solving, this will be an invaluable companion.

Harriet loves using this on all manner of objects. It is well made and sturdy so should last well. It comes with sample slides and all you need to make your own slides. Works indoors and outdoors and specimens do not need to be mounted onto slides. Again a bag would be useful.

There is a 16-page colour illustrated instruction booklet, written by naturalist Nick Baker, which gives helpful hints about how to get a close-up view of just about anything, and suggests some fascinating subject matter.

The Pocket Microscope was the winner in the "Toys & Games - Outdoor 4-7 Years" category in the My Living World Creative Play Awards 2013.

**PWT rating:** ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

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