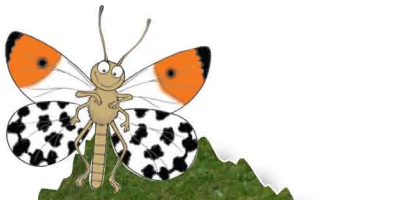
Moors Valley Country Park and Forest

MOORS VALLEY CHALLENGE

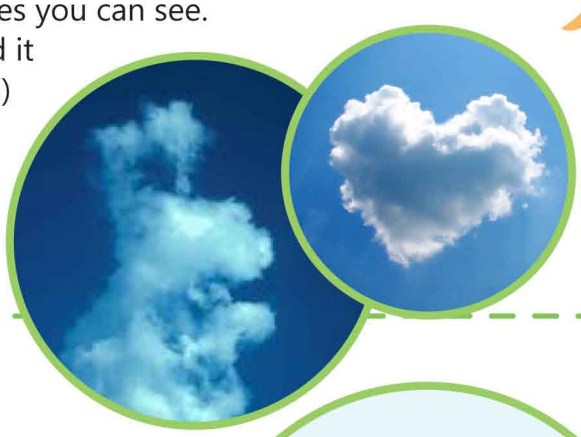
Go cloud spotting



A simple and fun activity that doesn't need any equipment other that your imagination!

Get Imaginative

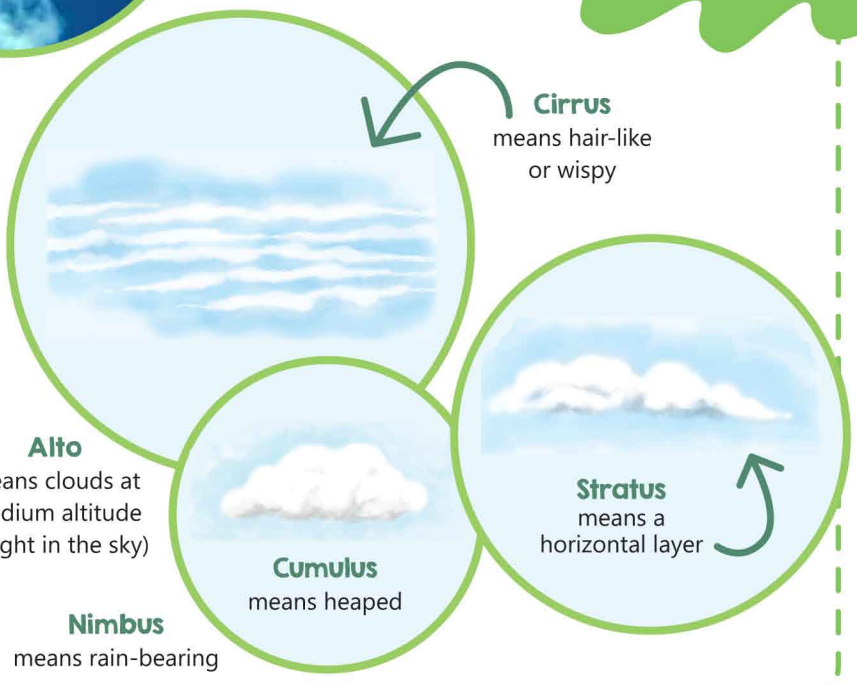
Simply lie down and enjoy spending time looking up at the clouds and see what shapes you can see. Use your imagination (and it might help to squint a bit!) and tell your friends or family what the cloud shapes look like to you.



Remember: Never look directly at the sun and always wear protective sunglasses when you are outside on a sunny day

Get Scientific!

Latin words are used to describe what clouds are like. These words are used together to make names for different types of cloud e.g. nimbostratus or altocumulus



Cirrus means hair-like or wispy

Alto means clouds at medium altitude (height in the sky)

Cumulus means heaped

Stratus means a horizontal layer

Nimbus means rain-bearing

"Mackerel skies and mare's tails make lofty ships carry low sails"

This rhyme helps sailors remember that when there are clouds that look like fish scales and clouds that look like horse's tails in the sky at the same time that the weather will turn wet and windy so they should lower their sails.

Do you know any other rhymes that help to predict the weather?

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