

# CREATE A PITFALL TRAP

Use a pitfall trap to catch minibeasts that run along the ground and look at them closely with a magnifying glass.

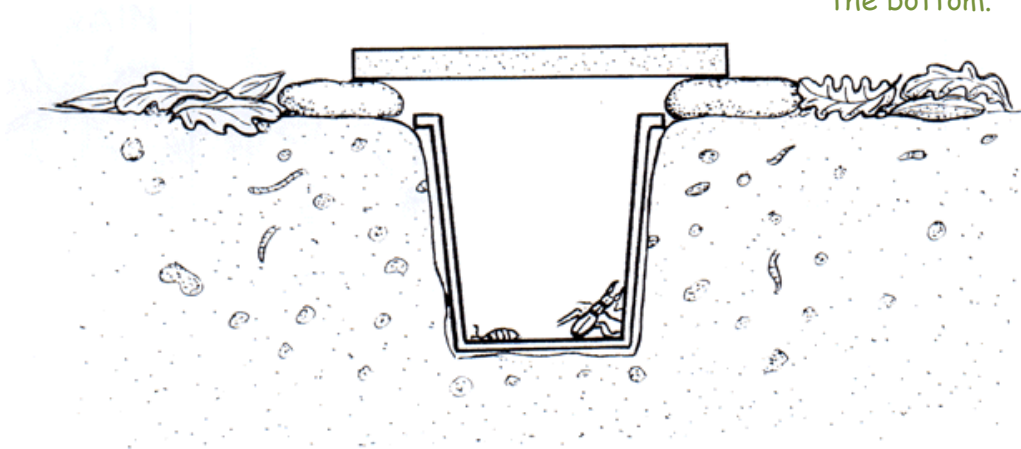
## WHAT YOU NEED

- A clean yogurt cup or similar container
- Magnifying glass
- Some small stones or rocks
- A larger stone or flat piece of bark/wood

## WHAT TO DO

1. Dig a small hole and bury the cup right up to the rim
2. Use the small stones to hold the big stone/bark/wood slightly above the cup to protect it from rain.
3. Leave the cup overnight.
4. Check your cup in the morning and examine the minibeasts with your magnifying glass
5. Return your minibeasts to their habitat and fill in the hole

You can entice critters into your cup by adding a small piece of cheese or meat to the bottom.



Picture and idea from <https://ypte.org.uk/factsheets/minibeasts/print>

