



Leapin' Animals

Audience

Activity designed for ages 4-years-old and up.

Goal

To be physically active while learning about how far animals can jump.

Objective

- To understand that certain animal species can jump great distances and why it is beneficial for those animals.
- To learn how to measure out distances on a tape measure.
- To have a better understanding of what certain measurements look like.

Conservation Message

Why are amphibians so important? What is their purpose? Amphibians are responsible for eating pesky insects such as mosquitos. Amphibians are also prey for many animals which means they play an important role in the food web.

Background Information

Not just frogs are good leapers! All kinds of animals can jump extraordinary lengths in amazing habitats. Animals need to be able to leap and jump to move around their environments or to even conserve energy.

Materials Needed

- Tape measure
- Leapin' Animals sheet
- Masking Tape
- Markers

Length of Activity

30 minutes

Procedure

- Lay out a tape measure on the ground.
- Select an animal on the Leaping Animals sheet.
- Measure out how far that animal can leap.
- Use tape to mark their leaping length. Label the tape with the name of the animal.
- Continue the same process for each of the animal species.
- How do you measure up? Mark your starting spot and jump as far as you can! Measure the length that you leaped.

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Tarantula- 2 feet



Grasshopper- 3 feet



Fennec fox- 4 feet



Leopard frog- 5 feet



Mountain goat- 12 feet



Rabbit- 15 feet



Lemur- 25 feet



Snow leopard- 50 feet