A **map** is a diagram that represents an area of land or sea on a small scale. Maps can show the entire earth or just a small part in great detail. They give information in a simple visual way. They show what’s in an area, and where things are in an area using symbols. They help you organize information.

**VISIT YOUR SIT SPOT**

1. Start by spending 4 minutes making observations from your sit spot. Has anything changed since your last visit? Are things in the same place as before?
2. After 4 minutes, use your nature journal to write or draw what you remember observing.

**MAKE A MAP**

Make a map of your sit spot. Include where you sit, different plants you think are interesting, what the ground is like, and anything else that’s interesting to you.

You can map things you see, hear, smell, or feel. Use different colors and shapes to show the different parts of your map.

Label your map, or create a key that lists all of the color or shape symbols and what they mean.
ADOPT A PLANT

Choose one plant in your Sit Spot that you think is interesting. Add it to your map! Then, think about:

- Why do you like it?
- What features does it have?
- How tall is it?
- Is it in sun or shade?
- What shape are its leaves?
- Does it have a flower? If so, what does it look like?
- What else do you find interesting about your plant?

Identify your plant.

- Do you know what it is? If not, do some research and try to find out.
- What is its habitat?
- What kind of care does it need to grow?